



Tips for Families

Individual families will have different items on their checklist. Here are a few suggestions to consider:

- Record student ID number, address, phone, and e-mail address for quick access.
- Check homeowner's insurance policy for coverage of personal belongings at school or purchase a renter's policy. Make a list of belongings, including serial numbers and approximate value for more expensive items. (Photos are a good idea!)
- Brief student on health insurance coverage and provide a copy of the insurance card. Students who do not have insurance through their parents or otherwise can purchase Accident and Sickness Insurance through a non-renewable term policy under the University of Wisconsin System. This insurance is administered by Student Assurance Services. (**www.sas-mn.com**)
- Decide on immunizations as recommended by your physician and make arrangements to have them done if needed. (Be sure to check your personal coverage to see if those immunizations are covered under your policy.)
- If your student has prescription medications, be sure he or she has a supply for the first month and knows where and how to get refills.
- Brief student on car insurance coverage and provide a copy of the insurance card.
- Complete all financial aid and student billing documents. Remember, the student's bill is only found on E-Hive (not sent by mail).
- Start having conversations with your student now about expectations regarding money, rules, grades, jobs, etc. For ideas on discussion topics visit: **uwsuper.edu/fye/parents/upload/Parent-Student-Discussion-Points.pdf**.
- Make sure your student has submitted their **FAFSA** by the April 1 priority deadline. Filing the FAFSA is free, so make sure to use **fafsa.ed.gov/** to ensure free filing, as other websites will try to charge a fee.
- Review the **[FERPA](#)** guidelines, so you understand your rights and limitations with accessing your student's educational records.