

# Financial Aid

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Students who apply for financial aid are responsible for completing the necessary paperwork far enough in advance to assure aid is received in a timely manner. For further information, please check with the Office of Financial Aid, Student Services Building, Suite 124.

## Graduate Student Aid

UAH has several programs to assist students in financing their college education. Comprehensive, updated information on all financial aid offered through the Office of Financial Aid is available online at [www.uah.edu/financialaid](http://www.uah.edu/financialaid). It includes detailed information about types of aid, eligibility guidelines, application procedures, criteria for awards, disbursement methods and regulations, and institutional policy followed in administration of aid. Additional information and necessary forms are available online and in the Office of Financial Aid.

Students of academic promise who can demonstrate financial need are encouraged to apply for assistance. Realistic financial planning is an essential part of college preparation. UAH helps qualified students find employment, scholarships, and loans as resources permit.

Students should make financial plans well in advance of entering the University. There are two important priority dates for student aid—December 1 for scholarships and April 1 for federal aid (apply online at <https://fafsa.ed.gov/>). The priority dates are the dates by which completed scholarship applications are certain to be included in the first round of review and by which the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) can be processed in a timely manner. A new FAFSA application must be submitted each year aid is requested.

## Types of Financial Aid

### Scholarships

(See the Financial Aid (<http://www.uah.edu/admissions/undergraduate/financial-aid/scholarships>) website for Scholarship listings)

### Loans

UAH participates in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Stafford Loan program. Student loan funds are made available directly from the U.S. Department of Education. Although it is sometimes necessary to borrow money to finance an education, caution is advised. Generally, a student should not rely primarily on loans and is advised not to borrow more than what is needed to meet expenses. Additional information regarding eligibility amounts, loan limits, application procedures and suggested application timelines may be found online at [uah.edu/financialaid](http://uah.edu/financialaid). This and other valuable information regarding the financial aid process are available in the Office of Financial Aid.

### Federal Work-Study Program

The Federal Work-Study Program provides employment for students who need financial assistance. A participating student works part-time on campus or in a non-profit agency while attending the University. In determining eligibility, preference will be given to students with the greatest financial need.

### Return of Federal Financial Aid

Federally funded financial aid awarded to a student who withdraws from all classes after registration but before the end of the refund period, or who earns no passing grades for a specific term, must be repaid to the respective program source. When withdrawal or reduction of class load occurs after the end of the refund period, all tuition charges will be paid from the awarded aid and any remaining aid must be repaid to the respective aid source. Specific regulations governing this policy may be found online at [uah.edu/financialaid](http://uah.edu/financialaid).