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Financial Aid Guide

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INTRODUCTION

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Financial Aid Guide, published by the UW Oshkosh Financial Aid Office, is intended for prospective and continuing students at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh. Throughout this guide “you” refers to the primary audience of the guide: prospective and/or continuing UW Oshkosh students. “Parents” in this guide refers to the parents of dependent students and “we” refers to the UW Oshkosh Financial Aid Office.

This guide contains detailed information regarding your financial aid eligibility as well as your rights and responsibilities as a financial aid and/or scholarship recipient. **It is your responsibility to review the information in this guide.**

REGISTERED UW OSHKOSH EMAIL ACCOUNTS - TITANMAIL

As a UW Oshkosh student, you are required to utilize a university-provided email account throughout your attendance. In most cases, the Financial Aid Office will send information regarding your financial aid to your registered **@uwosh.edu** email address. It is your responsibility to regularly check your email account for these notifications throughout the year. Your **Outlook** account is established as soon as you pay your initial deposit through the Admissions office. For assistance accessing email, contact the Help Desk at (920) 424-3020. You may access your email account online through **Outlook**. In some cases, however, the Financial Aid Office must correspond with you in writing. It is your responsibility to keep your mailing address(es) up to date. You may update your address online through **TitanWeb** at <https://uwosh.edu/registrar/titanweb/>

OFFICE HOURS AND COUNSELOR AVAILABILITY

The UW Oshkosh Financial Aid Office, located in 104 Dempsey Hall, offers various means by which to be reached to discuss your financial aid at your convenience:

Contact us via email at fao@uwosh.edu or by phone at (920) 424-3377.

Visit us during Counselor walk-in hours or contact your financial aid counselor: <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/contact/>.

Experienced staff are available to assist you during office hours, 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Working together, we can explore the best financial aid options for you and your family to help fund your educational dreams.

Congratulations on your decision to pursue your academic career at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh! The Financial Aid Office is here to help you with the important task of financing your educational dreams. Please visit our website for helpful information at uwosh.edu/financialaid or contact us via phone or email if you have any questions.

WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?

Financial aid is financial assistance intended to aid students in reaching their educational goals. This assistance may come in a variety of forms, such as *grants*, *scholarships*, *work-study*, and *loan programs*.

There is no separate financial aid application for State of Wisconsin aid programs. File the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov to be considered for federal and state financial aid programs.

FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

The Financial Aid Office encourages all students to apply for federal financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For Summer 2023, Fall 2023, and Spring 2024, complete the 2023-2024 FAFSA online at studentaid.gov. Follow the steps outlined below to begin the financial aid application process.

STEP 1

Review the options for paying for college and the estimated costs.

Options may include personal savings, contributions from family members, investments, college savings accounts, and/or financial aid and scholarships. Review the estimated Cost of Attendance (COA). The UWO COA for the 2023-2024 academic year is available on the Financial Aid Office website at <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/resources/cost/>

Your estimated Cost of Attendance (COA), also known as a budget, is established by the Financial Aid Office and is a standardized **estimate** of what it will cost you to attend UW Oshkosh for one academic year.

STEP 2

Apply for Admission to UW Oshkosh: <https://apply.wisconsin.edu>.

STEP 3

Obtain a U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/>. This FSA ID will serve as your electronic signature on the FAFSA and for federal student loans.

STEP 4

Complete and submit the FAFSA online at <https://studentaid.gov>. Information reported on the FAFSA is utilized in a formula to determine your eligibility for financial aid programs. **The UW Oshkosh Federal School Code is 003920.**



Financial Aid and Admissions

You must be admitted into a degree-seeking program to UW Oshkosh before being awarded federal, state, or institutional financial aid. You can apply for admission online at <https://apply.wisconsin.edu>. For more information about admission, please visit the Undergraduate Office of Admissions at **Admissions** or the Office of Graduate Studies at www.uwosh.edu/gradstudies/admissions.

IMPORTANT ANNUAL FINANCIAL AID DATES

October 1 FAFSA becomes
available

Each year, you must file the FAFSA in order to be considered for financial aid. Apply online at studentaid.gov.

EXPLORING FINANCIAL AID OPTIONS EARLY

The FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Students file the FAFSA annually to be considered for federal and state aid.

APPLYING FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

The FAFSA becomes available each year at www.studentaid.gov beginning October 1. Students must have a complete financial aid file to be eligible for federal and state aid (see page 7 for information on completing your financial aid file).

Request a U.S. Department of Education FSA ID at <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in>. A FSA ID is created instantly. Your FSA ID is confidential and should not be shared with anyone. At least one parent of a dependent student will need to create their own FSA ID to electronically sign the FAFSA.

The FSA ID can be used to:

- *sign into and electronically sign the FAFSA
- *view loan history
- *electronically sign the Master Promissory Note for Federal Direct Loans

If you are attending as an Undergraduate Special or Graduate Special student then you have not been fully admitted into a degree-seeking program, which means you are not currently eligible for federal student aid.

INFORMATION NEEDED TO FILE THE FAFSA

Listed below is the information you need to have with you when you file the FAFSA online:

- Social Security Number (double-check for accuracy)
- Driver's License Number, if applicable
- Your 2021 W-2 Form(s) and other records of income
- Your 2021 federal income tax return
- Your parents' 2021 W-2 Form(s) and other records of income
- Your parents' 2021 federal income tax return(s)
- Your and your parents' current bank statements and records of stocks, bonds, Business and/or farm records, if applicable
- Your alien registration or permanent resident card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)

NOTE: *Dependent students will need parent information and independent students will need spouse information (if applicable), including Social Security Numbers and financial records.*

IRS DATA RETRIEVAL TOOL FOR FAFSA

The IRS Data Retrieval tool is a process you may use when filing the FAFSA that helps streamline the process by allowing you to pull specific tax return data directly from the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The retrieval tool will save you time and increase the accuracy of your FAFSA information.

Correcting FAFSA

If you notice errors on your Student Aid Report (SAR) or need to make corrections to the FAFSA for other reasons (such as adding a school code), you may login to make corrections using your FSA ID, make the necessary corrections, and re-submit your application. For more information, please contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC) at (800) 433-3243 or fsa.customer.support@ed.gov.

Note:

The student's name provided on the FAFSA, along with other identifying information, is used for several data matches. Because the U.S. Department of Education matches the student's name and Social Security Number with the Social Security Administration, the name provided on the FAFSA should match the name in the Social Security Administration's records.

COMPLETING YOUR FINANCIAL AID FILE

Your financial aid file is complete once all of the necessary information has been received and processed by the Financial Aid Office. If additional information is required, you will be sent an email notification to your **Outlook** email account. You may also check the items on your "To Do List" in **TitanWeb**. Failure to respond in a timely manner could affect your eligibility for some limited funded programs. Financial aid will not be awarded until all required information is received.

VERIFICATION

If your financial aid application has been selected for verification, an email notification will be sent to your Outlook email. Please print, complete, and submit the appropriate verification worksheet to the Financial Aid Office along with the required documentation. Verification worksheets and other forms are available on the Financial Aid Office website at <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/forms-and-applications/>. There is the option to submit required forms via DocuSign. If you are a dependent student, you will need to provide your parents' information.

THE VERIFICATION PROCESS

Verification is a process mandated by the U.S. Department of Education to ensure information provided on your FAFSA is accurate. Selection for verification at UWO is generally determined by the information reported on your FAFSA or by a selection methodology employed by the U.S. Department of Education. Your information may also be verified if the Financial Aid Office has reason to believe information reported on your FAFSA is incorrect or incomplete or if there is conflicting information.

PROCESS FOR SUBMITTING VERIFICATION DOCUMENTS

If you are selected for verification and you (and/or your parent) filed a federal income tax return, you must either **complete the IRS Data Retrieval tool** and submit the information via the FAFSA corrections process (if you did not use the IRS tool initially), submit a **signed copy of your Form 1040**, or request a free **Federal Tax Return Transcript for 2021** directly from the IRS and submit a copy to the Financial Aid Office. <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>



Visit the Financial Aid Website to view video tutorials, including verification forms. <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/resources/how-to/>

It is very important that you read the **“Important Information”** on the Accept/Decline Awards page. The information provided will help you through the acceptance process and additional instructions for receiving your financial aid.

AWARD NOTIFICATIONS AND ACCEPTING AWARDS

When your eligibility for financial aid has been determined and your awards are available for you to view, an email notification will be sent to your **Outlook** address. The email will direct you to accept/decline awards in **TitanWeb**.

ACCEPT/DECLINE AWARDS

You have the option to accept or decline awards on the **Accept/Decline Awards** page in **TitanWeb** (except for parent PLUS loans, see page 25). **Parent (PLUS) loans cannot be accepted through TitanWeb.** If you wish to accept only part of a loan, simply reduce the loan amount. To do this, click ‘update totals’ and indicate a specific dollar amount in the field(s) provided. The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh processes all federal loans (Subsidized/Unsubsidized) through the U.S. Department of Education.

For more information, visit <https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans>.

CANCELLATION/ADJUSTMENT OF AID

The UW Oshkosh Financial Aid Office has the responsibility to adjust and/or cancel your awards in a number of different situations. Your award(s) may be adjusted if:

- ☐ You receive any additional assistance not already listed on your Financial Aid Award Summary;
- ☐ You drop class(es) without ever having attended;
- ☐ Your enrollment changes or your student status changes;
- ☐ Your residency status changes;
- ☐ Your degree status changes;
- ☐ Your tuition/fees are adjusted and/or paid by a third party sponsor;
- ☐ You do not meet the minimum standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress;
- ☐ You withdraw from classes (or receive all failing grades for non-attendance);
- ☐ You estimate financial information on the FAFSA
- ☐ Your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) changes because of changes made to your FAFSA data

If you anticipate any of these circumstances, please contact us immediately. Failure to report may result in you being required to repay financial aid. You may report additional assistance through the online Scholarship Reporting form, available at <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/forms-and-applications/>

ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE (COA)

Each year, the Financial Aid Office gathers data and develops an estimated cost of attendance for the academic year. This cost of attendance is used in calculating your financial aid eligibility. The following resources provide you with up-to-date information regarding tuition/fees, campus life, and other cost-related matters:

UW OSHKOSH TUITION AND FEES:

<https://uwosh.edu/student-financial-services/tuition/rates/>

UW OSHKOSH ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE (COA):

<https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/resources/cost/>

UW OSHKOSH DEPARTMENT OF RESIDENCE LIFE:

<https://uwosh.edu/housing/>

UW OSHKOSH BOOKSTORE:

<https://uwobookstore.uwosh.edu/>

FAST FACT

More than 82% of
UW Oshkosh
students receive
some form of
financial assistance.

HOW THE COST OF ATTENDANCE IS DETERMINED

Your estimated cost of attendance is determined by the Financial Aid Office and is a modest, standardized estimate of what it will cost you to attend UW Oshkosh for the academic year. The cost of attendance is comprised of the following elements:

Tuition and Fees	Books and Supplies
Loan Fees	Transportation
Room and Board	Personal Expenses

TUITION AND FEES

All four-year public universities in Wisconsin have tuition rates re-evaluated annually. Information regarding UW Oshkosh tuition and fees may be reviewed at the Student Financial Services website at <https://uwosh.edu/student-financial-services/tuition/rates/>.

COST OF ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY

Generally, financial aid awards cannot exceed the estimated cost of attendance. Your Cost of Attendance (COA), as determined by the university, minus your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), as determined by the information you reported on the FAFSA, is used to determine your Financial Need. This calculation is available for you to view in **TitanWeb**. *NOTE: Not all programs require financial need, such as federal unsubsidized loans and parent loans.*

SPECIAL COURSE FEES

Course fees may vary by academic department and each individual course is generally excluded from the estimated cost of attendance figures. If you are assessed additional required course fees, you may submit a written request for consideration of a cost of attendance adjustment. If approved, your cost of attendance will be adjusted and aid eligibility recalculated. However, this does not guarantee you will be eligible for additional aid. If you have other required educational expenses, contact us to discuss your special circumstance. For more information on special course fees, please visit <https://uwosh.edu/student-financial-services/tuition/special-fees/>.

CHILDCARE COST ADD-ON

If you have one or more children in daycare, you may qualify to have your cost of attendance increased in the amount for which you pay in childcare expenses for the applicable semester(s). If the other parent of the child is also a UW Oshkosh student, the cost of attendance increase may only be granted to one parent. Please contact your financial aid counselor to obtain the Childcare Cost Add-On Worksheet. Please note that you must provide the Daycare Provider's information and signature.

NOTE: An increase in cost of attendance will not result in additional grant eligibility and does not guarantee additional loan eligibility. By submitting this form, you authorize the Financial Aid Office to offer you additional loans based on eligibility.

SUMMER FINANCIAL AID

To apply for financial aid for the summer term, you must submit the Summer Financial Aid Request form, available on the Financial Aid Office website at <http://uwosh.edu/financialaid/forms-and-applications/>. This form is typically available by early April. Students who wish to receive financial aid for the Summer 2023 semester must first file the 2023-2024 FAFSA, enroll in summer classes, check their "To Do List" in **TitanWeb** (complete any items listed), and submit the summer request form. **The minimum number of credits required to be eligible for student loans in the summer is 6 for undergraduate students and 3 for graduate students.** Your request is processed based on the number of credits in which you are enrolled on the day the form is processed. The Federal Pell Grant is automatically awarded for summer, based on enrollment.

Federal financial aid in the summer may include the Pell Grant, Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized Direct Loans, Direct PLUS (parent) Loans, Direct Graduate PLUS Loans, and Work-Study. Amounts available to a student in the summer term depend on the enrollment status, and the prorated Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

SUMMER COST OF ATTENDANCE (COA)

Your summer cost of attendance, also known as a budget, is a standardized estimate of what it will cost you to attend UW Oshkosh for the summer term. Summer budgets are based on actual enrollment as of the day the summer Financial Aid Request form is processed. For information on summer tuition charges, please visit the Student Accounts Office website at <https://uwosh.edu/student-financial-services/tuition/rates/>.

FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY

Eligibility for federal student aid is based on several different factors. Listed below are the general criteria you must meet to be eligible for federal student aid. Note that each financial aid award program may have additional criteria you must meet to be eligible for that particular program.

Generally, to be eligible for financial aid, you must:

- File your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <https://studentaid.gov/>
- Have a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) certificate (exceptions apply, including an approved home-school setting)
- Be working toward a degree or certificate in an eligible program
- Be a United States citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Have a valid Social Security Number (SSN).

FINANCIAL NEED DETERMINATION

Cost of Attendance (COA)

- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

= Financial Need

Your eligibility for need-based programs is calculated by subtracting your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) as determined by the FAFSA from your estimated Cost of Attendance (COA) as determined by the UW Oshkosh Financial Aid Office. The resulting figure, financial need, is an estimate of how much funding you “need” to afford UW Oshkosh for the academic year. You cannot receive any need-based funding in excess of your calculated financial need.

EXPECTED FAMILY CONTRIBUTION

The information reported on your FAFSA is utilized by the federal processor to calculate your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Your EFC is the combined expected contributions from you and your parents, if dependent, or spouse, if married. The formula used to calculate your EFC is established by federal law and is used to determine your eligibility for student aid programs. The analysis takes into consideration a variety of factors, including income from work, adjusted gross income, family size, and number of family members in college. The EFC is an estimate of what you and your family might be able to contribute toward your education. If you feel your current situation is not accurately reflected on your FAFSA, please contact your counselor to discuss your situation.

INDEPENDENT STUDENT STATUS

In order to be considered “independent” for financial aid purposes, you must be able to answer “yes” to at least one of the following questions found on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

- ☐ Were you born before January 1, 2000?
- ☐ As of today, are you married?
- ☐ At the beginning of the 2023-2024 school year, will you be working on a master’s or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, Ed. D, or graduate certificate, etc.)?
- ☐ Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
- ☐ Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
- ☐ Do you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2023 and June 30, 2024?

PURPOSE

The law governing Federal Student Aid programs is based on the premise that the family is the first source of the student's support, and the law provides several criteria that decide if the student is considered independent of her/his parents for aid eligibility. Note that a student reaching the age of 18 or 21 or living apart from her/his parents does not affect her/his dependency status.

- ☐ Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you now and through June 30, 2024?
- ☐ At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
- ☐ As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?
- ☐ As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you in legal guardianship?
- ☐ At any time on or after July 1, 2022, were you determined to be an unaccompanied youth who was homeless, as determined by your high school or district homeless liaison?
- ☐ At any time on or after July 1, 2022, did the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?
- ☐ At any time on or after July 1, 2022, did the director of a runaway or homeless youth basic center or transitional living program determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless or were self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?

If you cannot answer “yes” to one of the dependency status questions, then you are considered “dependent” and must provide parent information on the FAFSA. If you have questions about your dependency status, contact the Financial Aid Office to discuss your situation.

DOCUMENTING INDEPENDENT STUDENT STATUS

If you can answer “yes” to one of the dependency status questions, then you are considered “independent.” The Financial Aid Office may require you to document your independent status. If you are asked to provide documentation, no federal or state financial aid will be awarded until the process is complete. To check the status of your financial aid, review your “To Do List” online in **TitanWeb**.

COURSE REPEATS AND FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY

According to federal legislation, repeat classes may only count towards financial aid eligibility if (a) the course was previously failed or (b) the course was previously passed only once. For more information, please visit the Financial Aid Office website at <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/process/sap/course-repeats/>.

ENROLLMENT

Financial aid is awarded based on the assumption that you will be enrolled in at least 12 credits as an undergraduate student or 5 credits as a graduate/professional student.

ATTENTION: FEDERAL PELL GRANT RECIPIENTS

Federal Pell Grants are disbursed later than other financial aid programs at UW Oshkosh, approximately two weeks after the first day of classes. If you are a Federal Pell Grant recipient and you are enrolled or are planning to enroll in fewer than 12 credits, the Financial Aid Office will review your enrollment status upon disbursement and adjust your Pell Grant accordingly. *Please note that dropping a class may impact your Federal Pell Grant award. If your Pell Grant has disbursed for the semester and you drop a class before it has begun (such as a second 7 week class) you will be required to repay the portion of the Pell Grant awarded for those credits.*

CAUTION: DROPPING A CLASS

The Financial Aid Office will cancel your financial aid if you fail to **attend** the required minimum number of credits to be eligible for financial aid, which is typically 6 credits for undergraduate students and 4.5 credits for graduate students. If your financial aid has already disbursed because you were enrolled in a course you subsequently dropped and never attended, you may be required to repay all of your financial aid that was disbursed.

MINIMUM ENROLLMENT BY AID PROGRAM

Financial aid programs may differ in the minimum number of credits in which you must be enrolled to receive the full award. Some financial aid programs may have prorated amounts for less than full-time enrollment whereas some programs may require at least part-time or full-time enrollment in order to receive any funding. For information regarding specific program minimum enrollment requirements, please visit <http://uwosh.edu/financialaid/types-of-aid/>.

DUAL ENROLLMENT

Dual enrollment is when you are enrolled at two institutions during the same enrollment period. If you enroll at UW Oshkosh and at another institution during the same semester, the class(es) you are taking at the other school could be counted as part of your total academic enrollment and thus be eligible for financial aid. For information on how to receive financial aid for dual enrollment, please visit <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/students/dual-enrollment/>.

WITHDRAWING AND/OR DROPPING CLASSES

If you are considering withdrawing and/or dropping classes in which you are enrolled, please be aware that your financial aid may be reduced or cancelled.

WHAT HAPPENS TO MY FINANCIAL AID IF I WITHDRAW (DROP ALL CLASSES)?

If you withdraw (drop all of your classes) prior to the first day of classes and financial aid has disbursed, all of your financial aid will be cancelled and you will be required to repay the University. If you drop some, but not all credits prior to the first day of classes (and aid has disbursed), your remaining enrollment status will be evaluated to determine if you meet the criteria for the financial aid you have received. If you do not meet the criteria, your aid will be adjusted or cancelled and you will be required to repay the amount for which you were ineligible to the University.

If you withdraw after the first day of classes, you and the University may be expected to repay some or all of the financial aid you have received for the semester. If you withdraw within the tuition/fees refund period, as determined by the Student Accounts Office, the Financial Aid Office is required by federal law to determine if your University refund must repay some or all of the financial aid you received. The date in which you withdraw determines whether you receive a refund as well as the amount of the refund. It also determines how much aid you and the University are expected to repay to the federal financial aid program(s). Therefore, it is not possible to accurately predict how much you must repay until after you have withdrawn.

After you withdraw, you will receive a letter from the Financial Aid Office explaining which financial aid program(s) your refund repaid, if applicable. If your refund is not enough to repay the amount of aid the University must return to the federal government, you will receive a notice of the remainder due. You may be required to repay financial aid programs directly using your own funds. If you fail to repay or fail to make satisfactory arrangement to repay, you may lose your eligibility to receive future federal and state financial aid.

NOTE: *If the official withdrawal date is after the 60% point in the semester, repayment is typically not required.*

WHAT IF I DROP CREDITS, BUT REMAIN ENROLLED IN AT LEAST SIX CREDITS?

In most cases, you are not expected to repay financial aid awards you received for the semester as long as you remain enrolled in at least 6 credits (4.5 credits for graduate students). However, dropping credits may affect your future eligibility for financial aid. Dropping too many credits over the course of several semesters could negatively affect your Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) status and result in you becoming ineligible for federal, state, and some institutional financial aid programs. For more information, please visit <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/process/sap/>.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS (UNDERGRADUATES)

What are attempted credits?

Attempted credits include all UW Oshkosh credits, including drops/withdrawals, in which you are enrolled after a pre-determined census date for the semester, as well as all credits transferred from any other postsecondary institution. Repeated courses are treated as additional attempted credits.

In order to be eligible for student financial aid, students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards. The Financial Aid Office has established guidelines, based on federal regulations, for evaluating your academic progress. The financial aid SAP standards are different than the academic standards of the University. Your academic record will be monitored to ensure compliance with the requirements specified below. Failure to meet the following standards will result in a loss of eligibility for federal, state, and some institutional financial aid programs.

- ***Maintain a minimum 2.00 cumulative UW Oshkosh GPA***
- ***Successfully complete 67% or more of all credits attempted***
- ***Complete your first undergraduate degree within 180 attempted credits***

For more information about Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) at UWO, visit <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/process/sap/>

FINANCIAL AID SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS APPEAL PROCESS

If you become ineligible for financial aid because you are not meeting the minimum Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards, but feel you have experienced unique, extenuating circumstances, you may consider a financial aid SAP appeal:

Complete and submit the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) appeal form, available online at <http://uwosh.edu/financialaid/forms-and-applications/>. Be prepared to submit additional information upon request, such as supporting documentation (incomplete information will delay the processing of the appeal). Following the review of your appeal, you will be contacted via email. If your appeal is approved you will be eligible for aid under a probationary period. Committee decisions are final and not subject to further review.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

International students are generally ineligible for Federal Student Aid programs. To be eligible for federal student aid, you must be classified as:

- a United States citizen,
- a United States national (includes natives of American Samoa or Swain's Island), or
- a United States permanent resident with an I-151, I-551, or I-551C Alien Registration Card.

If you are not in one of the above categories, you must have an Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS) showing one of the following designations in order to be eligible for federal student aid:

- “Refugee”
- “Asylum Granted”
- “Parolee” (I-94 confirmed paroled for a minimum of one year and status has not expired)
- “Cuban-Haitian Entrant”

If you have a Notice of Approval to Apply for Permanent Residence (I-171 or I-464) only, you are ineligible for federal aid. If you are in the United States on an F1 or F2 student visa only, or a J1 or J2 exchange visitor visa only, you are ineligible for federal student aid. Also, persons with G-series visas (pertaining to international organizations) are ineligible for federal student aid.

Citizens of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau may qualify for Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplement Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG), and/or Federal Work-Study only. These applicants should contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

For more information about studying at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh as an International Student, please visit the Office of International Student Services website at <https://uwosh.edu/oie/student-services/>. International students may also contact the UW Oshkosh Foundation at www.uwosh.edu/foundation for scholarship opportunities.

GRADUATE STUDENTS

For information on Graduate Studies programs and admission, please visit the Graduate Studies website at www.uwosh.edu/gradstudies.

GENERAL ELIGIBILITY FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

Graduate students must meet the general financial aid eligibility criteria listed in the **Financial Aid Eligibility** section. If you attend the University as a Graduate *Special* student, you are not fully admitted to a degree-seeking program and therefore ineligible for financial aid. Graduate students are not eligible for federal grants.

ENROLLMENT STATUS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

In order to receive federal student loans, a graduate student must be admitted to a degree-seeking program and be enrolled in at least 4.5 credits of graduate coursework for Fall and Spring semesters. Summer requires 3 credits for student loans. In accordance with Federal regulations, the Financial Aid Office will cancel financial aid if a student fails to **attend** the required minimum number of credits to be eligible for financial aid.

ACADEMIC PROGRESS FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS

In order to be eligible for student financial aid graduate students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards. The Office of Graduate Studies has established guidelines for successful academic progress.

GRADE POINT AVERAGE

- A cumulative graduate grade point average of at least a 3.00 must be earned on all work attempted as a graduate student. See the [Graduate Bulletin](#).

DEGREE TIME LIMITS

All academic requirements applying to a degree must be completed within a seven-year time period. Nursing has a five-year limit. The time limit is four years for GAP's and Certificates. The time period begins with the beginning date of the first term in which course(s) were taken that apply to the degree/GAP/certificate. The time period ends with the semester the final degree requirement is completed. See Graduate Studies graduation information.

FALL 2023 GRADUATES

In accordance with federal regulations, your student loan(s) must be prorated to reflect your enrollment for your final term of study if you were not enrolled in the summer term. This regulation requires the school to prorate your student loan(s) based on the number of credits in which you are enrolled at the time of disbursement. If your loans must be prorated, you will be contacted by the Financial Aid Office. For more information, please visit [Information for Fall Graduates](#).

TRANSFER STUDENTS

As a transfer student at UW Oshkosh, you may or may not receive the same type or amount of aid you were awarded at your previous institution. Financial aid does not simply transfer from one school to another. If you have previously completed a FAFSA, you may make corrections to include the UW Oshkosh School Code (003920). If you have already included our school code, you will receive information via email once you have been admitted (for information regarding campus email, please visit the [Information Technology website](#)).

IMPORTANT NOTES FOR TRANSFER STUDENTS

- Notify your previous school that you are transferring to UW Oshkosh.
- Notify your scholarship donors you are transferring to UW Oshkosh and report your scholarships at <http://uwosh.edu/financialaid/forms-and-applications/>.
- Respond promptly to requests for information from the Financial Aid Office.

FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh Financial Aid Office administers many federal, state, and institutional financial aid programs. General information is provided below. If you cannot find the answer to your question, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (920) 424-3377 or email us at fao@uwosh.edu.

NEED-BASED VERSUS NON-NEED BASED AWARDS

TYPE OF AWARD	NEED-BASED?
Scholarships	Varies
Grants	Generally, Yes
Federal Work-Study	Yes
Federal Nursing Loan	Yes
Federal Subsidized Direct Loan	Yes
Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loan	No
Federal PLUS (Parent) Loan	No
Graduate PLUS Loan	No
Private/Alternative Loans	No

SCHOLARSHIPS

Prospective University of Wisconsin Oshkosh students may find information regarding freshman scholarships online at the Office of Undergraduate Admissions website at Admissions Scholarships. Current students may find scholarship information online at the Financial Aid Office website at <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/types-of-aid/scholarships/>. The Financial Aid Office website lists university and private scholarships.

WISCONSIN TUITION PROMISE

The Wisconsin Tuition Promise guarantees free tuition for eligible students, based on 2023-24 FAFSA, beginning Fall 23 for first year and transfer students. <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/uw-oshkosh-tuition-promise/>

REPORT YOUR OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Outside/private scholarships are considered educational resources and must be included in your financial aid award package. It is your responsibility to report all assistance to the Financial Aid Office. We encourage you to report any additional assistance as soon as possible to avoid having to repay financial aid at a later date. You should report scholarship information by completing the Scholarship Report Form available online at <http://uwosh.edu/financialaid/forms-and-applications/>.

DELIVERY INFORMATION FOR SENDING SCHOLARSHIP CHECKS

If you are receiving a scholarship from a donor outside the University, please instruct the donor to send the scholarship check directly to:

**University of Wisconsin Oshkosh
Cashier's Office
800 Algoma Blvd.
Oshkosh, WI 54901**

The scholarship check will be reviewed and if the check does not require endorsement, the check will be credited to your charges. If your endorsement is required on the check, you will be contacted to come in and endorse the check.

IF A DONOR SENDS A SCHOLARSHIP CHECK DIRECTLY TO YOU

If a donor sends a scholarship check directly to you, please endorse the check (if applicable) and send it to the Student Accounts Office (see address information above) along with a copy of any other information the donor sent you (i.e., an award letter). You may also drop off the check in person in 236 Dempsey Hall. If you have questions regarding a scholarship check, please contact the Student Accounts Office at (920) 424-1332.

UW OSHKOSH HAS NOT RECEIVED YOUR SCHOLARSHIP CHECK

It is your responsibility to ensure the scholarship funds you are awarded from private agencies are sent to UW Oshkosh. You should contact your donor if your check has not been received by UWO. You are responsible for paying your UWO charges by the due date listed, even if expected scholarship funds are yet to be processed. If you do not pay by the due date in **TitanWeb**, you may be charged a non-refundable late payment fee. Contact the Student Accounts Office at (920) 424-1332 for details. Complete the **Financial Agreement** available through Titan Web.

You are required to sign a Financial Agreement prior to enrollment. This details the financial responsibilities each student has upon enrollment. It also provides students the opportunity to utilize the 3-installment payment plan:

For Fall/Spring

- 10% due by the first payment date,
- 45% due by the 2nd payment date
- 45% due by the 3rd payment date

For Summer

- Full payment due early July
- \$25 late fee if balance not paid after due date

Finance charges are assessed after the first installment at a 1% monthly rate.

For more information, contact the Student Accounts Office at (920) 424-1332.

OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND YOUR UNIVERSITY CHARGES

Outside scholarships that have been received and processed by the Student Accounts Office will be applied to your student account. These scholarships will be listed on your student account and the amount will be subtracted from the amount owed. If your UWO account is paid in full when the scholarship check is processed, the Student Accounts Office **will not** automatically process a refund. If you would like to be refunded excess scholarship funds, you will need to submit an online request to the Student Accounts Office, which is subject to review.

DISBURSEMENT OF OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships awarded through outside agencies will generally be credited to your student account once the check(s) has been endorsed appropriately. ***Outside scholarship awards of \$500 or more are typically divided between fall and spring semesters unless the donor explicitly instructs the Financial Aid Office otherwise.***

OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS AND ENROLLMENT STATUS

If you are no longer enrolled at UW Oshkosh and you are in receipt of an outside scholarship, the Financial Aid Office will return the scholarship for that particular semester in which you are not enrolled to the donor. In addition, if you fail to meet criteria set forth by a scholarship donor, the Financial Aid Office has the responsibility to return the funds to the donor.

SCHOLARSHIPS FROM UW OSHKOSH CAMPUS DEPARTMENTS

The Financial Aid Office is notified directly of scholarship awards from departments at the University. There is no need to report these scholarships. If you believe you have been awarded a scholarship, but do not see it posted on your financial aid summary, please contact your department or the UW Oshkosh Foundation to inquire. Typically, these scholarships are not posted to your financial aid summary until after July 1st for the upcoming academic year.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS ADMINISTERED BY THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

Each year, the Financial Aid Office coordinates the application and selection process for a select few endowed scholarships through the UW Oshkosh Foundation. These scholarships are typically due in early February each year. These scholarships are listed on the Financial Aid Office [scholarships webpage](#) and require the FAFSA.

GRANTS

A grant is a type of financial aid program that is generally not repaid and whose source could be through federal, state, or institutional funds. Federal and state grants are typically awarded to undergraduate students only, but institutional grants may be awarded to undergraduate and/or graduate/professional students. Grants are usually need-based programs. Generally, information reported on the FAFSA is used to determine grant eligibility. For more information and a list of grant programs available at UW Oshkosh, please visit the Financial Aid Office website at <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/types-of-aid/grants/>.

WORK-STUDY

Work-study is a type of financial aid designed to promote part-time employment for students. If you are awarded work-study funds, you are responsible for finding your own job and meeting hiring requirements in order to receive the funds. You can search for available jobs online through HandShake at Career Services. Working at an hourly rate, you are allowed to earn the total work-study amount you have been awarded. ***Work-study funds are disbursed on a regular basis through paychecks from the employer (see Special Disbursements on page 28).*** Generally, work-study may help you avoid excessive debt while in college because you earn as you learn. It may also provide you with additional preparation for your post-graduation job search since many work-study positions are in career-related areas and/or offer you more responsibility each year. For more information, please visit <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/types-of-aid/work-study/>.

LOANS

A loan is a type of financial aid that generally requires repayment, even if you do not complete your academic program. Federal and institutional loans may be awarded to undergraduate students and graduate/professional students. Loans can be need-based or non-need-based. Generally, information included on the FAFSA is used to determine loan eligibility. For a list of the loan programs offered at UW Oshkosh, please visit <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/types-of-aid/loans/>.

BORROWING A STUDENT LOAN

Choosing to borrow a student loan has significant consequences for you, both now and in the future. A student loan must be repaid after you leave school, even if you do not complete your academic program. The Financial Aid Office encourages you to

Students who are borrowing a Federal Direct Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized loan for the first time are required to complete Loan Entrance Counseling online at www.studentloans.gov.

borrow only what is necessary based on careful evaluation of your expenses and funding options. You are encouraged to visit a new online financial literacy tool available for UW Oshkosh students at <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/resources/financial-literacy/>. (Note: You must register with GradReady in order to utilize the financial literacy tool. There is no cost to use the GradReady program).

DIRECT LOANS

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh utilizes the U.S. Department of Education to process Federal Direct Loans for undergraduate and graduate/professional students as well as for parent and graduate PLUS loans. For questions regarding interest accrual and repayment, please view Direct Loans publications online at <https://studentaid.gov/h/manage-loans>.

NURSING LOANS

The Nursing Loan is a limited funded, low-interest, need-based loan. If you are awarded a Nursing Loan and accept the loan on **TitanWeb**, you will be required to complete a Nursing Master Promissory Note (MPN) in order to receive the loan. The MPN is to be completed online at www.ecsi.net.

FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN (DIRECT LOAN) PROGRAM AND LOAN CONSOLIDATION

Repayment on Federal Direct Loans begins six months after you graduate or drop below six credits (during the academic year). These loans are automatically deferred while you are enrolled in at least six credits during the academic year. To view your federal loan history and your servicer information, please use your U.S. Department of Education FSA ID to login at <https://studentaid.gov/h/manage-loans>. For additional information and questions regarding your loan repayment, contact your federal loan servicer.

FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN ORIGATION FEES

There is an origination fee for all Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans. This amount is automatically deducted upon disbursement. For current origination fees, please visit <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/types-of-aid/loans/>.

There is no aggregate limit for Federal Direct PLUS or Federal Direct Grad PLUS loans.

FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN LIMITS

See the following charts for federal maximum annual and aggregate limits. Your individual maximum loan amount per academic year is calculated by the Financial Aid Office based on information from your FAFSA, the number of credits you have completed, and your estimated Cost of Attendance (COA).

ANNUAL LIMITS FOR FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS		
FIXED INTEREST RATES WILL BE SET AT A LATER DATE.		
DEPENDENT UNDERGRADUATES	SUBSIDIZED	TOTAL SUBSIDIZED & UNSUBSIDIZED
0-29 hours [†]	\$3,500	\$5,500
30-59 hours [†]	\$4,500	\$6,500
60+ hours [†]	\$5,500	\$7,500
INDEPENDENT UNDERGRADUATES	SUBSIDIZED	TOTAL SUBSIDIZED & UNSUBSIDIZED
0-29 hours [†]	\$3,500	\$9,500
30-59 hours [†]	\$4,500	\$10,500
60+ hours [†]	\$5,500	\$12,500
Grad/Professional Students	\$0	\$20,500 (unsubsidized only)

[†]Refers to completed credits only

NOTE FOR SUMMER AND FALL GRADUATES: Federal regulations require that an undergraduate's Federal Direct Loan be prorated if the student has less than one academic year remaining in his/her academic program for graduation. Loan proration is calculated using "proportional proration calculation," meaning your credits of enrollment at disbursement during your final semester are divided by the number of credits in an academic year. This percentage indicates the percentage of your annual student loan limit you are eligible to receive. If your loans must be prorated, you will be contacted by the Financial Aid Office.

ANNUAL LIMITS FOR OTHER FEDERAL LOANS		
LOAN PROGRAM	RESTRICTIONS	LOAN LIMIT
Federal PLUS Loans [†]	Parents of Dependent Students	COA minus other aid
Federal Graduate PLUS Loans [†]	Graduate/Professional Students	COA minus other aid

[†]Federal Direct PLUS Loans have a fixed interest rate set by the Department of Education and repayment begins 60 days after the final disbursement (option to defer by contacting the Direct Loan Servicing Center).

GRADE LEVEL CHANGES

If you change grade levels during the middle of an academic year, your loans should automatically be recalculated. Contact the Financial Aid Office if your loans are not adjusted by the start of Spring semester.

AGGREGATE LIMITS FOR FEDERAL DIRECT STUDENT LOANS		
STUDENT CLASSIFICATION	SUBSIDIZED	SUBSIDIZED + UNSUBSIDIZED
<i>Dependent Undergraduates</i>	\$23,000	\$31,000
<i>Independent Undergraduates</i>	\$23,000	\$57,500
<i>Graduate/Professional Students</i>	\$0	\$138,500 (all unsubsidized)

ELIGIBILITY FOR FEDERAL DIRECT PLUS LOANS

Parents of dependent students may be eligible to apply for a Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS). Please review the PLUS processing steps online at <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/types-of-aid/loans/parent-plus/> for details and information on how to apply. The PLUS request process includes a credit check, performed by the U.S. Department of Education, which requires additional time to complete.

FEDERAL DIRECT PLUS LOAN ORIGATION FEES AND REBATES

There is a loan origination fee for all Federal Direct PLUS Loans. This amount of the loan is automatically deducted prior to any disbursement.

MASTER PROMISSORY NOTES

A Master Promissory Note (MPN) is a legally binding document that must be signed by the student or parent borrower before loan funds are disbursed. The promissory note states the terms and conditions of the loan, including interest rate, fees, repayment schedule, deferment, and cancellation policies. A Master Promissory Note can be signed electronically at www.studentloans.gov. Completing a paper MPN will delay the receipt of loan funds. A parent borrowing for more than one student must complete a PLUS MPN for each student. An MPN may be valid for up to ten years.

LOAN DISPUTES

If there is a dispute regarding your federal student loans at UW Oshkosh and the dispute is not resolved, you are entitled to contact the Federal Student Aid Student Loan Ombudsman's Office: 1-877-557-2575 or complete the secure assistance request form through [Federal Student Aid \(FSA\) Feedback Center](#).

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTION

Is it legal for a 17-year old student to sign a promissory note for a student loan, even though the student has not yet reached the age of majority?

Normally, a minor cannot be held liable for a contract he/she signs. However, in 1992, the Higher Education Act was amended to permit eligible students to sign promissory notes for their own Federal student loans.

The University of Wisconsin Oshkosh processes Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loans through the Department of Education. For questions regarding interest accrual and repayment, please see <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/types-of-aid/loans/grad-plus/> Graduate PLUS loans are automatically deferred while you are enrolled at least half-time and repayment begins after you graduate or drop below half-time status.

GRADUATE PLUS LOAN ORIGATION FEES AND REBATES

There is a loan origination fee for Graduate PLUS Loans. This amount of the loan is automatically deducted prior to any disbursement.

PRIVATE LOANS

Private student loans are designed to help you bridge the gap between the cost of education and the amount of financial aid already offered (e.g., scholarship, grants, and federal loans). Private loans differ from federal loans:

- private loans are offered directly by banks or credit unions
 - private loans do not require a FAFSA or financial need and may have higher interest rates
 - private loans require a credit check
 - private loans begin to accrue interest at the time of disbursement
- Additional information regarding private loans is available at <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/types-of-aid/loans/private/>

VOLUNTEER SERVICE BENEFITS

Volunteer Service loan deferments may be available for particular programs, such as the Peace Corps (www.peacecorps.gov) and AmeriCorps (www.americorps.gov). Please contact the applicable program to determine if you are eligible for a loan deferment.

AMERICORPS BENEFITS

After successfully completing a term of service, AmeriCorps members may be eligible to receive an Education Award to pay education costs or repay student loans. For more information, please visit www.americorps.gov. If you are currently participating in AmeriCorps and have questions about your Education Award or student loan deferment, you should contact National Service Trust at (800) 942-2677.

TEACHER LOAN FORGIVENESS

Teacher loan forgiveness programs are intended to encourage individuals to enter and continue in the teaching profession. For detailed information on eligibility requirements to have portions of your Federal Direct loan(s) cancelled, please visit <https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/forgiveness-cancellation/teacher>.

TEACH GRANT: <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/types-of-aid/grants/teach/>

DISBURSEMENT OF FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid awards will typically be applied to your student account each semester about one week prior to the first day of classes in Fall, and the first week of classes in Spring, provided you have a complete financial aid file. If the amount of financial aid disbursed is less than your student account charges, you are responsible for paying the difference. For additional information, please visit <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/process/paying-bills/>.

EXCESS FINANCIAL AID REFUNDS

If your financial aid exceeds the amount due on your student account, you will have a credit balance on your account and will receive an excess financial aid refund from the Student Accounts Office (except for outside scholarships). Questions about financial aid that has not applied to your student account should be directed to the Financial Aid Office. **NOTE:** *Excess PLUS loan funds are issued directly to the student with explicit permission from the parent via the PLUS Loan Request form.*

DIRECT DEPOSIT/ELECTRONIC FUNDS TRANSFER

Direct deposit allows you to avoid unnecessary delays in receiving your excess funds and will directly deposit excess funds into your bank account. These funds will be deposited by the Student Accounts Office into a bank account you designate following the posting of the transaction on your student account. To enroll in Direct Deposit, login to TitanWeb and click the Direct Deposit link in the Finances section. Click the Direct Deposit link on the left-hand side of the page (ensure popup blockers are off). Follow the instructions and save the confirmation page for your records. You may also follow this process to change your Direct Deposit settings. If you have any questions about enrolling in Direct Deposit please contact the Student Accounts Office at (920) 424-1332.

BOOK PURCHASES

Financial aid recipients may use their **TitanCard** to purchase textbooks at the University Bookstore. The charges will appear on your student account. This allows students to purchase their textbooks early in preparation for classes. For more information, please see:

<http://uwobookstore.uwosh.edu/textbooks>

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SPECIAL DISBURSEMENTS

❖ OUTSIDE/PRIVATE SCHOLARSHIP DISBURSEMENT

- Scholarships awarded through outside agencies will generally be credited to your account once the check has been endorsed appropriately. Outside scholarship awards of \$500 or more are typically divided between fall and spring semesters unless the donor explicitly instructs otherwise. If your UWO student account is paid in full when the scholarship is processed, the Student Accounts Office **will not** automatically process a refund. If you would like to be refunded excess scholarship funds, you will need to submit a written request to the Student Accounts Office, which is subject to review.

❖ FEDERAL WORK-STUDY (FWS) DISBURSEMENT

- Federal Work-Study is disbursed much differently than other financial aid awards. You will receive a bi-weekly paycheck based on the hours you work. FWS funds must be earned and will never automatically credit your student account. Working at an hourly rate, you are allowed to earn the total work-study amount granted to you. You and your on-campus employer are responsible for monitoring the status of the FWS award. Once your earning limit has been reached, you may no longer be eligible to work as an FWS employee.

❖ FEDERAL PLUS LOAN DISBURSEMENT

- Federal PLUS Loan funds will be credited each semester to your student account typically one week before the first day of classes, provided you have a complete financial aid file. Excess funds, if applicable, will be issued to you, the student, with explicit permission from your parent via the PLUS Loan Request form.

YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT

The Student Accounts Office allows you to view your charges and activity on your student account in *TitanWeb*. Additional information regarding billing is available online at <https://uwosh.edu/student-financial-services/>.

WHAT TO DO IF YOUR FINANCIAL AID HAS NOT CREDITED YOUR ACCOUNT

1. Check to see if you have received any emails from the Financial Aid Office or your Financial Aid Counselor regarding your financial aid status.
2. Check your "To Do List" in TitanWeb. Complete all the steps listed to ensure financial aid will be available.
3. Check that you are enrolled in sufficient credits to receive the financial aid programs you have been awarded. Loans require at least six credits. NOTE: The Federal Pell Grant is prorated based on your actual enrollment after a pre-determined census date.
4. Contact the Financial Aid Office at (920) 424-3377 or fao@uwosh.edu and we will help you determine what additional steps need to be taken.

CONTACT STUDENT ACCOUNTS OFFICE WITH BILLING QUESTIONS

UWO Cashier's Office
Dempsey Hall 236
8:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. (Monday through Friday)
(920) 424-1332
cashier@uwosh.edu
<https://uwosh.edu/student-financial-services/>

INFORMATION SECURITY

The UW Oshkosh Financial Aid Office is responsible for ensuring the security of sensitive and confidential information that is gathered from students and parents in the financial aid application process. This information is protected under the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA or the Buckley Amendment) and the Gramm-Leach-Bliley Act of 2003 (GLB). UW Oshkosh lists policies and procedures within the [Student Handbook](#) that describe UW Oshkosh's compliance with FERPA and GLB.

RESTRICTIONS ON ACCESS TO INFORMATION

FERPA restricts the information that the Financial Aid Office may release to unauthorized third parties. Typically, a student's protected financial and academic information cannot be released without the student's consent. The Financial Aid Office staff will release certain protected information when the student is present and provides proper photo identification, when the student calls the office and can correctly respond to certain personal identification questions, or when the student emails from his/her registered UW Oshkosh email address.

AUTHORIZATION TO RELEASE INFORMATION/GRANTING ACCESS TO OTHERS

Students may authorize others to contact the Financial Aid Office to discuss their financial aid information. You have the ability to provide access to another person to log on to TitanWeb through a separate account to view your financial aid awards, view your grades and term statistics, and/or view and pay your tuition and fees. In order to do this, please follow these instructions:

- 1) Log in to Titan Web
- 2) Scroll down to the "Personal Information" section and click on the link that says "Grant Access to Others"
- 3) Once you agree to the terms and conditions, you can create accounts for those whom you would like to grant access. You are allowed a maximum of three additional accounts.

SECURITY AND ACCOUNT INTEGRITY

You should never share your U.S. Department of Education FSA ID, Titan ID, or password with anyone else. Only the account owner is authorized to use FSA IDs or access TitanWeb (see Granting Access in TitanWeb in the next section). If, for example, someone other than the student uses the student's FSA ID or ID and password – with or without the student's knowledge – that person may be committing fraud. While decisions about financial aid are often family matters, the Financial Aid Office and UW Oshkosh are required to maintain the security and integrity of individual accounts.

SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Occasionally, a student and/or family will face a change in financial circumstances, such as a loss of income. Individual circumstances may be considered in the re-evaluation of financial aid eligibility. When students and/or their families experience a loss of income, the information provided on the FAFSA may no longer accurately reflect the family's financial situation. In some cases, the Financial Aid Office may be able to adjust income information based on these "special circumstances."

Adjustments to the FAFSA do not guarantee additional funds will be awarded. To request an evaluation of your financial aid package, contact your [financial aid counselor](#) after you have been awarded financial aid for the academic year.

WISCONSIN RESIDENCY

Generally, you must be a bona fide resident of Wisconsin for at least 12 months prior to enrollment to be eligible for in-state tuition. For additional information, review the residency information online at <https://uwosh.edu/registrar/students/residency-information/>. Students have the right to submit an appeal to their residency determination. Please contact the Registrar's Office at (920) 424-3007 to discuss your situation and/or request an appeal.

Minnesota Residents

You may qualify for in-state fees and tuition reciprocity. For more information and to apply online, visit www.getreadyforcollege.org. If you have additional questions, please contact the Minnesota Office of Higher Education at (800) 657-3866.

FINANCIAL AID FOR SECOND OR SUBSEQUENT DEGREE

You may be eligible for financial aid. However, some financial aid programs are only available to students seeking their first bachelor's degree, such as the Federal Pell Grant. Also, if you have already earned a degree from UW Oshkosh and are seeking a subsequent degree with the same designation (i.e., Bachelor of Arts or Bachelor of Science) in the same college (i.e., College of Business, College of Education and Human Services, College of Letters and Sciences, or College of Nursing), you are not eligible to receive financial aid. Students pursuing a second or subsequent degree must continue to meet financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards to receive financial aid. You are allowed up to 225 attempted credits, to be eligible for financial aid, to pursue a second degree.

USING FINANCIAL AID TO STUDY ABROAD

In most cases, financial aid may be utilized for studying abroad. Visit the Office of [International Education](https://uwosh.edu/international-education) website for specific information or <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/students/study-abroad/>.

NON-DEGREE-SEEKING STUDENTS

Generally, you must be a degree-seeking student, fully admitted to your academic program, to receive federal financial aid. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at (920) 424-3377 if you have questions regarding financial aid eligibility.

RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID FROM MORE THAN ONE SCHOOL

Generally, you cannot receive financial aid from more than one school at the same time. If you are attending another institution, but planning to earn your degree from UW Oshkosh, you should be eligible to receive financial aid from UW Oshkosh. To do so, you must complete a Consortium Agreement form, available on the Financial Aid Office website at <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/forms-and-applications/>. Typically, students must be enrolled in at least 6 credits at UW Oshkosh in order to receive financial aid through a Consortium Agreement. However, this requirement does not apply to students in a study abroad program or in certain collaborative degree programs. Please contact the Financial Aid Office at (920) 424- 3377 if you have any questions regarding Consortium Agreements.

AID FOR MILITARY PERSONNEL AND VETERANS OF ARMED FORCES

The U.S. Department of Education has established guidelines regarding the treatment of military personnel who are activated or reassigned for a period of more than 30 days.

Veterans may be entitled to certain education benefits. To inquire, please contact the UW Oshkosh Veteran's Resource Center at (920) 424-1804 or visit the website at <https://uwosh.edu/veterans/>. Certain Veteran's Benefits may be considered as a resource for financial aid purposes and may affect eligibility for other financial aid programs. For more information on whether or not your Veteran's Benefits will affect your financial aid, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (920) 424-3377.

NOTE

Documents received in the Financial Aid Office are typically processed within 5- 7 business days. Please check your *TitanWeb* for the most up-to-date financial aid information. If additional information is needed to complete your financial aid file, the Financial Aid Office will typically contact you via email. Check your "To Do List" in *TitanWeb* to see if there are items you need to complete in order for your financial aid to be processed.

FINANCIAL LITERACY

The Financial Aid Office strives to educate, motivate and support UW Oshkosh students throughout their college career by giving them the tools to build a stable financial future.

UW OSHKOSH GRADREADY

<https://gradready.com/sponsor/uwosh?ReturnUrl=%2fEducate>

GradReady is a free financial literacy tool available to all UW Oshkosh students. GradReady is comprised of three sections:

- paying for college,
- money management,
- real-world finance

Each section has interactive tools and informational videos focused on different financial literacy topics. Students can create their own financial plan to see how much college will actually cost them. There is also an interactive Debt-O-Meter where students can gauge how manageable their debt will be. The budget creator allows students to plan out their monthly budgets and be able to determine how closely they stick to that budget. Finally, there is an electronic loan counselor which will show students what options are available to pay back their debt. To read more about GradReady and what it has to offer go to the GradReady page located on the UW Oshkosh Financial Aid website.

CONSUMER INFORMATION

Consumer information for students, parents, prospective students, and other interested parties can be found online by accessing the Financial Aid Office website at <https://uwosh.edu/financialaid/resources/consumer-information/> and the Division of Student Affairs website at <https://uwosh.edu/student-affairs/>.

FINANCIAL AID FORMS AND INFORMATION

The Financial Aid Office provides financial aid information available for your convenience on the Financial Aid Office website at <http://uwosh.edu/financialaid/>. There are also forms you may be required to complete and submit to the Financial Aid Office of which most are available online at <http://uwosh.edu/financialaid/forms-and-applications/>. Please contact the Financial Aid Office if you have questions regarding the availability and accessibility of any financial aid information and/or financial aid forms.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Veterans Benefits
Division of Vocational
Rehabilitation (DVR)

ROTC Scholarships
Wisconsin Department of
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Bureau of Indian Affairs
Health and Human Services
Loan Scholarships

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