



ADMITTED STUDENT FINANCIAL AID GUIDE

FAFSA – *There is still time to apply*

- Apply for an FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov
- Complete FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov
- Parent and students use 2018 tax information
 - Recommended: Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool within the FAFSA to transfer your tax information directly from the IRS
- Review your Student Aid Report (SAR), emailed to you and each school you listed on the FAFSA
- Video overview of the 2020-21 FAFSA: youtube.com/watch?v=Y8nfk5ApcQ4&t

SCHOLARSHIPS – *Explore outside aid sources*

- Search tool available at financialaid.uc.edu
- Consider other listings
 - Key websites such as www.fastweb.com and ScholarshipAmerica.org
 - Hometown businesses, organizations, and religious groups often award funds
- Avoid paying for applications or scholarship searches
- Students needing an enrollment verification following your registration this summer for your non-UC scholarship can email reginfo@uc.edu

AWARD LETTERS AND ACTIONS – *Available online and sent in emails to students*

- Review your award within Catalyst, the UC information system, at catalyst.uc.edu
 - Click “My Finances” for award information
 - Accept or decline aid according to your plans
- Monitor “To Do List” in Catalyst for any outstanding issues
 - Complete steps to secure aid
 - Assignments made as you move through aid or enrollment process
- Award information: financialaid.uc.edu/sfao/2021awards
- Review options beyond awarded aid to determine what is best for your family to meet costs

UC TUITION COSTS – *Anticipate your costs using last year rates now and new rates when determined*

- UC Tuition Guarantee: uc.edu/bursar/fees/tuition-guarantee
- UC residency information: uc.edu/about/registrar/personal-info-changes/residency-and-reciprocity
- Costs are determined by residency, enrollment level, and academic program
- Review program-specific tuition costs and details

ONE STOP STUDENT SERVICE CENTER – *Assistance with the ABCs of being a student: Aid, Billing, and Classes*

- Clifton Campus: onestop@uc.edu 513-556-1000 220 University Pavilion
- Blue Ash Campus: onestop@ucblueash.edu 513-745-5740 150 Muntz Hall
- Clermont Campus: clermontonestop@uc.edu 513-732-5300 100 Student Services Bldg

VERIFICATION

The U.S. Department of Education selects one-third of all FAFSAs for verification. UC is then required to collect supporting documents to review your FAFSA. Verification must be completed before financial aid can be disbursed.

- Email notification and notations in your Catalyst “To Do” list will alert you.
- Supporting documents are often collected via the Financial Aid Portal detailed at financialaid.uc.edu/sfao/portal

LOAN PROCESS FOLLOWING ACCEPTANCE

Your education is one of the most important investments you will ever make. You are investing in yourself and your future. As such, many students (and parents) find that low-interest, educational loans provide a sound strategy toward meeting the costs of attending college.

- In addition to accepting loans as part of your financial aid award, borrowers have additional processes detailed at financialaid.uc.edu/loans/loanprocess
- Notations will be placed on Catalyst “To Do” lists for students.
- Addition guidance detailed online
 - Loan Maximums: financialaid.uc.edu/loans/loanmaximums
 - Interest Rates: financialaid.uc.edu/loans/interestrates
 - Loan Fees: financialaid.uc.edu/loans/loanfees

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

The Higher Education Act and associated federal regulations give financial aid administrators the authority to adjust an individual student’s federal aid application (FAFSA) based on unusual circumstances within the household. UC’s Student Financial Aid Office will review and, when appropriate, adjust a student’s FAFSA to better reflect a student’s current financial situation. Though a family may have significant changes in projected 2020 income when compared to 2018 used on the FAFSA, the changes may not result in a change to aid eligibility.

- Students seeking a special circumstances appeal must have a completed (and, when selected, verified) FAFSA on file.
- 2020-2021 Special Circumstance Appeal Form available at financialaid.uc.edu/forms

HELPFUL WEBPAGES

The UC Student Financial Aid website (financialaid.uc.edu) and the One Stop website (onestop.uc.edu) are key sources of information. We invite you to explore each website to be prepared as a student. The following pages can point you to detailed information on specific topics.

- Financial aid topics A-Z listing: financialaid.uc.edu/topics
- Aid related to your enrollment: financialaid.uc.edu/sfao/enrollment
- Co-op distribution of aid: financialaid.uc.edu/fees/co-op
- Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements for maintaining aid: financialaid.uc.edu/academicprogress
- How withdrawing from classes and changing registration affect aid: financialaid.uc.edu/eligibility/recalculation
- Scholarship limits: financialaid.uc.edu/scholarshiplimits
- Financial aid rights and responsibilities: financialaid.uc.edu/resources/rights
- Personal budgeting: financialaid.uc.edu/planning/budgeting
- Student money management: onestop.uc.edu/money
- Live like a student: financialaid.uc.edu/planning/studentliving