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.

SFA offers financial aid advising services throughout the year, comprehensive financial aid publications, and technical support including an interactive website and student aid file information through UF’s ISIS (Integrated Student Information System) website at www.ISIS.ufl.edu.

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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 32303-4759
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
Financial Aid Toolkit
financialaidToolkit.ed.gov

FINANCIAL AID BY THE NUMBERS

#1 on Washington Monthly magazine’s list of national universities that offer the best bang for the buck

$561,814,847 Total Financial Aid Disbursed

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

45,995 Total financial aid recipients

Nearly 2/3 of UF graduates leave the university with no student loan debt

#2 on SmartMoney magazine’s list of universities whose graduates get the highest salary return for their tuition dollars

#3 in Kiplinger’s “Best Values in Public Colleges”

Job recruiters ranked UF 9th of places where corporations prefer to recruit new employees

WITHIN YOUR REACH

Paying for your education at the University of Florida
A guide for students and families
Our Core Beliefs
- SFA believes that financial factors should not deny any student the opportunity to attend UF and successfully pursue their degree objectives.
- SFA is committed to maximizing the resources available to its students.
- SFA recognizes that each student’s financial situation is unique—we make every effort to develop policies and procedures that treat each student fairly and equitably while taking into account unusual circumstances.

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.

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 January 1 each year. UF’s “On-Time” deadline to receive the results of your FAFSA from the federal processor is March 15. Apply well before March 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.

How to Apply for Financial Aid
Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on or after January 1. Apply each year—financial aid is not renewed automatically.
- Go to FAFSA on the Web at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Request a federal PIN, using www.pin.ed.gov. Follow the instructions on the site.
- List “University of Florida” and the UF Federal School Code (001538) as a school choice in the “School Selection” section.
- Sign your FAFSA. Students can sign the FAFSA electronically using their federal PIN. Parents of dependent students can also sign electronically but must either request their own PIN or print, sign, and mail the signature page to the processor.
- If you or your parents haven’t filed federal income tax returns for the previous year when it is time to apply for aid, report “estimated” income information on your FAFSA. Consider using the “Income Estimator option as you’re completing the FAFSA. Once you’ve filed your taxes, you must correct your FAFSA if the estimate differs from your actual income.
- After successfully submitting your application, print and keep the confirmation page. This page contains your confirmation number and other important information. Remember, you can return to make corrections online at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

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 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 April, admitted freshmen who have filed the FAFSA will receive an official award notice via U.S. mail and online at isis.ufl.edu. 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.

Financial Aid Deadlines
- January 1: Apply each year—financial aid is not renewed automatically.
- March 15: “On-Time” deadline to receive the results of your FAFSA.

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 2014-15 Florida Academic Scholars Award is $103 per credit hour and the Florida Medallion Scholars Award is $77 per credit hour. www.sfa.ufl.edu/programs/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

Review your Financial Aid Status
Follow up on your aid application. It may be selected for Verification or Quality Assurance.
- You are responsible for following up on your aid application.
- Check the status of your aid application and award on ISIS at www.isis.ufl.edu
- Do not wait until school begins to submit required documents. Ask questions if you are unsure about any part of the application process.
- UF automatically credits their tuition accounts. www.myfloridaprepaid.com

UF Cost of Attendance
Florida Residents/in-State Undergraduates
On/Off Campus
Tuition / Fees** 56,410
Books and Supplies 1,260
Computer/Cell Phone 1,260
Housing 5,340
Food 4,290
Transportation 1,100
Clothing Maintenance 690
Personal 270
Total Budget 72,050
**Tuition/fees figures are projected estimates for 2014-15 for incoming freshmen entering UF for the first time. Out-of-state/non-Florida residents should add $2,270 to projected tuition/fees.