

# quick web reference **FINANCIAL AID FAQs**



## Do I apply every year for financial aid?

Yes! Your award letter only covers one academic year. Students who wish to receive Federal Aid, including (Federal Work-Study or Federal Direct Loans) must apply each year. Annual reminders are sent via your MWU email, Facebook – [AZ](#), [IL](#) and the [Message Center](#).



## How do I apply for financial aid?

You can access the online financial aid application process through your student portal at [online.midwestern.edu](http://online.midwestern.edu). Click the "Financial Services" tab at the top and then "Apply for Aid". Next click on "Apply for (applicable year)" and complete all of the application steps.



## Where do I find the Cost of Attendance for my class?

The Cost of Attendance budgets include direct charges (tuition and fees) and indirect expenses (items not billed by MWU, such as travel, food, etc.) are updated each academic year, and new [Cost of Attendance](#) budgets are normally released and posted on the website in late April. Scroll to your program to view the information.



## Are there any deadlines for financial aid applications?

Yes! Our office encourages students to complete the application process well in advance of the priority deadline date, typically in March. This will enable loans to be processed on time for the new academic year. Students who submit their forms after the priority date will still be eligible for loans, but may not have the funds by the time tuition is due and may not qualify for other aid programs with limited funds.



## What loans are available and how much do they cover?

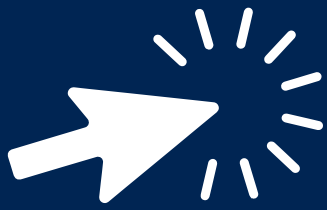
There are several [loan types](#) available, and (if needed) may be combined to cover your Cost of Attendance in full including living expenses.



## Where do I find Federal Work-Study (FWS) jobs? When can I start?

FWS job listings are available on the [MWU Portal](#). From the home page, go to "Financial Services" > "FWS Job Postings". You must have FWS on your current award letter. Also, you must submit all required paperwork and receive approval before you may begin to work. Check with our office if you have any questions!





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## Can I apply for scholarships?

Yes, you can! From the home page, go to "Admissions" > "Tuition & Financial Aid" > "[Scholarships](#)" for a quick link to various scholarship opportunities. Continuing students can apply for institutional scholarships through their student portal. These are listed by campus: Scholarships - Downers Grove Campus, Scholarships - Glendale Campus.



## How and when do I receive my refund (loan money)? How is it disbursed?

Funds are posted to your MWU Statement of Account quarterly to cover school charges. The excess funds will be released to the student as a refund each quarter: [Financial Aid Refund Dates](#). Remember to sign up for direct deposit online; otherwise, you will receive a paper check.



## How do I (or parents) make a payment on my MWU account?

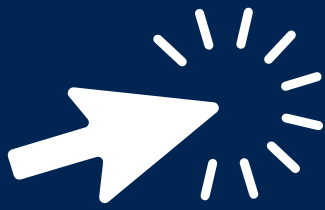
Log onto your [MWU Student Portal](#) > "Financial Services" > "Statement of Account" link to review your charges before you make a payment; then scroll to the bottom to make your payment in full or sign up for the Payment Plan Option. If you want to give authorization for someone to make a payment on your behalf, select the 3rd-Party Payment link and follow the instructions. There is no additional charge for using a credit card.



## How can I contact my Financial Aid Administrator?

Students are assigned Financial Aid Administrators (FAA) by their last name (see next page). When emailing your FAA, please be sure to include your six-digit MWU student ID number, which can be found under the "My Info" tab on your MWU student portal.





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