

OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

For students interested in scholarship opportunities outside of the University's financial aid, we recommend the following websites to help you get started in your search. Please note that many of these scholarships are awarded in the beginning of the calendar year for the fall semester, so it is best to start your search early.

All legitimate scholarship searches should be free of charge.

GENERAL SCHOLARSHIP SEARCHES

- bigfuture.collegeboard.org/scholarship-search
- fastweb.com
- finaid.org
- scholarshipamerica.org

SCHOLARSHIP FOUNDATIONS

- American Savings Foundation: asfdn.org
- Hartford Foundation for Public Giving: hfpg.org

If you receive an outside scholarship, please forward a copy of the award letter to our office for processing.

ELIGIBILITY

Students must meet the following general requirements to receive and maintain financial aid administered by the University of Hartford:

- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) as defined by the University of Hartford Course Catalog. hartford.edu/catalog
- Register full time to be eligible for University scholarships/grants, FSEOG, and Federal Work-Study. Register at least half time for Federal Direct Stafford Loans. Register for at least three credits for a Pell Grant.
- Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by
 - Feb. 15 for incoming students
 - April 1 for returning students
- Students awarded Federal Work-Study must secure a job within the first four weeks of the semester.
- If you are selected for the federal verification process, promptly submit all requested documentation to our office. Financial aid awards are subject to change based on the results of verification.

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Office of Admission and Student Financial Aid
860.768.4296

Financial Aid fax number
860.768.4961

Student Administrative Services Center (registration and payment)
860.768.4999

Federal Student Aid Information Center
800.433.3243

Residential Life
860.768.7792

Meal plans
860.768.4829

[WEBSITES]

Office of Student Financial Aid
hartford.edu/finaid

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
fafsa.gov

U.S. Department of Education
studentaid.ed.gov

Selective Service Registration
sss.gov

Federal Direct Loans
studentloans.gov

National Student Loan Data System
nslds.ed.gov

UNDERGRADUATE FINANCIAL AID

GUIDELINES AND DEADLINES

UNIVERSITY OF HARTFORD

This guide provides you with a brief overview of various types and sources of financial aid.

BASIC TYPES OF STUDENT AID

THERE ARE THREE TYPES OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID:

Gift aid: These awards are usually in the form of grants or scholarships, which do not have to be repaid.

Loan aid: This is borrowed money, which must be repaid with interest. Most student loans do not require payment while the student is enrolled at least half time, though interest may accrue during that time.

Work aid: The University participates in the Federal Work-Study program. Employment opportunities are available both on and off campus. These funds are earned in a biweekly paycheck.

ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

Outside scholarships: Outside scholarships can be found through many sources. Visit hartford.edu/finaid to begin your search.

Payment plan: A payment plan allows you to pay your bills in manageable installments. Visit commerce.cashnet.com/hartfordpay for more information.

PLUS: Parents may choose to borrow a Federal Direct PLUS loan to pay for their child's education. Parents can access the PLUS application at studentloans.gov. Students must file the FAFSA first.

Alternative loans: These loans are available to students and generally require a credit-worthy co-signer. Terms and qualifying criteria vary by loan product.

PLEASE VISIT OUR WEBSITE FOR FURTHER INFORMATION AT

hartford.edu/finaid

FINANCIAL AID NOTIFICATIONS

Incoming students will receive their financial aid award letter via postal mail.

Returning students will receive their financial aid award letter via the University of Hartford's Self-Service Center. Notification of award will be emailed to the student's University of Hartford email account.

Once enrolled, all communication from the Office of Student Financial Aid will be sent to the student's University of Hartford email account.

KEY FACTS

- 1** You must apply for aid each year by completing the FAFSA. The use of the Data Retrieval Tool, which links the FAFSA with the IRS, is recommended to ensure the accuracy of information provided.
- 2** Check your University email frequently for notifications from Student Financial Aid and respond promptly to requests for documents.
- 3** To allow us to discuss your aid with a parent or other individual, add them as FERPA (Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act) contacts via the Self-Service Center.
- 4** To keep your aid, ensure that you are meeting the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards specified by your school or college. SAP requirements can be found in the academic regulations section of the University of Hartford's Course Catalog, hartford.edu/catalog.