



Other considerations

Appeals for additional financial assistance

During the course of a year, a family may experience unemployment, death, or disability of a wage earner. These cases are grounds for a review of the applicant's aid eligibility.

The procedure for filing an appeal due to severe income changes within a family is as follows:

1. The initial FAFSA/Renewal FAFSA using prior prior year income has been filed by the family and the resulting Student Aid Report (SAR) has been received by the student.
2. Current year family income has been reduced due to unemployment for a period of 10 weeks or more, death or disability.
3. The family then submits a letter to the Financial Aid Office which details the reason for income change, the date of the income change, and total taxable and untaxed income for the family during the present calendar year.

4. If additional documentation is required by the Financial Aid Office, it will be requested.
5. The appeal is evaluated, and eligibility is recalculated if possible.
6. A response regarding the appeal determination is sent to the student.

Independent student

Students will be considered independent if they:

1. are 24 years of age or older before January 1 of the award year,
2. are veterans of the U.S. Armed Forces,
3. were age 13 or older and both parents were deceased, or they were in foster care, or were a ward of the court,
4. are graduate students,
5. are married at the time of application,
6. have legal dependents (other than a spouse),

7. are an emancipated minor, as determined by a court of law,
8. are in legal guardianship, as determined by a court of law,
9. are an unaccompanied homeless youth, or
10. are in active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training.

If you do not meet any of the ten criteria above, you will be considered Dependent for Federal Assistance and must complete parent and student sections of the FAFSA.

Prior to the starting of a school year, each new student should be prepared to provide proof of their self-reported independent status when contacted by the Financial Aid Office.

Cash advances

The Faculty Student Association (FSA) will advance funds to an individual who is waiting for approved financial aid checks to arrive on campus. Since some aid checks are delayed for a few weeks, this system has been put in place to cover emergencies until the aid check arrives. Contact the FSA Office in Gregory Hall for further information.

Summer aid

A student's eligibility for Summer financial aid is driven by his or her actual enrollment during the Summer sessions. In order to be eligible to apply for a Federal Stafford Loan, students must be enrolled for at least six (6) credit hours. Eligibility for certain Private Loans require enrollment of at least three (3) credit hours during the Summer sessions. If eligible, students can also receive the State TAP Grant, Federal Pell Grant or TEACH Grant. Students should be aware that receipt of Summer aid may reduce their academic year aid. Please complete the FAFSA and TAP application as you would for academic year assistance. A separate "Summer Aid Application" must also be completed and can be obtained online at www.fredonia.edu/finaid/how-apply-summer-financial-aid.

J-Term

We hope you will be interested in spending two weeks in January with us as you earn undergraduate or graduate credit. Fredonia faculty members offer a variety of courses at several levels, many of which serve our general education requirements (CCC). For additional information regarding J-Term, refer to www.fredonia.edu/jterm. All J-Term financial aid applicants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov. A separate J-Term Financial Aid Application, available online, may need to be completed and returned to the Financial Aid Office for processing.

Spring-only aid applicants

For Spring-only assistance, you must submit the following applications to be considered for Federal financial aid. The FAFSA must be submitted as soon as possible. If you already completed a FAFSA, please make sure you add Fredonia (school code 002844).

Tuition Assistance Program: File a separate TAP application as well as the FAFSA. If you are already receiving TAP at a different school, you must file a change form or go to www.hesc.ny.gov to switch the TAP Award to Fredonia (undergraduate code 0915).

The Financial Aid Office will notify you of your aid eligibility by means of a financial aid award letter. This will be sent to you after you have been

accepted by the Admissions Office to Fredonia and after we receive the results from your FAFSA.

Please follow the instructions on the back of the award letter to accept/decline your aid and to complete the necessary loan requirements such as the e-MPN and Entrance Counseling.

Withdrawal from college

Students who withdraw during the semester may not be entitled to 100% of the semester's financial aid. The aid was granted on the premise that you would be enrolled for the entire semester and would complete the term. If you drop out of school, you may be asked to repay a prorated portion on your Federal financial aid, such as: Pell Grants, TEACH Grants, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants, Stafford Loans and PLUS Loans. The amount you will be asked to repay is based on the time during the semester at which you withdrew from college and the refund from charges as calculated by the Student Accounts Office. The earlier your withdrawal date, the larger the percentage you will be required to pay. The later your withdrawal date, the less you will have to repay. The withdrawal process begins with the Office of Student Affairs.

Other employment

Students not qualifying for Federal Work Study will have the opportunity to apply for campus non-Work Study jobs. These job applications are available through the Residence Life Office, the Faculty Student Association Office, Reed Library, and the Student Payroll Office.

Resident Assistant (RA) positions and the receipt of Federal student aid

Students employed by the Office of Residence Life as Resident Assistants should be advised that as per Federal regulations, Resident Assistant room and board waivers must be considered as a "resource" in the packaging of Federal financial aid awards. This additional resource may result in a reduction of your Federal financial aid.

Studying abroad and the receipt of financial aid

Studying abroad can be one of the most rewarding and exciting experiences in a college student's career. Students who wish to study abroad should first contact the Office of International Education at (716) 673-3451. Those who wish to receive financial aid for course work outside the United States should contact the Financial Aid Office at least three months prior to their departure. For further information, visit www.fredonia.edu/finaid/study-abroad-aid.

Federal and State financial aid, along with Alternative Loans, are available for sanctioned Study Abroad programs. Financial aid is disbursed upon verification of the student's enrollment in the foreign country, consequently financial aid is not available in time to pay up-front costs such as advance deposits, insurance, plane fares, etc. Many SUNY institutions who participate in Study Abroad programs have developed Financial Aid Arrangement procedures with the Student Accounts Office at Fredonia to assist students with the payment of institutional Study Abroad Program Fees.

Students taking classes at another college

The Financial Aid Office at Fredonia will process Federal and State financial aid for students who are matriculated at Fredonia