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FINANCIAL AID: HOW DOES IT WORK?

FAFSA OPENS OCTOBER 1
AU School Code: 002238
Priority Processing Date: MARCH 1


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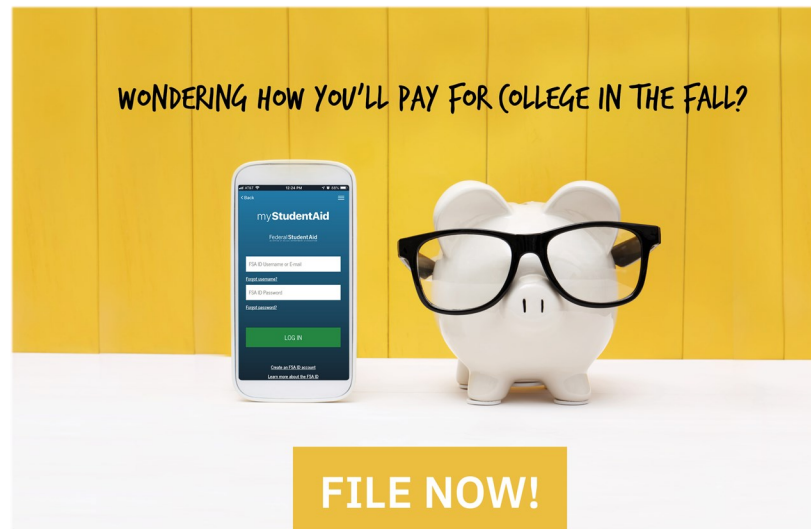
FINANCIAL AID

DEFINED

What is financial aid?

Financial aid helps you bridge the gap between school costs and out-of-pocket contributions. There are two general types of financial aid; financial aid that is free (grants and scholarships) and financial aid that will have to be repaid at some point (loans).

- Grants and scholarships can be offered on a number of different factors including merit, need, biographical, or employment.
- Loans can be obtained through the federal government or private lenders. Federal loan amounts are offered based on your year in school and your annual budget.



Do I have to apply for financial aid?

No, you don't have to apply for financial aid. We do, however, encourage all eligible students to file the FAFSA and see what kind of federal and/or state financial aid will be offered.

Undergraduates: The Andrews Partnership Scholarship and Educational Allowance do not require that you file a FAFSA; just complete the electronic AU Financial Information Sheet.

Sponsored students who require special billing should present all necessary information to our office **before July 1**.

FINANCIAL AID

DETAILED

Am I eligible to apply?

You can apply for federal aid if you are:

1. A US citizen or a Permanent Resident
2. Enrolled in a degree-seeking program

When do I apply?

The FAFSA is available on **October 1**. The 2023-24 FAFSA will use your 2021 tax information. Some financial aid funding is limited, so **March 1** is listed as our Priority Processing date.

**FAFSA OPENS ON OCTOBER 1
PRIORITY PROCESSING DATE IS MARCH 1.**

Where do I apply ?

FAFSA: www.fafsa.ed.gov

AU Forms: www.andrews.edu/sfs

How do I apply?

Step 1: Complete the FAFSA using 2021 tax information & **Andrews University School Code - 002238**.

Step 2: Undergraduate students submit the electronic AU Financial Information Sheet.

>> At this point you will receive an aid offer or be notified if further documentation is necessary.

Step 3: Check for & satisfy offer requirements.

>> You will be notified if further documentation is necessary, including accepting/declining loans.

Step 4: Monitor & satisfy additional offer requirements.

THAT'S IT!

FINANCIAL AID

MANAGED

Student Financial Services has collected all of the financial aid processes and posted them on one webpage. If you need help with anything regarding financial aid, this is the one page you need. Bookmark it now!

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FINANCIAL AID SSB

Self-Serve

SFS Self-Serve is where you go to get things done. This page has everything you need to take control of your finances and financial aid at Andrews University.

So, where would you like to go today?

FINANCES

- Registration Central (*Financial Clearance*)
- Pay Online
 - USD Payments
 - International Payments
- FERPA (*required for SFS to discuss your account with your parents or other parties*)
- Authorized User Setup (*in TouchNet®, required for your parents or sponsors to pay online or receive e-statements*)
- Account lookup (*TouchNet*)
- Forms
- Set up eRefund profile
- Request Refund
- 1098T
- Collections (*Non-current*)

FINANCIAL AID

- FAFSA (*School Code: 002238*)
- Forms
- Verification
- Aid offer lookup (*Financial Aid Self-Service Banner*)
- Scholarships (*Andrews, external, international, graduate, Canadian Exchange Rate Plan*)
- Stafford Loan Counseling
- Stafford Master Promissory Note

Looking for more information regarding costs, payment options, or financial aid? Click on [General Information](#).



Financial Aid Self-Service Banner

EXPLAINED

Financial Aid SSB is your financial aid profile at Andrews University. Since this page will contain information specific to your finances, **you will need to login with your Andrews University username and password.**

Once you have logged in you will see the following information:

- your name and Andrews University ID number
- your assigned Financial Aid Advisor; their name, photo, email address, and office phone number
- a Notifications database showing you the communication that our office has logged

Financial Aid Self-Service Banner will also have the information listed below. This information concerns the financial aid process. Content will change as requirements are satisfied and steps are completed.

- a list of the requirements for your current semester financial aid offer (*if applicable*)
- your financial aid offer (*if applicable*) for the current semester
- links to frequently visited pages such as TouchNet Pay Online, SFS forms, FAFSA renewal, and the National Student Loan Data System.

Any unsatisfied financial aid items will have a **red X** next to it. Satisfied items will have a green check mark. If you're ever wondering if you've completed something, look for the green check mark!



FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS

EXPLAINED

Once you have filed your FAFSA-Free Application Federal Student Aid, your eligibility for Federal Direct student/parent loans will be determined. Your financial aid offer notification will state your eligibility amounts. If you decide that you wish to take part in the Federal Direct loan program, there are 3 simple steps to complete. All of these steps can be completed online. Links are available in SFS Self-Serve.

STEP 1: REQUEST LOANS

STEP 2: COMPLETE ENTRANCE COUNSELING

STEP 3: SIGN MASTER PROMISSORY NOTE

Don't want loans?

If you decide not to take any loans, simply go to Financial Aid Self-Service Banner, click on the loans offered and decline them. You may also submit a paper loan request form and your decline will be processed manually. Any loans offered will need to either be accepted or declined before your financial aid offer can be considered complete.



Questions? Learn more at www.andrews.edu/sfs

ADVICE

FROM AN ADVISOR

GET TO KNOW THE OFFICE

- > Office hours and location
- > Phone, fax number, and email address
- > Staff and their contact information

USE ONLINE RESOURCES WHENEVER POSSIBLE

- > Check announcements for upcoming events & deadlines.
- > Bookmark our Self-Serve & Parents Page for links to frequently used pages!

UNDERSTAND FERPA

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student education records. The law applies to all schools that receive funds under an applicable program of the U.S. Department of Education. Students will need to give electronic authorization before staff are able to discuss account matters with others.

START EARLY. EVERY YEAR

August and January are our busiest months. We strongly encourage our students to apply for financial aid well in advance of Financial Clearance opening in July.

UNDERSTAND THE PROCESSES

- > Visit our [Tutorials](#), [FAQ](#), and [General Information](#) pages.
- > Keep these packets for future reference material.

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