

# Financial Aid

FOR  
STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES

UF OFFICE FOR STUDENT FINANCIAL AFFAIRS

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## Office for Student Financial Affairs & Disability Resource Center

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## 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

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**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](http://www.socialsecurity.gov).

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(352) 392-3008 (Fax)

**Florida Relay Service**  
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**ISIS (UF's Student Information)**  
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