

Allegany College of Maryland
Student & Legal Affairs

NEW STUDENT CHECKLIST

As a new (or prospective) student at Allegany College of Maryland, you have numerous decisions to make and steps to take before starting classes. Detailed information about the College can be found on our website: www.allegany.edu. We know starting college can be a bit intimidating, but Student & Legal Affairs wants to help you get off on the right foot by making the process a little more clear. Please use this checklist as your Allegany College of Maryland journey begins.

[] **Apply to Allegany College of Maryland – paper application or online.**

- 👍 You can apply at any time, but sooner is better than later!
- 👍 You can decide now which major/program you want OR start thinking about it.

[] **Complete your FAFSA & ACM financial aid application**

- 👍 Students should have their paperwork submitted by March 1 for the Fall semester.
- 👍 Students starting in the Spring semester should have their paperwork in by November 1.
- 👍 Be patient because the process can take awhile.
- 👍 Keep copies of everything for your own records.

[] **Check out scholarships**

- 👍 ACM Foundation has thousands of scholarship dollars to award, and you may qualify!

[] **Apply for Willowbrook Woods housing if you do not live locally.**

- 👍 Applications may be obtained online or from Barbara Cantafio, WW Business Manager
- 👍 Be sure to use the checklist in the housing application packet.

[] **Take the Placement Test in the Student Success Center**

- 👍 You may have to take a foundation course or two; that's okay.

[] **See your advisor**

- 👍 You will be assigned an advisor when you are accepted to ACM; this person is your key to academic success, so make arrangements to meet with him/her as soon as possible!

[] **Choose your classes & Register.**

- 👍 Your advisor can help you choose classes that will satisfy your needs.
- 👍 There is a \$35 non-refundable registration fee.

[] **Make transportation arrangements to get to/from campus.**

- 👍 If you don't have a car, consider ride-sharing and public transportation.

[] **Participate in a New Student Orientation Program & read the Student Handbook.**

- » If you have a housing contract, attend the *mandatory* Willowbrook Woods Orientation.

[] **Start classes & have a fantastic semester!**

- 👍 Be sure to ask for help if you need it. Don't know who to ask? Ask us!