Disability-Related Expenses
Students with disabilities frequently have expenses not incurred by other students and, when applying for financial aid through SFA, may qualify for an increase in their educational budgets. Costs of special equipment, fees for special services such as readers, interpreters, note takers or personal care attendants, and medical costs related to the disability are all considered disability-related expenses. Disability Resources will help determine disability-related expenses.

Support Agencies
Center for Independent Living of North Central Florida, 222 SW 36th Terrace Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32607, (352) 378-7474 (V/TDD); (352) 372-3443 (TTY); fax (352) 378-5582; 8:30 a.m.–5:00 p.m. The Center assists persons with disabilities through advocacy, information, referral, peer support, and independent living skills education. It provides employment services and interpreting services and sign language classes.

DisAbility Affairs Cabinet, UF Student Government, University of Florida, 300-354 Reitz Union, P.O. Box 118505, Gainesville, FL 32611-8505; (352) 392-1665 (ext. 305). The DisAbility Affairs Cabinet works closely with the Disability Resource Center to increase campus and community.
accessibility and awareness. Services include the Disability Student Assembly, Recruitment for Special Olympics, Wheelchair Basketball, and coordinating community activities to benefit students with disabilities. Contact 392-1665, ext. 305; email disabled@sg.ufl.edu; or go to http://www.sg.ufl.edu/branches/executive/cabinets/disabilityaffairs.aspx.

Division of Blind Services, 417 S.W. 8th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601, (352) 955-2075; toll free (800) 443-0908; Fax (352) 955-2382; www.state.fl.us/dbs. The Division assists individuals with serious eye conditions, and offers vocational counseling, library services, and other services, depending on need. For eligibility, contact the agency in your home town.

Florida Vocational Rehabilitation Agency (VR), 417 S.W. 8th Street, Gainesville, FL 32601; (352) 955-2075; toll free (800) 443-0908; Fax (352) 955-2382; www.state.fl.us/dbs. VR's goal is to help individuals achieve or maintain employment consistent with unique strengths, abilities, concerns, and interests. To be eligible, students must have a visual impairment in both eyes and require vocational rehabilitation services to find or keep a job. For information contact the VR office in your community.

Social Security Administration (SSA). Social Security Administration, 1610 NW 23 Avenue, Gainesville, FL 32605; 9:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m., Monday–Friday; (800) 772-1213; (352) 375-4178; TTY: (352) 375-6198. Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a federal program that provides financial assistance to blind and disabled individuals with low income. Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) allows workers and eligible dependents to receive monthly cash benefits during a period of disability. For information, contact your local Social Security Administration office. Also, go to: www.socialsecurity.gov.

Contact Numbers
Student Financial Affairs
Web: www.sfa.ufl.edu
(352) 392-1275
Florida Relay Service
For persons with hearing or speech impairments: dial 711 to contact a UF department with no TDD number.

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