

Percentage of
Enrolled Students
Who Received Aid

82%

2014-15

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Fiske Guide to Colleges
“Best Buy List”

2016

56%

of UF undergrads
graduate with no
student loan debt

Total Aid
Recipients

46,491

2014-15

Total Aid Disbursed
\$561,132,785

2014-15 (does not include Florida Prepaid)

Scholarships Awarded

45,609

UF undergraduates' average
indebtedness is

\$21,028

compared with the national
average of over \$28,000

87%

In-State Freshman Receiving
Bright Futures

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in Kiplinger's “Best Values in
Public Colleges”

Beyond the Money

Student Financial Affairs is, at its heart, a service organization. Besides disbursing financial aid monies, SFA strives also to assist and educate students—giving them the information, resources, and understanding necessary to become fiscally responsible and successful.

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U.S. Department of Education

Federal Student Aid Programs
(Federal student financial aid info; request a FAFSA;
help filling out FAFSAs; questions on your
application status; duplicate SARs)
1-800-433-3243
1-800-730-8913 (TDD)
www.studentaid.ed.gov

Florida Department of Education

Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA)
(State student aid programs including Bright Futures)
Turlington Building, Suite 1314
325 West Gaines Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399
1-888-827-2004
www.floridastudentfinancialaid.org

Other Helpful Websites

University of Florida
www.ufl.edu

UF Admissions Office
www.admissions.ufl.edu

UF Office of the
University Registrar
www.registrar.ufl.edu

University Bursar
www.fa.ufl.edu/bursar

Florida Prepaid College Plan
www.myfloridaprepaid.com

U.S. Department of Education
College Scorecard
collegescorecard.ed.gov

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Gator Financial Aid

Paying for
your education at
the University of Florida

A guide for
students and families

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Student Financial Affairs is dedicated to helping students obtain financial resources so they may achieve their educational goals.

What is Financial Aid?

Financial aid is defined as money provided to students and their families as either “gift aid” or “self-help” to assist in paying college costs. “Gift aid,” as the name implies, is free money such as scholarships and grants, which students do not have to repay. “Self-help” programs include loans and employment and are so named because students must repay loans and work for money awarded through employment programs. Awards to students consist of scholarships, grants, loans, and employment—singly or in combination. www.sfa.ufl.edu

Financial Aid Deadlines

Although you must be accepted for enrollment at UF before you are considered for financial aid, you should apply for aid before being admitted. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov. You can file a FAFSA as early as October 1, 2016 for the 2017-18 academic year. UF’s “On-Time” deadline to receive the results of your 2017-18 FAFSA from the federal processor is December 15, 2016. Apply well before December 15 to ensure that the federal processor has time to analyze and send the results of your FAFSA to our office. Financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis so apply as early as possible to be considered for the most, and best aid. In order for us to consider you for a financial aid package, you must be an admitted student and have met the “On-Time” deadline.

* Data is for UF first time in college, full-time in-state undergraduates, 2015-16

Average financial aid package* **\$12,522**

How to Apply for Financial Aid

Complete a 2017-18 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on or after October 1, 2016. Apply each year—financial aid is not renewed automatically.

- Create an FSA ID at <https://fsaid.ed.gov>. Follow the instructions on the site. An FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid’s online systems and can serve as your legal signature. You must have an FSA ID before you can file a FAFSA.
- Go to FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Tips throughout the application help you understand the questions. Most people finish filling out the FAFSA in less than 30 minutes.
- List “University of Florida” and the UF Federal School Code (001535) as a school choice in the “School Selection” section.
- Sign your FAFSA. Students can sign the FAFSA electronically using their FSA ID. Parents of dependent students can also sign electronically but must request their own FSA ID.
- The 2017-18 FAFSA will use 2015 income and tax information for students and parents. Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool when possible to automatically import your tax information into your FAFSA.
- After successfully submitting your application, print and keep the confirmation page. This page contains your confirmation number and other important information.

Apply as early as possible to be considered for the most, and best aid.

Questions? Get free assistance and answers at www.fafsa.ed.gov or 1-800-433-3243.

How Need is Determined

The financial information you and your family provide on your FAFSA is used to determine your expected family contribution or EFC — how much you and your family are expected to contribute toward your educational expenses. Once your EFC has been determined, the financial aid office will calculate your financial need. Financial need is the cost of attendance minus your EFC.

Your Financial Aid Award

When UF receives your application information from the federal processor and you have been admitted to UF, SFA will award you an aid package based on your

eligibility. Students who complete a FAFSA and list UF as a “college of choice” are considered for all aid programs administered by SFA. One or more of the four types of aid (grants, scholarships, part-time employment, loans) are usually offered to eligible students to make up their financial aid package.

By early March 2017, admitted freshmen who have filed the 2017-18 FAFSA will receive an official award notice via U.S. mail and online at <https://one.ufl.edu> (access “Student Self Service” and view “Financial Aid” under “My Online Services”). The Notification of Financial Aid Award states the terms and conditions of aid programs awarded to you. Read it carefully, and follow any instructions that pertain to you.

Florida Bright Futures, Other Scholarships and the Florida Prepaid College Plan

The Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program, funded by the State of Florida, provides scholarships based on high school academic achievement. The 2015-16 Florida Academic Scholars Award is \$103 per credit hour and the Florida Medallion Scholars Award is \$77 per credit hour. www.sfa.ufl.edu/types-of-aid/bright-futures/

Other scholarships are awarded by various organizations such as the university, the state, individual colleges and departments, and private entities. UF’s Scholarship Search Engine is a searchable database of both college-awarded and private scholarships. www.sfa.ufl.edu/search

The State of Florida automatically notifies UF of all students participating in the Florida Prepaid College Plan. For participating Prepaid students, the University Bursar bills the Florida Prepaid Program for tuition amounts covered according to their plan(s) and automatically credits their tuition accounts. www.myfloridaprepaid.com

UF Cost of Attendance

	Florida Residents/In-State On/Off Campus	Out-of-State On/Off Campus
Tuition / Fees	\$6,390	\$28,668
Books and Supplies	1,210	1,210
Computer/Cell Phone	1,260	1,260
Housing	5,440	5,440
Food	4,470	4,470
Transportation	1,090	1,090
Clothing Maintenance	1,140	1,140
Personal	260	260
Total Budget**	\$21,260	\$43,538

** These costs reflect estimated 2016-17 undergraduate expenses. Your costs may vary. The 2017-18 estimated cost of attendance will be posted at www.sfa.ufl.edu when available.

99%
Percentage of need that was met for students that were awarded any need-based aid*

