



2009-2010 Charles Drew University Financial Aid Quick Reference Guide

WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?

Financial Aid is money provided by the federal and state governments to help students pay for college. Financial Aid can be given to students (grants), earned by working on or off campus (work-study) or borrowed by the student (loan).

MAJOR FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

Grants

- Federal Pell Grants- up to \$5,350 per academic year
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant- per academic year based on availability of funds
- Cal Grant A- up to \$9,708 per academic year
- Cal Grant B- up to \$11,259 per academic year
- Cal Grant C- up to \$3,156 per academic year

Federal Stafford Loans

There are two types of Stafford Loans, subsidized and unsubsidized.

- Subsidized loans are need based
- Unsubsidized loans are non-need based

Federal PLUS Loans for Parents

Parents must pass credit check in order to receive this loan

Graduate PLUS Loans for Grad Students-

Non-need, credit based loans

Private Student Loans

Can help cover the gap between Financial Aid and the cost of education

Job

Federal Work Study- earn from \$7.75 per hour

Scholarships

A student might also qualify for a private scholarship for academic achievement, community activities, artistic talents, leadership potential, field of study.

Scholarship search engines, such as www.finaid.com, also offer scholarship opportunities for students.

WHO CAN GET FINANCIAL AID?

Eligibility for most financial aid programs is based on financial need rather than academic achievement. To be eligible for financial aid a student must:

- Be enrolled in good standing at least half-time (6 units) status
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident or eligible non-citizen
- Have a valid ID and Social Security card
- Make satisfactory academic progress as per CDU established guidelines
- Male student age 18-25 must register for Selective Service
- Have not been convicted for the sale or possession of illegal drugs while the student was receiving financial aid
- Not be in a financial aid overpayment status or default on a student loan

FOUR (4) APPLICATION STEPS

Step 1: Go on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov and follow the instructions for completing an application.

Step 2: Within two weeks, the Financial Aid Office notifies the student applicant by e-mail or regular mail of additional documents needed to process the financial aid application.

Step 3: The Student brings all the requested documents to the Financial Aid Office for processing.

Step 4: The Financial Aid Office processes the application and sends the Award Notification Letter to the student applicant. Allow 6-8 weeks for processing.

HOW TO APPLY?

Apply for a Personal Identification Number (PIN) at www.pin.ed.gov

The PIN can be used to electronically sign the FAFSA application on-line. Parents of dependent students may also apply for their own PIN to sign the FAFSA application.

The preferred method of submitting the application is through FAFSA on the Web. The address for FAFSA on the Web is www.fafsa.ed.gov. The federal school code for Charles Drew University is 013653.

The paper FAFSA application is also available for students who would rather submit an application by regular mail.

The Form can be downloaded at www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov or by calling toll free at 1-800-433-3243

WHEN TO APPLY

The FAFSA processing cycle lasts 18 months. For the 2009-2010 award year, applications may be completed on or after January 1, 2009. Applications will be accepted until June 30, 2010.

California residents are encouraged to apply by March 2nd to be considered for a Cal Grant, which is the state grant.

Students should submit all required forms, such as tax returns, proof of permanent residency, etc, needed to process their application by the priority deadline date of April 17th.



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HOW THE FAFSA IS PROCESSED

FAFSA information is transmitted to the Department of Education who uses the information to calculate an Expected Family Contribution (EFC).

In addition, the Department of Education compares the FAFSA information against the Social Security Administration (SSA), Department of Homeland Security, National Student Loan Data System, Selective Service and U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs records. If discrepancies arise, the student's record is flagged and the Financial Aid Office is notified to resolve the conflicting information.

WHO GETS THE FAFSA INFORMATION?

Within 72 hours after the Department of Education receives a completed application and signature, schools listed on the student's FAFSA will have electronic access to the student's information. The Department of Education will also send the student's information to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) for Cal Grant processing and to the student in the form of the Student Aid Report (SAR) Acknowledgement.

Students can check the status of their FAFSA application on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. A student without internet access can check the status of the FAFSA by calling 1-800-4FED-AID (1-800-433-3243).

FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN TERMS

Dependant

Freshman-\$5,500 (Annual loan limit \$3,500 between subsidized and unsubsidized, plus additional \$2,000 unsubsidized)

Sophomore-\$6,500 (Annual loan limit \$4,500 between subsidized and unsubsidized, plus an additional \$2,000 unsubsidized)

Junior or Senior-\$7,500 (Annual loan limit \$5,500 between subsidized and unsubsidized, plus an additional \$2,000 unsubsidized)

Independent

Freshman-\$9,500 (Annual loan limit \$3,500 between subsidized and unsubsidized, plus an additional \$6,000 unsubsidized)

Sophomore-\$10,500 (Annual loan limit \$4,500 between subsidized and unsubsidized, plus an additional \$6,000 unsubsidized)

Junior or Senior-\$12,500 (Annual loan limit \$5,500 between subsidized and unsubsidized, plus and additional \$7,000 unsubsidized)

Post Bac-\$9,500-\$12,500 as determined by grade level

Graduate or professional-\$20,500 (Annual loan limit \$8,500 between subsidized and unsubsidized, plus an additional \$12,000 unsubsidized)

Lifetime Limits

Undergraduate dependent lifetime limit- \$31,000 (up to \$23,000 may be subsidized)

Undergraduate independent lifetime limit- \$57,500 (between subsidized and unsubsidized)

Graduate or Professional lifetime limit- \$138,500 (up to \$65,000 may be subsidized)

HOW NEED IS DETERMINED?

A student's financial need is determined by calculating the difference between the Cost of Attendance (COA) (enrollment fees, books transportation etc.) and the amount the family is expected to contribute to the student's education.

To determine the Expected Family Contribution (EFC), the student must complete and file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The student's income and asset information is entered into the Department of Education's computer system, which then calculates the student's official EFC.

Cost of Attendance--Expected Family Contribution=Financial Need.

IMPORTANT DATES

January 1- Students may begin to submit a FAFSA for the following academic year

March 2- Cal Grant deadline

April 17- Financial Aid priority date: Students who complete their application packet by this date will most likely receive their aid during the first week of the fall semester.

USEFUL WEBSITES

Student Aid on the Web-[www.FederalStudent Aid.ed.gov](http://www.FederalStudentAid.ed.gov)-The site offers college-bound students and their families a single source of free information on choosing a career, selecting a school, and indentifying resources to pay for school.

FAFSA on the Web-www.fafsa.ed.gov The official on-line financial aid application

PIN Site-www.pin.ed.gov-Students can apply for the personal identification number needed to sign the on-line FAFSA.

California Student Aid Commission-www.casac.ca.gov on available state grants for eligible California residents

TELEPHONE HELP

Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC)- 1800-4FED-AID- to check on the processing status of the FAFSA

CDU Financial Aid Office-323-563-4824-general questions about financial aid programs

California Student Aid Commission- 1-888-CA-GRANT-questions about the status of Cal Grant and /or other state aid program

Inspector General Hotline-1800-MIS-USED- reporting student aid fraud (including identity theft), waste, or abuse of US Department of Education funds