

Eligibility for Federal Student Aid

This page explains requirements for receiving federal financial aid and how the amount of aid is determined. Students apply for aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <http://fafsa.ed.gov>. Eligible students receive financial aid funds at the beginning of each term.

A student's eligibility for aid refers to:

- i. **whether or not the student meets the requirements to receive funds for college**
- ii. **the amount of available aid the student is eligible to receive**

Requirements

The federal government is a primary source of financial aid for many college students. Students must meet the following **requirements to be eligible for federal aid**:

- a. Have a **High School Diploma** or equivalent
- b. **Be admitted and enrolled to a degree program.** Students must enroll at least half-time and be working toward a degree or combined degree/certificate.
- c. **Demonstrate financial need** through their financial aid application materials. (Some loans and scholarships are available to students without need.)
- d. **Be a U.S. Citizen, U.S. National, or eligible non-U.S. citizen with a valid Social Security Number** (unless from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau).
- e. **Be registered with the U.S. Selective Service**, if required. **Check registration**
 - a. Male U.S. citizen (or eligible noncitizen) between the ages of 18 and 26 must register with the Selective Service. Registration may be completed in one of the following ways:
 - i. **Online.**
 - ii. Obtain a registration form from the student's high school or any U.S. post office.
 - iii. Register via the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).
- f. **Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress** as per your program requirements.
- g. **Use aid only for educational purposes.**
- h. **Not owe a refund on a federal grant or be in default** on any federal educational loan. Review Pell Grant and Loan History at <https://www.nslds.ed.gov/>.

Restrictions

Second Bachelor's Degree: Students are eligible for federal aid if they are pursuing double majors or dual-degree programs as long as they meet Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements. If a student has earned an undergraduate degree and continues or re-enters college to pursue another bachelor's degree, federal financial aid is limited to loans only.

Enrollment at more than one Institution: Students who are enrolled at more than one college or university at the same time may receive aid from only one institution.

Enrollment at Drug Law Violations: A student is ineligible to receive financial aid for a period of time if the student has been convicted of an offense under any Federal or State law involving the possession or sale of illegal drugs for conduct that occurred while the student was enrolled and receiving financial aid. **Period of Ineligibility is defined below.**

	POSSESSION OF ILLEGAL DRUGS	SALE OF ILLEGAL DRUGS
1 st Offense	1 year from date of conviction	2 years from date of conviction
2 nd Offense	2 years from date of conviction	Indefinite
3 rd Offense	Indefinite	