

FINANCIAL AID 101

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is an investment.  
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UNIVERSITY

# TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID



## NEED-BASED AID

Need-based aid includes federal and state grants, Federal Direct Subsidized Loans and Federal Work-Study. Apply for all forms of financial aid by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.gov](https://fafsa.gov). File soon and ensure OHIO receives your FAFSA results by the January 15 first-priority consideration date. Filing the FAFSA — even if you don't think you will qualify for aid — allows us to provide you with the best possible aid offer.

OHIO's FAFSA school code is 003100.



### Need-Based Aid Pro Tips for the College Seeker

- ▶ You don't have to pay back grants.
- ▶ The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is — you guessed it — free!
- ▶ You're not obligated to accept any of the loans you are offered.

## SCHOLARSHIPS

OHIO's generous scholarships, known as the OHIO Excellence Awards, recognize excellence and increase access through renewable merit-based scholarships, need-based scholarships and grants, and awards based on criteria that include academic performance, financial need or both. Your application for admission serves as your application for scholarships. To be considered for need-based awards, you also must submit the FAFSA by the first-priority consideration date of January 15.



### Scholarship Pro Tips To Get the Most Out of OHIO Excellence Awards

- ▶ The FAFSA takes most people less than 30 minutes to complete.
- ▶ Look for additional scholarships through your high school, local organizations and your family's employers.
- ▶ Continuing students should complete an online scholarship application each fall beginning November 1.



## FINANCIAL AID TIMELINE

**OCTOBER 1**

FAFSA opens!

**NOVEMBER 15**

OHIO's Early Action Deadline. Submit your application for admission for best merit scholarship consideration.

**DECEMBER**

OHIO begins sending merit scholarship offers to admitted students.

**JANUARY 15**

FAFSA first-priority consideration date to be considered for all federal, state and institutional (OHIO) financial aid.

**FEBRUARY 1**

OHIO's rolling admission deadline.

**MID-FEBRUARY**

Comprehensive Financial Aid Offers, including federal, state and institutional aid in addition to merit scholarships, are sent.

**MAY 1**

Confirm your intent to enroll at OHIO to retain any scholarships you have been offered.

**OCTOBER 1**

Be sure to complete the FAFSA every year!

Now is the time to start thinking  
about how you will pay for college.  
When you have questions,  
we're here to help!



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**ONLINE RESOURCES**

- ▶ [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov)
- ▶ [finaid.org](http://finaid.org)
- ▶ [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)
- ▶ [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)

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