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Make Your Howard Journey Happen.

Paying for college can be daunting, but have no fear: We're here to help.

Financial aid is money to help students and their families pay for college. Financial aid can come from the U.S. federal government, the state where the student lives, the school the student attends, or a nonprofit or private organization. Financial aid is assistance that covers educational expenses including tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and transportation. There are several types of financial aid, including grants, institutional and external scholarships, work-study and loans.

On this page, you'll find information, opportunities, and important links regarding financial aid.

Looking for scholarships, loans, or grants?

[Finding Funder Scholarships & Grants](#)

Opportunities for Howard Students

Howard University offers a wide array of exciting opportunities for students across disciplines. Here is a small selection of the many special programs the University has to offer.

- [Karsh STEM Scholars](#): Each year, the Karsh STEM Scholars Program attracts hundreds of competitive high school students who are interested in beginning their STEM careers at Howard University. Scholars selected for the program are awarded a scholarship for tuition, mandatory fees, room, board and an allowance for books associated with attending the University and are required to ultimately pursue a PhD, or a combined MD-PhD, within a STEM discipline.
- [Tech Exchange](#): A residency at Google in partnership with Howard University, formerly known as Howard West. Residency includes a dedicated workspace on Google's Mountain View campus, a generous stipend to cover housing and other expenses, and full access to Google resources, from gyms to micro-kitchens to the eponymous Gbikes.
- [Howard Entertainment](#): A partnership between Amazon Studios and Howard University designed to diversify the pipeline for talent across the entertainment industry.
- [Cathy Hughes School of Communications Annenberg Honors Program](#): A total learning experience that fosters intellectual development as well as scholastic excellence.
- [Ralph J. Bunche Semester Abroad](#): Finance options for a credited semester abroad.
- [Alternative Spring Break](#): A University wide initiative that immerses participants in unique cultures to provide immediate assistance and to reflect on the challenges prevalent in communities throughout society.
- [NASA Home](#): Howard is one of only 7 institutions participating in this program for the design of deep-space habitats.

Erastine Charles

Biology Major

As an international student, funding for college was hard to come by. Many universities said they didn't offer scholarships to international students, but Howard gave me the opportunity that others wouldn't.

Domestic Financial Aid Basics

General Eligibility Requirements

General Eligibility Requirements

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
- Have a valid social security number
- Be registered with the Selective Service, if male
- Be enrolled at least half-time in degree applicable-applicable coursework to be eligible for Direct Loan Program funds
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress toward a degree in an eligible program
- Sign the certification statement on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) stating that
 - You are not in default on a federal student loan and do not owe money on a federal student grant and
 - You will use federal student aid only for educational purposes
- Show you are qualified to obtain a college education by
 - Having a high school diploma or recognized equivalent such as General Educational Development (GED) certificate
 - Completing a high school education in a homeschool setting approved under state law

Types of Aid

Loans

Federal and non-federal loan programs are available to help students pay for their education.

Grants, Scholarships & Fellowships

Grants, scholarships, and fellowship funds come from various programs both inside and outside of the University.

Work Programs

Special opportunities for students to work on-campus with the goal of financially support the student. Off-campus employment information is also available. Work Study is based on financial need; therefore, not all student may qualify. If you are awarded work study, you must accept the award on BisonWeb and visit Career Services for job placement. For Work-Study employment information, visit: <https://careerservices.howard.edu/>.

Tuition Remission

Remission of tuition is awarded by the University to reduce the amount of tuition paid for those who qualify.

Summer Financial Aid

While limited, there are several options Howard University provides students for summer aid. Information, requirements and deadlines are available.

How to Apply for Financial Aid

Federal School Code: 001448

STEP 1 : Submit a FAFSA / Renew a FAFSA

Your first step is to complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#). The FAFSA is available to you starting October 1st of the year prior to the academic year. Your FAFSA is processed in several stages before it is complete and on file in the Office of Financial Aid, Scholarships and Student Employment.

When completing the FAFSA online, we encourage tax filers to use the IRS Data Retrieval tool when completing the FAFSA to allow the information filed with the IRS to upload to the FAFSA to streamline the application process and reduce the amount of documentation we may need now or in the future.

Please remember that Howard University does have a **priority filing deadline date of November 1st. Students who submit their FAFSA by November 1st will be considered for all financial aid possible. Submissions received after November 1st will still receive financial aid, but some program funds may have already been exhausted for those who have met the priority deadline.*

STEP 2 : Accept Your Aid Package

A Financial Aid Award Package that details your financial aid awards will be mailed to you. The purpose of the award package is to show you what aid is available if you decide to attend Howard University. Read the instructions carefully. You must report additional benefits or gift aid (scholarships and grants) that are not included in this award package. If you make changes to the award please date, sign, and return the notification to the Office of Financial Aid. If you wish to reduce the amount of your loan, please contact the office.

STEP 3 : Receive Your Aid

Your aid may be revised according to your actual enrollment at the time you register. Aid is disbursed each semester to a student account created in your name when you are admitted to the University.

STEP 4 : Maintain Your Eligibility

To maintain your eligibility to be considered for financial aid, you must meet the standards set forth in Howard University's financial aid policy on Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).

International Undergraduate Financial Aid Basics

International Student Financial Aid Application (ISFAA)

ISFAA Completion Tips: Step by Step

Important Note: Although international students are not eligible to receive federal aid, the ISFAA allows for awarding for institutional aid (including Howard University Freshman Scholarships).

The student applicant must respond to a questionnaire about age, degree type, legal dependents, marital status, and parent status. The questionnaire will provide the student with the option to complete either an ISFAA for Dependent Students or an ISFAA for Independent Students.

Student applicants must submit a completed ISFAA file to receive an aid offer package or scheduled financial aid. The Office of Financial Aid cannot consider an incomplete ISFAA file. The completed ISFAA file includes all of the following:

- Signed the HU ISFAA
- Income/Wages & Tax data OR proof of no filing requirement in the country of residence for:
 - Student applicant
 - Parent(s) if considered a dependent student
 - Spouse if the student applicant is married
- Currency conversion to US Dollars; Locate a currency converter [here](#)
 - **Important Note:** The ISFAA requires financial information from the country of residence, such as taxes, assets, investments, and pension. Financial data and the household's total number to provide a need calculation based on the Department of Education metrics. All monetary amounts must be converted to US Dollars to provide an accurate aid offer package.

For entering undergraduate students, the ISFAA should be submitted by the posted application deadline. For more information, please visit the [Office of Financial Aid's](#) website.

Graduate School Funding

Funding Opportunities

Merit-based financial support for Graduate Students is available through graduate research and teaching assistantships, fellowships, and tuition scholarships. For more information, please visit gs.howard.edu/funding. See also the [Office of Graduate External Funding and Support's](#) webpage.

Taylor Davis

Student, Class of 2021 - Miss Howard 2020

Being awarded a scholarship...allows me to be able to focus more on other elements of my Howard matriculation and gain a more fruitful experience.

Important Links

[Cost of Attendance](#)

[Fill Out Your FAESA](#)

[Student Financial Services](#)

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