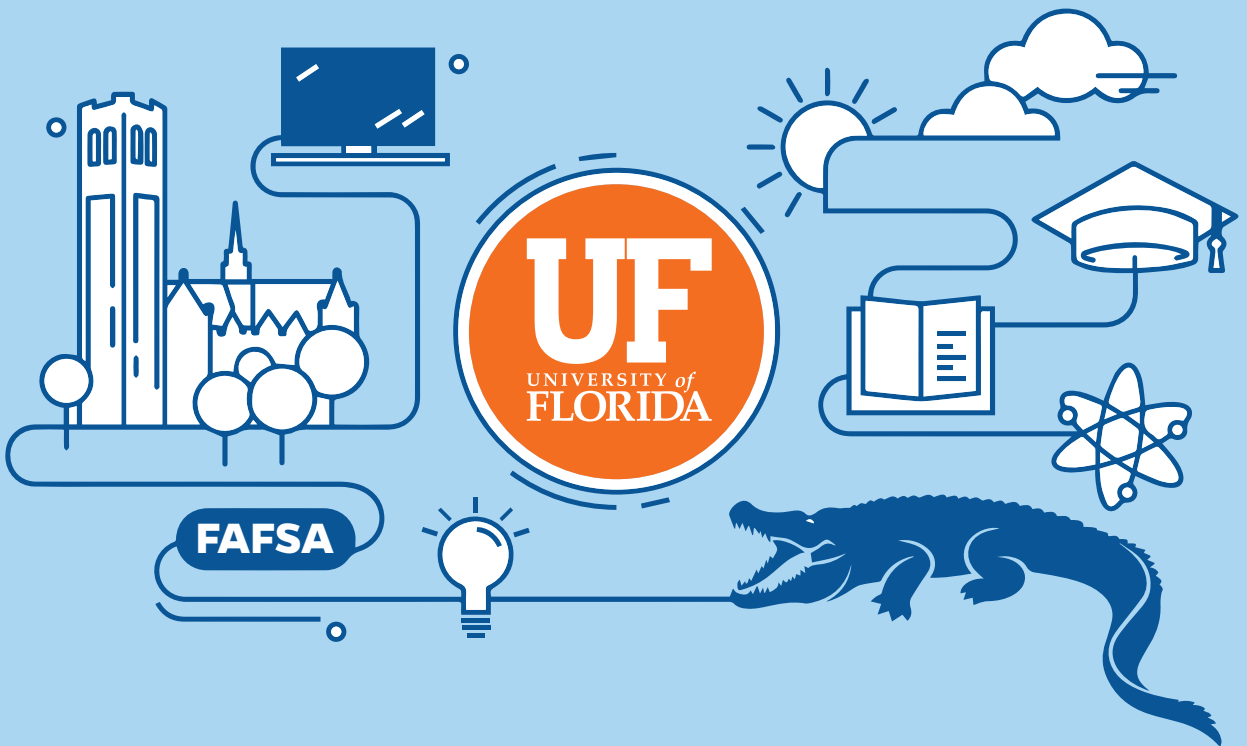


# Gator Financial Aid

A guide for students and families



**Making your education at the University of Florida affordable**

We admit students without regard to their ability to pay.

This helps to ensure that UF will always be accessible to talented students from the widest possible range of backgrounds.

**\$360 million**

Grants and scholarships received by undergraduates.

**\$15,421**

Average financial aid package for first-time, full-time freshmen who were awarded any financial aid.

**75%**

Undergraduates graduate with no student loan debt.

**96.6%**

UF Retention Rate

*Retention rates measure the percentage of first-time undergraduate students who return to the same institution the following fall term.*

**#1**

Public University

*The Wall Street Journal lists the University of Florida as the No. 1 public university in its 2024 list of Best U.S. Colleges.*



Best Colleges in America,  
Ranked by Quality and Affordability  
*5-Star, Money Magazine, 2023*

The University of  
Florida is committed  
to helping prospective  
and current students  
from all backgrounds,  
regardless of financial  
need, access a  
world-class education  
that prepares them for  
lifelong success.

**UF**







At UF, the FAFSA is the only financial aid application you need to complete.

### **ONE FORM. Many funding possibilities.**

The FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is the federal financial aid form used by UF to determine your eligibility for financial assistance.

Completing the FAFSA allows you to be automatically considered for all federal, state and university need-based financial aid programs offered at UF.

To receive the best financial aid offer, complete the FAFSA as early as possible, starting December 2023.

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 your FAFSA at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov).

#### MY GATOR EXPERIENCE



***“Financial aid has been a tremendous help for me here at UF. As a transfer student, I did not have to worry about working during my first semester. With the Orange and Blue Grant, I was able to focus on my grades.”***

— Leonelo Ruisanchez

## HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

**Complete the 2024-25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) starting December 2023.**

**Apply each year — financial aid is not renewed automatically.**

- ☐ Create an FSA ID at **studentaid.gov/fsa-id**. An FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature.
- ☐ Go to **fafsa.gov** to complete your FAFSA. Tips throughout the application help you understand the questions. Most people complete 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 electronically using your FSA ID. Parents of dependent students can also sign electronically but must request their own FSA ID.
- ☐ After successfully submitting your FAFSA, save a copy of the confirmation page. This page contains your confirmation number and other important information.



### Questions about the FAFSA?

Get assistance and answers at the **UF OneStop** at 352-392-2244 or contact **studentaid.gov** at 1-800-433-3243.

## YOUR FINANCIAL AID OFFER

- ☐ When UF receives your FAFSA information and you have been admitted to UF, we will create a custom aid package based on your eligibility.
- ☐ In **March 2024**, freshmen admitted to UF who have filed the 2024-25 FAFSA will receive an official financial aid offer online at **one.uf.edu**.

A world-class education from the University of Florida,  
combined with our exceptional value, makes UF

# A PROVEN INVESTMENT IN YOUR FUTURE.

**Money.com** calls the University of  
Florida “One of the best bargains in  
higher education.”

## Net Price Calculator

Get an early estimate  
of financial aid,  
including federal,  
state and UF grants

[npc.collegeboard.org/  
app/uf](https://npc.collegeboard.org/app/uf)







#### MY GATOR EXPERIENCE

*“Financial aid at the University of Florida has allowed me, a first-generation student, the opportunity to continue my college education and pursue a degree without financial worries.”*

— Kenneth Valdes



# Undergraduate 2023-24 Cost of Attendance Estimates\*

(FALL & SPRING SEMESTERS)

## TUITION & FEES ●

\$6,380	\$3,876
IN-STATE	UF ONLINE & PaCE IN-STATE
\$28,658	\$16,580
OUT-OF-STATE	UF ONLINE & PaCE OUT-OF-STATE

**UF has the LOWEST TUITION AND FEES of any leading public or private university in the prestigious Association of American Universities.**

**LIVING EXPENSES\*\* ■** \$11,500

**BOOKS, COURSE MATERIALS & SUPPLIES ■** IN & OUT-OF-STATE \$1,450  
UF ONLINE & PaCE \$1,440

**TRANSPORTATION ▲** IN & OUT-OF-STATE \$1,570  
UF ONLINE & PaCE \$130

**MISC. PERSONAL EXPENSES\*\*\* ▲** \$2,194

**FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN FEES ▲** \$56

## TOTAL COST ESTIMATES

\$23,150	\$19,196
IN-STATE	UF ONLINE & PaCE IN-STATE
\$45,428	\$31,900
OUT-OF-STATE	UF ONLINE & PaCE OUT-OF-STATE

\* These costs reflect estimated 2023-24 undergraduate expenses for the fall and spring terms. Your costs may vary.

The 2024-25 estimated cost of attendance will be posted at [www.sfa.ufl.edu/cost](http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/cost) when available.

To learn more about standard costs at the University of Florida and how those costs are calculated, visit the Cost of Attendance Page at [www.sfa.ufl.edu/cost](http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/cost).

\*\* Living expenses include housing, utilities, and food.

\*\*\* Miscellaneous personal expenses include laundry, toiletries, cell phone, and minor miscellaneous expenses.

● Direct Costs (paid directly to UF)

▲ Indirect Costs (paid by the student to others)

■ Can be Direct or Indirect Costs



**MERIT-BASED AID** offers financial support based on a student's academic achievements and talents.

**NEED-BASED AID** provides funds for students based on their level of financial need.

You may receive both types of aid to fund your studies.

Your financial aid offer could include grants and scholarships that you do not have to repay, loans that you will repay over time, and on-campus work-study employment opportunities. You must complete a FAFSA to be considered for all sources of need-based financial aid.

**Your financial aid package can be as unique as you are! We customize your aid package to match your academic and financial situation through a variety of aid programs.** There are aid programs for in-state, out-of-state, and transfer students.

		In-State Florida Students	Out-of-State Students	In-State Transfer Students
<b>FEDERAL</b>	<b>Federal Pell Grant</b>	■	■	■
	<b>Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant</b>	■	■	■
	<b>Federal Loans</b>	■	■	■
	<b>Federal Work-Study Employment</b>	■	■	■
<b>STATE</b>	<b>Florida Student Assistance Grant</b>	■		■
	<b>Florida Bright Futures Scholarship</b>	■		■
	<b>Benacquisto Scholarship</b>	■		
	<b>Grandparent Tuition Waiver</b>		■	
<b>UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA AID PROGRAMS</b>	<b>UF Excellence Grant</b>	■		
	<b>UF Undergraduate Grant</b>	■	■	
	<b>UF Welcome Grant</b>	■	■	
	<b>UF Orange &amp; Blue Grant</b>			■
	<b>Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars Program</b>	■		
	<b>Presidential Scholarships</b>	■		
	Presidential Gold Scholarship	■		
	Presidential Platinum Scholarship	■		
	<b>Honors Program Scholarships</b>	■	■	
	<b>UF Need-Based Scholarships</b>	■	■	■
	<b>Out-of-State Tuition Waivers</b>		■	
	Alumni Waiver		■	
	Distinguished Scholar Waiver		■	
	Gator Nation Waiver		■	
	Sunshine Waiver		■	
<b>OTHER</b>	<b>Corporate Scholarships</b>	■	■	■
	<b>Foundation Scholarships</b>	■	■	■
	<b>Private Scholarships</b>	■	■	■





*“My financial aid has helped me have more time to study and enjoy college instead of worrying about money. It takes stress off myself and my family knowing that I have aid to help pay for classes, housing, and other things I need. Affordability and opportunities made UF stand out to me.”*

— Cheyenne Young

## Grants

Grants are awarded to students who show financial need. All you need to do to be considered for grants is complete the FAFSA. Grants include the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Florida Student Assistance Grant, UF Excellence Grant, UF Undergraduate Grant, UF Welcome Grant, and the UF Orange and Blue Grant.

## Scholarships

Scholarships may be awarded based on merit or financial need. Like grants, scholarships do not have to be repaid.

The **Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program**, funded by the State of Florida Department of Education, provides scholarships to in-state residents based on high school academic achievement. For more information, visit your high school guidance office or call (888) 827-2004 prior to high school graduation.

The **Benacquistto Scholarship** is offered to in-state residents by the Florida Department of Education and covers UF's standard cost of attendance less the amount of the Bright Futures and National Merit Scholarship awards. The Benacquistto Scholarship is a state-funded program that is appropriated by the legislature each year.

The **Machen Florida Opportunity Scholars Program** (MFOS) provides financial resources and individual support for in-state, first-generation, low-income undergraduate students. This scholarship provides funding up to full financial need for four years of undergraduate study.

After completing the FAFSA, students are invited to become MFOS scholars if they meet the initial eligibility criteria.

**UF offers more than 3,500 admitted freshmen merit scholarships, totaling more than \$16 million.**

UF awards a limited number of **Merit-Based Scholarships**. No separate application is needed beyond the application for admission. The scholarship review process is holistic — there is no automatic awarding of UF scholarships based on test scores or GPA. Students who are selected for a merit-based scholarship will be notified mid-March 2024.

The **Honors Program** offers scholarships for incoming students who rank at the top of their class and demonstrate service to the community, extracurricular involvement, leadership and other criteria.

## Additional UF scholarships:

<https://www.sfa.ufl.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships>

UF's Scholarship Search Engine is a searchable database of both college-awarded and private scholarships.

[www.sfa.ufl.edu/search](http://www.sfa.ufl.edu/search)

**Out-of-State Tuition Waivers** are designed to reduce out-of-state tuition for selected students. Students must be classified as non-Florida residents for tuition purposes by UF's February Decision Day in order to be considered for a tuition waiver.

## Work-Study Employment

Federal Work-Study provides part-time jobs for students with financial need and allows them to earn money to help pay educational expenses.

Work-study positions help students gain valuable work experience, build their résumés, make connections across campus, and have a more enriching college experience.

## Loans

Loans are a type of financial assistance that enable students and parents to borrow funds to help pay for educational expenses. A loan is money you borrow and must pay back with interest. Subsidized loans do not accrue interest while you are in school for at least half-time or during deferment periods.



*“A Federal Work-Study position allows you to work in an environment with people who understand the challenges that come with balancing your studies and having a job, which makes them more compassionate towards the difficulties you may face. You also get the opportunity to create a bond with colleagues and supervisors that care about your well-being and want to see you succeed.”*

— Lise-Carla Honore

# UF offers an extraordinary return on investment, with three out of four of our graduates entering the workforce with no debt.

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The UF Career Connections Center is nationally recognized by *Best Colleges* in the support of students, employers and alumni spanning all majors, degree levels, and industries.

1,923

Unique companies that are recruiting UF students through UF's Career Connection Center.

\$62,362

The 2021-22 average salary for students who reported having employment at graduation.

72%

Students who plan to continue their education with graduate studies and had already been accepted to a graduate program at the time of their undergraduate graduation.

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Best Alumni Network by Princeton Review (2022)

## MY GATOR EXPERIENCE



***“With the help of financial aid, I’ve been able to further my education without having to worry about student loans. UF is one of the best public universities in the nation, I like to call it the ‘ivy league of public education.’***

***The first time I stepped on campus, I knew it was going to be my home.”***

— Angela Francois

From application to graduation,

# We are here to help you every step of the way!

Visit **onestop.ufl.edu** or call **352-392-2244**.



We will provide you with the financial and academic support to have a successful, engaging college experience.







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