

Federal Title IV Financial Aid

To apply for Federal financial aid, you must complete a FAFSA and provide any required documentation. An award year runs from July 1st to June 30. To apply for federal aid within the award year, you must apply before June 30 of that award year. There is no institutional deadline for applying for Federal Title IV funding; however, you must complete all requirements to receive funding before the end of your first semester.

The US Department of Education has an excellent website with detailed information on federal aid sources, links to apply for aid and more. Start your exploration by applying for a federal student aid ID (FSA ID). This ID is the first step in applying for aid and allows you to access your federal financial aid information at any time. Click here to get started!

Remember to fully explore all sources of possible funding, especially free, non-repayable grants and scholarships. Student loans can be an option, but again, explore federal student loan offerings before resorting to private loans. Private loans typically are more expensive and less flexible to repay. Consider carefully before you decide to borrow, you must repay that debt. Our **guide** to Financial Aid and Consumer Information discusses in detail the programs in which we participate to ensure you have the information you need to manage your funding. Please refer to the section "What Aid Programs are Available" for full details. For detailed information on the costs associated with attending our institution, refer to the section "What Will my Education Cost?" in our guide and the tuition and fee information here.

Military Tuition Assistance (TA)

Our schools participate in the armed forces active duty tuition assistance programs. To receive TA, you *MUST* first apply through your ESO. Each branch has slightly different time requirements, but generally, *you must get approval before the start of your program/term*. Failure to obtain prior approval will result in denial and you having to cover the costs with some other source of funding. Recipients must maintain passing grades and remain in good standing with their branch of the Service. The table in our FA <u>guide</u> also summarizes current coverage offered by each branch with a link to the respective website. Go to the <u>website</u> for detailed information on how to apply, how funding works, and what is required of you to maintain eligibility for TA.