How do I apply for financial aid?

Applying for financial aid is simple.

1) **Simply complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) and enter DePaul's school code, 001671, so DePaul will receive the results. You must, of course, meet all federal requirements to qualify for federal or state aid. For more information on federal and state eligibility requirements, please visit the Office of Financial Aid website: [Applying for aid](https://www.depaul.edu/financialaid/aid informações.php).

2) **Complete the admission process**: we cannot process your financial aid application until you are admitted as a degree-seeking student to the University.

Once you have completed your FAFSA and have been admitted to your SNL degree program, the Office of Financial Aid will begin the process of putting together an award package for you. Usually, we can process an award shortly after receiving your FAFSA results and confirming your admission.

- **Special Note**: It is possible that we may need additional information after we receive your FAFSA. The Central Processor of the U.S. Department of Education (the FAFSA processors) may flag your record for additional documentation or you may be selected for a process called verification. If this happens, we will ask you for additional paperwork before completing your award. Be sure to check your email at the address you provided DePaul, as well as your Campus Connect “To Do Summary.”

It is important to understand that some forms of aid are datesensitive; your eligibility may depend on the time of year that you begin the financial aid and admission process. If you are considering enrolling in college at any time in the coming academic year, you should complete your FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1st, even if you do not have your academic plans finalized.

How will I be notified of my aid eligibility?

You will be notified by email when your award has been completed. Your award notification email will contain links to Campus Connect where you will be able to view your award in “View My Financial Aid.” You will also be able to print an award letter from this site.

Is there a deadline to apply for financial aid?

The FAFSA becomes available after January 1 for the academic year that begins in the following September. However, because some state and institutional grant programs have limited funding, the earlier you complete your FAFSA, the better your opportunities for grant aid consideration. You should always complete your FAFSA as soon as possible, and you always need to complete it in advance of your enrollment so that you can explore all sources of financial aid.
Is scholarship assistance available to new students applying to a School for New Learning (SNL) competence-based program?

Yes, scholarship assistance is available to qualified applicants.

To be considered for a School for New Learning (SNL) Scholarship at DePaul, you must:

- Be admitted to a competence-based or joint-degree program in the School for New Learning (students applying to an SNL degree-completion program or any other non-SNL program are not eligible for this award) as a first-time student at DePaul looking to begin course work in the fall, winter or spring quarter. Returning DePaul students are not eligible for this award.

- Have a cumulative GPA of 2.75 or better for course work completed at the most recent institution attended.

The School for New Learning (SNL) Scholarship is valued at an annual amount of up to $3,000 for new full-time students (students who enroll in 12-18 credit hours per term), disbursed at $1,000 per quarter (excluding summer sessions) and prorated by term of entry. For new part-time students (students who enroll in 6-11 credit hours per term), the scholarship is valued at an annual amount of up to $1,500, disbursed at $500 per quarter (excluding summer sessions) and prorated by term of entry.

Are other scholarships available after I enroll?

After you are enrolled at DePaul, there are additional scholarship opportunities, on a limited basis, available to qualified applicants. These scholarships are generally offered by the School for New Learning.

For additional information on SNL scholarship opportunities, please visit: snl.depaul.edu/StudentResources/Scholarships/index.asp

Are there grants available?

Grants

- By completing the FAFSA, you will automatically be considered for all available federal, state and university grants. Grants are awarded based on need, as measured by the federal formula in the FAFSA and available funding at the time you apply. The FAFSA becomes available after January 1 for the academic year that begins in the following September. However, because some state and institutional grant programs have limited funding, the earlier you complete your FAFSA, the better your opportunities for grant aid consideration.

Are there educational loans?

Loans

- By completing the FAFSA, you will automatically be considered for all available Federal Direct Student Loans. Federal Direct Loans take two forms:

  **Federal Subsidized Direct Loan**: Eligibility is based on your financial need and your academic level. You begin to repay this loan six months after you graduate or cease to be enrolled at least half-time. The government pays the interest while you are in school and during your six-month grace period.

  **Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loan**: Eligibility is not based on financial need. You may borrow the cost of education minus all other financial aid you receive, up to the amount allowed for your academic level. You have two choices for paying interest: you may pay it while you are enrolled full-time, or it can accrue and become part of the principal that you will owe. You begin making payments six months after you graduate or cease to be enrolled at least half-time.

More information on both these loans is available at the studentloans.gov.
I am a veteran. Can I use my benefits at DePaul?

If you are a veteran of U.S. military service, an eligible active-duty member of the military, or an eligible dependent (see below), you may be eligible for Veterans Affairs (VA) Educational Benefits. For more detailed information, visit the Veterans Affairs website, or contact the Office of Financial Aid.

- The Post-9/11 GI Bill® (Chapter 33) - for those who served at least 30 consecutive days on active duty after 9/10/2001
- The Post-9/11 GI Bill® Yellow-Ribbon program - for qualified Post-9/11 applicants
- The Montgomery GI Bill® – Active Duty (Chapter 30) - for those who enlisted after 7/1/1985
- The Montgomery GI Bill® – Selective Reserve (Chapter 1606)
- The Montgomery GI Bill® – Reservist Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 1607)
- The Survivors’ and Dependents’ Educational Assistance Program (Chapter 35) - for the spouse and children of deceased or disabled veterans
- The Vocational Rehabilitation Program (Chapter 31) - for disabled veterans approved by Veterans Affairs for study at DePaul
- The Marine Sergeant John David Fry Scholarship - for children of an active duty member of the Armed Forces, who has died in the line of duty, on or after 9/11/2001. Eligible children, may be married and under the age of 33.

For a complete listing of the Federal VA Educational Benefits Programs, go to www.gibill.va.gov.

For more information on financing your SNL degree with your VA benefits, please call, email, visit DePaul Central, or schedule an appointment with our VA Coordinator, Megan Burda, by phone at (312) 362-8092, or via email at mburda1@depaul.edu.

Please note: The Illinois Veteran’s Grant (IVG) is not available for students at DePaul. Currently, it is only available to students attending Illinois public universities. If you’re not sure what your benefits are, contact the Veteran’s Affairs office in St. Louis at (888) 442-4551; follow the instructions for a rotary phone and you’ll be connected with a counselor. You also may request information through the Veteran’s Affairs website.

Does DePaul participate in Yellow Ribbon?

Yes, DePaul is a full participant in Yellow Ribbon. For more information on financing your SNL degree with your VA benefits, please contact our VA Coordinator, Megan Burda, by phone at (312) 362-8092, or via email at mburda1@depaul.edu, or see our Veterans Affairs (VA) Educational Benefits (GI Bill) FAQ.

How is SNL tuition charged?

Your course selections in SNL are measured in competencies and credit hours. The credit hours associated with your course (not the competencies) are the basis of your tuition charges. The table below provides an illustration, based on the 2015-16 academic year School for New Learning tuition rate of $585 per hour.

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Understanding your tuition costs will help you effectively manage the cost of your SNL degree. The SNL tuition structure is designed for adult learners; your tuition is assessed each quarter based on your term credit hours, allowing you significant savings, whether you enroll part-time or full-time. In general, two competencies equal four credit hours. Your tuition will be calculated based on the number of credit hours for which you enroll each quarter. If you apply for financial aid, your financial aid award and payments will also be calculated on your credit hours.
**How many credit hours do I need to take each quarter to qualify for a scholarship or other financial aid?**

**Will I be eligible at just one course?**

Most financial aid programs, including the SNL Transfer Scholarship, require that you enroll at least half-time (six hours) in order to qualify for aid. Therefore, you need to be sure that your registration each quarter is at least six credit hours so that you maintain a half-time level of enrollment. Half-time enrollment is also required for most loan deferments.

Some grant programs (such as the Federal Pell Grant and the Illinois MAP Grant) have limited grant payment for less-than-half-time enrollment; however loans and institutional awards, including scholarships, require enrollment at least half-time. Always check with the Office of Financial Aid if you are planning to take fewer than six hours.

**Tell me more about how I conduct business with DePaul.**

Your student ID, your Campus Connect logon, and your email address are the keys to the world of doing business at DePaul. Online access enables you to take care of all your student administrative needs online. With Campus Connect, you can monitor your account and student aid, register for classes, pay your bill online, and even request transcripts. If you monitor your email and get to know your “To Do List” in Campus Connect, you will receive updates from the Offices of Financial Aid and Student Accounts on a regular basis. Campus Connect will also give you access to University-wide news and updates.

For more information and access to online tutorials, visit DePaul Central at depaulcentral.depaul.edu

**I have more questions. How can I reach the Office of Financial Aid?**

You can call us, email us, stop by, or even visit us via chat:

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**Hours of Operation:**  Monday - Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (CST)

**General Counseling Line:**  (312) 362-8610  **Fax:**  (312) 362-5748

**Email:**  finaid1@depauledu

**Mailing Address:**  DePaul University  
Office of Financial Aid  
DePaul Center, Suite 9100  
1 East Jackson Blvd.  
Chicago, IL 60604-2287

**Online Chat:**  Chat live with staff in DePaul Central, Monday - Friday from 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. (CST). Please visit the [DePaul Central](http://www.depaulcentral.depaul.edu) website and click on the "Chat With Us Live" button.