

## Student Eligibility Requirements:

In order to qualify for financial aid, students should apply as soon as the FAFSA is available. This is available annually on October 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. All students seeking financial aid must meet the following requirements:

- File your [FAFSA](#): You must file the [FAFSA](#) to establish eligibility for federal and state grant and loan programs
- Complete the verification process, if selected. If you are selected for verification, you will be notified by receiving a missing document notification via your Peacocks email
- Have a High School Diploma or High School Equivalency Diploma
- Meet required academic qualifications: In order to enroll in classes at Upper Iowa University (UIU) and receive financial aid, you must meet UIU's [admissions requirements](#).
- Enroll in an eligible program to earn a degree, certificate or diploma
- Meet and maintain [Satisfactory Academic Progress](#) towards your degree to receive and remain eligible for financial aid
- The amount of aid that you qualify for is based on your enrollment status and number of credits you are enrolled in for your degree program. Classes that are not part of your program will not be used to determine eligibility for federal and state aid.
- Be current on any student loan payments and not in default and not owe an overpayment of federal or state aid. This information will be verified by completing your FAFSA. You may be asked for additional documentation to clarify your status.
- U. S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen: When your FAFSA is processed, it will try to match your social security number and address against the Social Security Administration and the Department of Homeland Security's records to confirm citizenship. If it is determined that you do not meet the criteria to be deemed a U.S. Citizen or an eligible non-citizen, you will not qualify for aid.
- Social Security Administration Match: The social security number listed on your FAFSA must match the information on the Social Security database. Typically, discrepancies can be resolved by submitting a copy of your social security card to the Financial Aid Office.
- Selective Service Administration: General registration requirements apply to males 18 years old and born after December 31, 1962. Any student that is required to register but fails to do so is ineligible for federal aid.
- Conviction of possession or sale of drugs: A federal or state drug conviction can make you ineligible for financial aid funds. When completing your [FAFSA](#), you self-certify that you have never been convicted of possessing or selling drugs for an offense that occurred while receiving federal student aid. If you have been convicted of possession or sale of drugs and are unsure if the nature and dates of your conviction make you ineligible to receive financial aid, contact the [Department of Education](#) at 1-800-433-3243 for clarification.
- The current UIU cohort default rate for federal student loans as of 2018 is only 6.9%, as compared to the national average rate of 7.3%.
- The percentage of students who borrowed federal student loans in the 2020-2021 academic year was 55% as referenced in: [College Navigator - Upper Iowa University \(ed.gov\)](#)

Whom can I contact for questions about financial aid?

UIU's Financial Aid Office has qualified specialists who can counsel and assist you in understanding what types of aid that you may qualify for, prior to enrollment. Please contact our office at 800-553-4150, or email: [financialaid@uiu.edu](mailto:financialaid@uiu.edu) for assistance.

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