

UA Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid (OSFA)

Quick Reference Sheet

How to Apply for Financial Aid

The federal government made significant changes to the FAFSA form. Please take a moment to review the OSFA webpage at: <https://financialaid.arizona.edu/resources-2024-2025-fafsa-updates> for the most current information. The Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid (OSFA) will continually update this page with information about the FAFSA

- **A Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be filed each year** for Federal Loans or for College of Education scholarships consideration. Links: FAFSA | FSA ID
- Remember to add the University of Arizona to your FAFSA in the school selection section! Our federal school code is **001083**.
- File the **2024-2025** FAFSA to apply for financial aid for the Summer 2024/5semester. Use your 2022 income tax information.
- File the **2025-2026** FAFSA to apply for financial aid for the Fall 2025/Spring 2026 semesters. Use your 2023 income tax information.
- **Don't experience an unnecessary delay in getting your aid offer!** These FAFSA questions are commonly answered incorrectly:
 - **Question #26: What will your college grade level be when you begin the 2024-2025 school year?**
 - **What your answer should be: 1st year (or continuing) Graduate/Professional**
 - **Question #27: What college degree or certificate will you be working on when you begin the 2024-2025 school year?**
 - **What your answer should be: Graduate or Professional Degree**
 - **Question #44: At the beginning of the 2024-2025 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program?**
 - **What your answer should be: Yes**
- **NOTE: Even if you were an Undergraduate student at the beginning of the school year, you will need to correct the 2024-2025 FAFSA per the information above. We recommend waiting to do this until you have been officially admitted to your Graduate program.**
- **Non-Degree Seeking Graduate Students** are not eligible for Federal Direct Loans (Graduate Unsubsidized and PLUS, discussed in next section) **unless** they are able to document that they are taking a minimum of **6 units** of preparatory coursework which is necessary to be admitted to and enroll in an eligible Graduate/Professional degree program.
 - If the above applies, the student must submit the Graduate Non-Degree Seeking Petition for Federal Financial Aid form to the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid. Please review the policy and download the form at: <https://financialaid.arizona.edu/policies/non-degree-seeking-graduates> .
 - If your petition is approved, you may be offered federal subsidized and/or unsubsidized loans commensurate with the limits of an undergraduate senior grade level student based on your FAFSA dependency status (up to \$12,500 for independent students, up to \$7,500 for dependent students).

Important Reminders

- Your social security number must be on file in UAccess (be sure to include it on your application for admission) for your FAFSA to be received by OSFA.
- Monitor personal, financial, and academic information often on UAccess Student at <http://uaccess.arizona.edu/>. To follow the progress of your financial aid, check To Do List, Notices & Holds, and My Financial Aid Status pages in UAccess.

Types of Financial Aid Available through the Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid (OSFA)

- Scholarships and Grants: Register with [Scholarship Universe](#) for scholarship opportunities. If you previously established your Scholarship Universe profile as an undergraduate, you should log in and navigate to the 'Questions' section to update your intended enrollment and academic level.
- Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loans: Graduate degree students may borrow up to \$20,500 per academic year. Visit <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/interest-rates> for details about interest rates and fees.
- Graduate PLUS Loans:
This is another type of unsubsidized loan available to supplement Direct loans and scholarships. Visit <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/plus/grad> for details about interest rates and fees. Approval is subject to a credit check by the U.S. Department of Education (ED). The Federal Graduate PLUS Loan will only be denied for adverse credit reasons. This resource at <https://studentaid.gov/sites/default/files/plus-adverse-credit.pdf> discusses ways that you may still be able to qualify for a Direct PLUS Loan if denied due to adverse credit
- **Private Educational Loans** are also available. Visit <https://financialaid.arizona.edu/types-of-aid/loans/private> for additional information about private education loans.
- **TEACH Grant: (Fall/Spring Only)** TEACH Grant is awarded by UA to students who are completing, or intend to complete, coursework to begin a career in teaching and who agree to serve for a minimum of four years as a full-time, highly-qualified, high-need field teacher in a low-income school. For more information on TEACH grant: <https://financialaid.arizona.edu/types-of-aid/undergraduate-grants/other-federal-grants>

When will I hear back about my loan package?

Summer Aid:

Direct Loans and Graduate PLUS loans are available for students enrolled in at least 5 units for the Summer sessions. Students may be eligible for Unsubsidized loan which was unused during the fall/spring terms, up to the annual limit (Graduate: \$20,500). If you are enrolled in at least 1 summer unit and have a 2024-2025 FAFSA on file, you will automatically be reviewed for summer aid eligibility. OSFA will begin to evaluate students for Summer 2025 aid beginning the first week of May. Award offer notifications are sent to students via UA email (netid@arizona.edu)

Fall/Spring Aid:

Direct Loans and Graduate PLUS loans are available for students enrolled in at least 5 units for Fall and Spring terms. Students may see awards available for the 2025-2026 academic year beginning **in July**. Award notifications are sent to students via UA email (netid@arizona.edu).

Useful Websites

Residency Classification – Policy and guidelines for classification as either a resident or a non-resident student:

<https://registrar.arizona.edu/support-services/residency-classification-tuition-purposes>

Office of the Registrar- University Catalog and Policies, dates & deadlines, transcripts: <https://registrar.arizona.edu/>

Bursar FAQs: Cost of tuition & fees, payment options, dates & deadlines, transcripts <https://bursar.arizona.edu/faq>

Office of Scholarships & Financial Aid: <https://financialaid.arizona.edu/> Instagram: uazosfa

Questions?

General Assistance: Office of Scholarships and Financial Aid (OSFA), University of Arizona, Administration Bldg. Room. 208

Email OSFA through the email portal: <https://financialaid.arizona.edu/contact/email>

Phone: 520.621.1858 / Fax: 520.621.9473

Please use the website resources identified on this handout and carefully read all of the information provided. If you still have questions, you may contact the Financial Aid office.

College of Education & Graduate College Scholarships

Quick Reference Sheet

Graduate College Scholarships

The UA Graduate College offers scholarship opportunities to graduate students. Please go to this website for more information: <https://grad.arizona.edu/funding/opportunities> . Please note that Teach Arizona students are not eligible to apply for the Graduate Access Fellowship and Tuition Awards.

Questions regarding Graduate College scholarships should be directed to the Graduate College

College of Education Scholarships

○ **Arizona Teachers Academy:** Teach Arizona students are eligible to request an Arizona Teachers Academy tuition scholarship which pays full tuition and mandatory fees in exchange for an agreement to teach for **ONE** year in an Arizona public school following graduation. You can find out more information about the Academy at: <https://www.coe.arizona.edu/arizona-teachers-academy>. We will contact you in spring 2025 to let you know if you have been selected for Academy funding.

➤ **NOTE:** These Academy scholarships are limited in number. If you wish to be considered for Academy funding, you must file both a 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 FAFSA and email Patty Stowers directly at pstowers@arizona.edu

➤ **NOTE:** If you are part of the Academy, your full tuition is paid. You cannot receive scholarships in addition to the full Academy funding so there is no benefit to applying for a scholarship through Scholarship Universe or the College of Education. **However**, you can receive the TEACH Grant in addition to Academy funding.

○ **College of Education Scholarships:** All Teach Arizona students are eligible for College of Education Scholarships, which are made possible through the generous support of private donors. If you wish to be considered for this assistance, you must file both a 2024-2025 and 2025-2026 FAFSA (international students are exempt from this requirement). No other application is needed. If scholarship funds are limited, we will consider economic need first when awarding this assistance. We will contact you in late spring 2025 to let you know if you have been selected for a College of Education Scholarship and the amount of your award.

○ **Teaching Fellows:** (This is only for students in the **Teach Arizona - Tucson** program) If you are interested in student teaching and seeking a teaching position in the Sahuarita, Flowing Wells, Santa Cruz Valley, Marana, Amphitheater or Tucson Unified School Districts upon completion of Teach Arizona, you should consider the Teaching Fellows program. Participants will receive \$2800 in financial support during the Teach Arizona program and additional stipends during their first three years of teaching if hired by the district. Learn more and apply at: <https://coe.arizona.edu/become-arizona-teaching-fellow>

All questions regarding the Arizona Teachers Academy, College of Education scholarships and the Teaching Fellows program should be directed to Patty Stowers at pstowers@email.arizona.edu