

Supporting Your Success

Presentation offered by:

Student Financial Aid and Scholarships

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Applying for Financial Aid & Scholarships

What is Financial Aid?

Financial aid is money from the federal and state governments, the institution of higher education, and private resources that assist a family in meeting the cost of the student's education.

Types of Financial Aid

Grants

Need based funds the student does not repay.

Work-Study

Need based award that allows the student to participate actively in meeting the cost of their education while gaining valuable work experience.

Loans

Borrowed money that must be repaid.

Types of Federal Loans:

- Student (Direct Stafford)
- Parent PLUS Loan

For more information on interest rates, loan forgiveness and repayment options, visit

www.studentaid.ed.gov.



Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Complete the FAFSA:

- Once a year
- On October 1st
- Online at www.fafsa.gov
- Using Prior Prior* income information
- By UNT's Priority Date:
 January 15th.



*Use 2017 income information to complete the 2019-2020 FAFSA.

When and How should students apply?

Students should apply once a year.

When a student is attending college (school year)	When a student can submit a FAFSA	Which year's income information is required
July 1, 2018 – June 30, 2019	Oct. 1, 2017 – June 30, 2019	2016
July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2020	Oct. 1, 2018 – June 30, 2020	2017
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021	Oct. 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021	2018
July 1, 2021 – June 30, 2022	Oct. 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022	2019

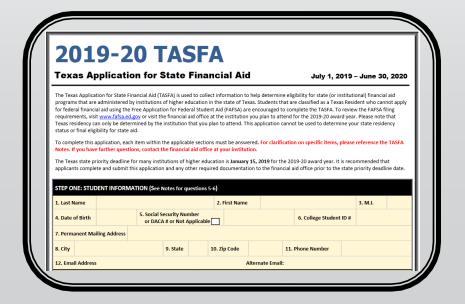
Students can apply via the:

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA)

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Complete the TASFA:

- Once a year
- On October 1st
- Online at <u>https://financialaid.unt.edu/how-apply</u>
- Using Prior Prior* income information
- By UNT's Priority Date:
 January 15th.



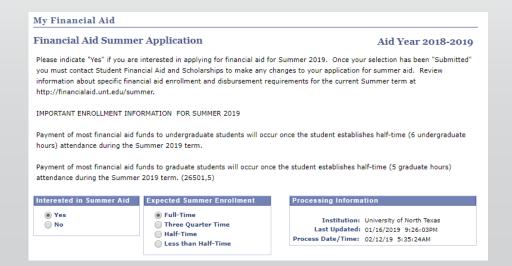
*Use 2017 income information to complete the 2019-2020 TASFA.

www.collegeforalltexans.com

Applying for Summer 2019 Financial Aid

Complete the:

- 2018-2019 FAFSA
- Online at <u>www.fafsa.gov</u>
- By UNT's Deadline: July 8th
- Using Prior Prior* income information
- Complete the Financial Aid Summer Application
- Online at https://my.unt.edu



*Use 2016 income information to complete the 2018-2019 FAFSA.

More Summer Aid information located at

financialaid.unt.edu/summer

Note: UNT will take into consideration all awards received in the Fall of 2018 and Spring 2019.

Scholarships

University

- SFAS Academic Scholarships:
 - Opportunities, eligibility requirements, and deadlines can be found at:

https://scholarships.unt.edu

 Students with questions about scholarship awards are encouraged to e-mail:

scholarships@unt.edu

Scholarships

Departmental

Contact the department of your major regarding opportunities, eligibility requirements and deadlines

External

- Private Organizations
 - Businesses or Professional Groups
 - Fraternal Organizations
 - Religious Affiliates
- Parent(s)' or Student's Employer
- Local Libraries
- Civic Groups
- Online

https://scholarships.unt.edu

Undergraduate Students Estimated Yearly Traditional Cost of Attendance

Total	\$26,122
Federal Student Loan Fees*	\$70
Personal Expenses	\$2,262
Transportation	\$2,464
Books & Supplies	\$1,000
Room & Board (off campus)	\$8,684
Tuition & Fees	\$11,642

These are 2019-2020 estimates based on a 15-hour class load and Texas residency.

Out-of-state students should add approximately \$12,660 in out-of-state tuition fees. Visit **financialaid.unt.edu/costs** for more detailed information on college costs. *Additional loan fees are required to be added to a student's COA budget for any PLUS loan borrowed.



Receiving Your Awards

The WUNT Student Portal

Financial Aid

My Financial Aid

other financial

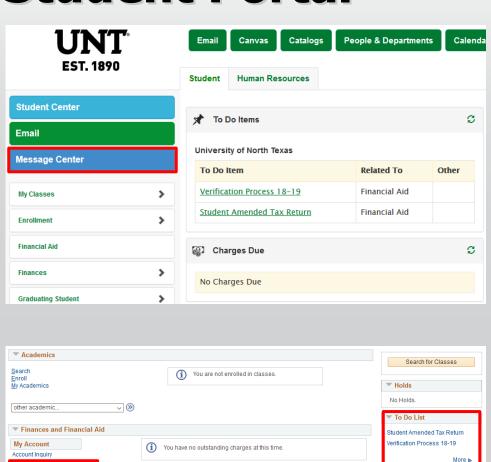
My Award Information

Accept/Decline Awards

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This gives students access to:

- To Do List
- Accept/Decline Awards
- My Loan Debt
- Loan Counseling
- View Pending/Anticipated Aid
- Summer Financial Aid Application
- Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- Message Center



Make a Payment ▶



Milestones

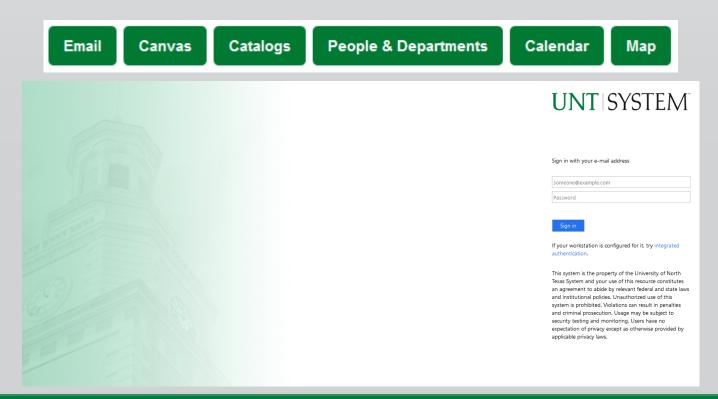
No Milestones

▼ Enrollment Dates

Open Enrollment Dates

EagleConnect Email

Check your official UNT email (<u>EagleConnect</u>) account regularly. Important messages about your financial aid status will be delivered to your Inbox. Official notifications from our office via email will begin replacing printed letters whenever possible.





What Do I Do With Scholarships Awarded by Outside Agencies?

Bring the award letter and scholarship check to SFAS.

Please make sure to include the following on each item turned in:

- Student's Name
- Student's 8-digit UNT ID Number

NOTE:

If SFAS is notified of a scholarship after financial aid has been awarded, a student's eligibility for those financial aid awards may change and adjustments could be made.

What Do I Do With Scholarships Awarded by Outside Agencies?

When submitting scholarships to UNT, <u>agencies</u> should:

- Make scholarship checks payable to the University of North Texas (UNT).
- Scholarship checks should **not** be sent directly to the student if they are to assist with educational related expenses.
- If a student recipient receives a scholarship check directly, do not deposit it. Bring the check to SFAS so we can determine how best to help.

Supply SFAS with a communication from the <u>agency</u> that includes:

- Student Recipient's Full Name, UNT ID and/or date of birth
- Guidance regarding what academic term(s) award should be applied to (i.e. fall, spring, summer)
- Information confirming if the award is a one-time payment or if it is renewable. If renewable, indicate when will additional funds be sent to UNT.
- Information confirming the award can pay all educational expenses (i.e. tuition/fees, room/board, books)
- Agency Contact Information (name, mailing address, email and phone number)

What is Pending/Anticipated Aid?

- Scholarships the student has been awarded and/or financial aid the student has "Accepted" on myUNT.
- Pending/Anticipated Aid does not include Parent
 (PLUS) Loans that have been denied due to adverse
 credit history by the lender or College Work-Study.
- Parent (PLUS) Loans will count toward a student's Pending/Anticipated Aid if SFAS has received a credit approval from the lender.

Pending/Anticipated Aid Example 1

Will this student's classes be secured or dropped?

Tuition & Fees	\$5,821
Stafford (Student) Loan	\$2,750
Work-Study	\$2,000
Parent PLUS Loan*	\$6,000

\$5,821 (Tuition & Fees)
-\$2,750 (Student Loan)
\$3,071 Remaining Balance

*Credit Not Approved

The student's classes will be dropped, and they will need to make <u>payment arrangements</u> for the remaining \$3,071. Students can pay the remaining balance by cash, check or credit card OR they can utilize the **Installment Plan** and/or **Short Term Loan** options offered through Student Financial Services (SFS) by the published payment deadline to secure their classes.

Pending/Anticipated Aid Example 2

Will this student's classes be secured or dropped?

Tuition & Fees	\$5,821
Pell Grant	\$1,000
Stafford (Student) Loan	\$2,750
Parent PLUS Loan*	\$2,500

\$5,821 (Tuition & Fees)

-\$1,000 (Pell Grant)

-\$2,750 (Student Loan)

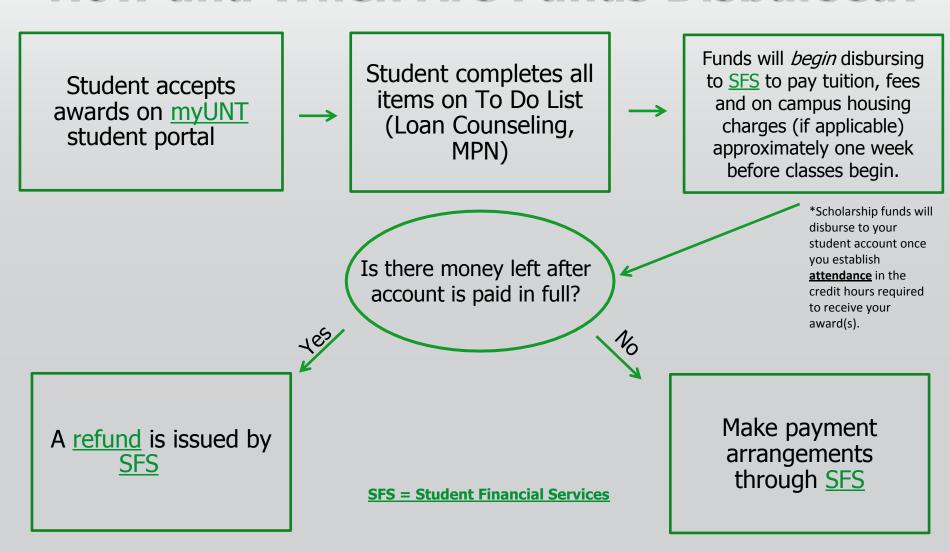
-\$2,500 (Parent PLUS*)

\$0 Remaining Balance

*Credit Approved

The student's classes will be secured, as the total amount of the student's Pending/Anticipated Aid is more than the total of the student's tuition and fee charges. After tuition, fees and on campus housing charges are paid, a student may receive a <u>refund</u> that can then be used toward books or other school-related expenses.

How and When Are Funds Disbursed?



Federal Regulation

As of Fall 2015, Financial Aid regulations prohibit federal financial aid from paying the following charges:

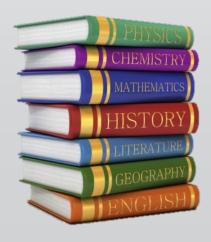
- Installment plan charge, Short Term Loan Origination Fee, Memorial Loan fee, Late payment or default fees
- Excess hours tuition fee
- Repeat course fee

** Once federal financial aid has paid tuition, fees and housing (if applicable), some students may receive a refund yet <u>still owe</u> a balance because of finance and/or overtime charges. Payment arrangements would need to be made for the remaining balance to secure a student's classes *

Money Matters

Refund Priority

Books and supplies are considered an educational expense, so your <u>refund</u> can be applied toward the purchase of your books and supplies.



To ensure these funds are used wisely explore all of your book options on and off campus!

Click here for more information on how to Budget, Plan & Pay.

Cut Your Expenses

- Use your Meal Plan.
- Walk, bike, or ride the <u>shuttle</u> to your classes.
- Plan to share living expenses with your roommate.
- Carpool to run off-campus errands.

Cut Your Expenses

- \$1,000 Tuition Rebate
- Loan Forgiveness
- Save and Soar Tuition Plan
- UNT Career Center
- UNT Student Money Management Center
- Waivers and Exemptions

Maintaining Your Eligibility

What Can Affect a Student's Eligibility to Receive Financial Aid?

- Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
- Dropping classes
- Withdrawing from the University
- Owing a prior year balance
- Exceeding loan limits
- Exceeding Federal Pell Grant limits
- Defaulting on loans

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

GPA

Minimum cumulative UNT grade point average necessary to meet SAP requirement:

- Undergraduate Students: 2.0
- Graduate Students: 3.0

Pace of Progression:

An ongoing measure that ensures a student is on track to complete their program in the maximum timeframe. Students must successfully complete at least **67%** of their cumulative attempted credit hours.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

Maximum Hour Limit

Students must not have registered for, earned or attempted more than a specific cumulative maximum of semester hours as an undergraduate student. If a student exceeds the maximum number of hours allowed by their degree plan their financial aid will be canceled.



Annual and Lifetime Loan Limits

Dependent Undergraduates:	Independent Undergraduates:
First year: \$5,500	First Year: \$9,500
Second Year: \$6,500	Second Year:\$10,500
Third Year and Beyond: \$7,500	Third Year and Beyond: \$12,500
Total Lifetime Limit: \$31,000	Total Lifetime Limit: \$57,500



Lifetime Pell Grant Limits

The amount of Federal Pell Grant funds a student may receive over his or her lifetime is limited by federal law to be the equivalent of six years of Pell Grant funding. Since the maximum amount of Pell Grant funding a student can receive each year is equal to 100%, the six-year equivalent is 600%.



www.nslds.ed.gov

Consequences of Defaulting on Your Student Loans:

- Future aid eligibility
- Inability to obtain transcripts and academic records
- Garnished Wages
- Employment credit checks
- Negative impact on your credit report

Special Situations

Changes in Income

- Loss of job
- Loss of parent
- Loss of benefits

(child support, social security)

Extraordinary Expenses

- Medical/Dental
- Elementary/ Secondary school tuition
- Elder care

Dependency Overrides

- Abuse
- Abandonment
- Neglect

*For more information contact

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Important Reminders

- File your taxes early.
- Complete your FAFSA/TASFA each year by the <u>Priority Date</u>.
- Apply for financial aid & scholarships separately.
- Never pay anyone for assistance with the FAFSA/TASFA or researching scholarship opportunities.
- Keep copies of all correspondence with the Federal Processor and SFAS.
- Review the Terms and Conditions of Financial Aid Awards.
- Check your <u>myUNT</u> student portal and <u>seagleConnect</u> regularly.
- Meet with an academic advisor early and often.
- Only take courses that are required for your degree.
- Take advantage of tutorial services to avoid dropping or duplicating courses.

Need more information?



<u>financialaid.unt.edu</u> <u>scholarships.unt.edu</u>



SFAS Office Hours:

- Monday-Friday,
 8:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m.
- 1st and 2nd Levels of

Eagle Student Services Center

Contact Information:

- (940) 565-2302 Direct
- (877) 881-1014 Toll Free
- financialaid@unt.edu
- scholarships@unt.edu

*Provide 8 digit UNT ID number when contacting SFAS