

# Office of University Student Financial Assistance Financial Aid Information for MS-PHYSICIAN ASSISTANT PROGRAM

### How to Apply for Federal Aid?

Students should visit <u>studentaid.gov</u> to fill out a valid FAFSA before each academic year.

Students who are U.S. Citizens or eligible non-U.S. citizens must have a valid FAFSA on file with the university to be reviewed for eligibility.

Students must submit a valid FAFSA for the appropriate academic year with our Federal School Code **002104**.

# Types of Financial Aid

There is a plethora of resources that may be available to assist students in funding their academic career including but not limited to:

- Federal Loans
- Federal Work-Study
- State Scholarships
- Private Student Loans

### **General Eligibility**

You must demonstrate financial need (for some programs); be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen; have a valid Social Security number (with the exception of students from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau)

Students must be properly enrolled in at least 6 credits, which is half time status.

#### **Tuition and Fees**

Each student is charged differently based on their program of attendance, number of valid enrolled credits, and based on residency status. For more information, please view the <u>Cost of Attendance</u> link.

#### Financial Aid Award

Students should review the current <u>award schedule</u>.

Students should visit <u>SURFS</u> to check their award status or if there is missing information to be satisfied.\*

\*If there is missing information, our office will also send a system generated email to the student's university issued email with more information about requirements.

#### **Disbursements**

Disbursements will occur no sooner than 10 days prior to the first day of class.

Students may check <u>SURFS</u> to view disbursement dates.

Prior to aid disbursing, visit <u>Student Financial Services</u> to set up Bank Mobile for student refunds.

# Financial Aid for the Summer Term?

During the summer, students who are properly enrolled are typically eligible for:

 Federal Direct Loans - Require FAFSA and enrollment of at least 6 credits

## Do I Qualify for Summer Financial Aid?

To qualify for summer aid, the program must have optional or mandatory summer enrollment. Please visit UMB's <u>academic</u> calendar for more information.

Students must be properly enrolled in at least 6 or more valid credits as a graduate student, or 9 or more as an undergraduate student.

# How do I apply for Summer Financial Aid?

Once enrolled for the summer, students may complete the Summer Aid Request Form located on our Financial Assistance website, under <u>Financial Aid Forms</u>.

\*Please adhere to submission deadlines\*



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Cost of Attendance (COA)	Expected Family Contribution (EFC)	Financial Need
An institution's COA is an estimate of what it may cost for you to live and attend your program during the academic year.  You may review the components of a COA <a href="here">here</a> or visit your SURFS account to view your COA.	Despite its name, the EFC does not indicate how much a student will have to pay out of pocket to attend. It is primarily used as an indicator of financial need.	A student's financial need is determined by calculating the difference between the Cost of Attendance (COA) and the Expected Family Contribution (EFC).
Loan Types and Outside Aid	Scholarships	Federal Work-Study (FWS)
Loans are funds that must be paid back. Loans available to MS-Physician Assistant students include:  • Unsubsidized Loans • Grad PLUS Loans • Private Student Loans— May be available to students not eligible for federal funds. Students must find and apply with participating private student loan lender.  Students are responsible for notifying our office of outside scholarships/aid. We reserve the right to adjust awards as we receive new information.	Unlike loans, scholarships and grants do not need to be paid back. Please visit the link(s) below to seek scholarship information if you are considered a Maryland Resident with in-state tuition:  (Maryland Residents only)  Maryland Higher Education Commission	Federal Work-Study (FWS) is a federal need-based grant awarded to financially eligible students based on the information listed on submitted FAFSA's. It is considered earning potential and not a lump sum payment. For more information and resources, please email <a href="FWS@UMARYLAND.EDU">FWS@UMARYLAND.EDU</a> or visit the FWS <a href="website">website</a> .
Enrollment Requirement	Helpful Links and Resources	Financial Aid Counselor
MS-Physician Assistant students must be enrolled for at least 6 credits per term to be eligible for federal funds.  Summer  MS-Physician Assistant students are not required to complete a Summer Request Form.	General Financial Aid Resources Financial Aid Website Financial Education and Wellness SURFS Instructions to View Aid StudentAid.gov  For Residency Classification Inquiries	Peggy Buerhaus ms-phd@umaryland.edu  Students can also visit the Financial Aid website to schedule to meet with their financial aid counselor.