

How to Apply for Federal Aid?

Students should visit studentaid.gov 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 available to assist students in funding their academic career including but not limited to:

- Federal Loans
- Federal Grants (**not eligible**)
- Federal Work-Study
- Institutional Scholarships
- School Specific Scholarships
- State Scholarships
- Private Loans

General Eligibility

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.

****INCOMING STUDENTS** should answer the following FAFSA questions like so:

- What college degree will you be working on when you begin school year? **College graduate/professional degree**
- What will your college grade level be when you begin the school year? **1st year graduate/professional**
- Will you be working on a Masters or Doctorate degree? **YES**

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 [Cost of Attendance](#) link.

Financial Aid Award

Students should review the current [award schedule](#).

Students should visit [SURFS](#) 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 [SURFS](#) to view disbursement dates.

Prior to aid disbursing, visit [Student Financial Services](#) 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

****Students in this program are not eligible**

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 [academic 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.

****Students in this program are not eligible**

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 [Financial Aid Forms](#).

****Students in this program are not eligible**

<p>Cost of Attendance (COA)</p> <p>An institution's COA is an estimate of what it may cost for you to live and attend your program during the academic year.</p> <p>You may review the components of a COA here or visit your SURFS account to view your COA.</p>	<p>Expected Family Contribution (EFC)</p> <p>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.</p>	<p>Financial Need</p> <p>A student's financial need is determined by calculating the difference between the Cost of Attendance (COA) and the Expected Family Contribution (EFC).</p>
<p>Loan Types and Outside Aid</p> <p>Loans are funds that must be paid back including, but not limited to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Unsubsidized loans • Graduate PLUS loans • Health Professions Loans • Private loans <p>Students are responsible for notifying our office of outside scholarships/aid. We reserve the right to adjust awards as we receive new information.</p>	<p>Scholarships</p> <p>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:</p> <p>*Programs select and identify school recipients during the admission process. If eligible, the award would reflect in the student's current award package.</p> <p>(Maryland Residents only) Maryland Higher Education Commission</p>	<p>Federal Work-Study (FWS)</p> <p>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 FWS@UMARYLAND.EDU or visit the FWS website.</p>
<p>Health Professions Loan</p> <p>What is it? Who is eligible? How do students apply? Loan Amounts Interest Rate and Terms Frequently Asked Questions</p>	<p>Helpful Links and Resources</p> <p>General Financial Aid Resources Financial Aid Website Financial Education and Wellness SURFS Instructions to View Aid StudentAid.gov National Student Loan Data System For Residency Classification Inquiries</p>	<p>Financial Aid Email</p> <p>pharmd@umaryland.edu</p> <p>Students can also visit the Financial Aid website to schedule to meet with a financial aid counselor.</p>