

# Applying For Financial Aid at the College of DuPage

**1** If you are interested in applying for financial aid, your first step is to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You will need to know our Title IV School Code, which is 006656. By completing the FAFSA, you are applying for Federal, State and Institutional grants, as well as Federal Stafford Loans and Federal Work Study.

- *A FAFSA must be completed every academic school year.*
- *Students are strongly encouraged to file their FAFSA at least 8 weeks prior to the start of the semester.*

**2** To expedite the process you should apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). A Federal Student Aid Personal Identification Number (PIN) is required to electronically sign your FAFSA. You can obtain a PIN today by going to [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)

**3** After you successfully submit your FAFSA, which includes **all** required signatures and College of DuPage listed on your FAFSA, the Office of Student Financial Aid should receive your Student Aid Report, electronically, in about 7 to 10 days. **Please note:** The Office of Student Financial Aid downloads Student Aid Reports once a week.

You will then receive a letter from our office requesting additional information based on your results. The Office of Student Financial Aid will send out three requests for this information, after which, you will no longer receive notices for missing information. *It is the student's responsibility to keep the Registration Office up to date with current address information!*

After all requested paperwork is submitted to our office, it will be about a 4 to 6 week processing time.

**4** Students are encouraged to also fill out a College of DuPage Admission Form at the same time as completing the FAFSA. On your Admission Form please be sure to indicate the date you graduated high school or the date you received your GED, as well as, your program of study. Leaving these questions blank will cause delays in your financial aid processing. *Please be sure this information is updated with the Registration Office!!*

For more information you can contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at **630-942-2251**. Or, you can check out our website at [www.cod.edu/fin\\_aid](http://www.cod.edu/fin_aid)

# Types of Aid Available at the College of DuPage

<b>Federal Pell Grant*</b>	Awards range from \$4,731 to \$890 per academic school year, for a full-time student. Awards vary depending on your Expected Family Contribution and your actual enrollment status.	Covers tuition charges and, if possible, books and supplies. Any unused funds will be mailed near the mid-term of the semester. <i>Disbursement dates are subject to change.</i>
<b>Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant*</b>	Awarded to Pell grant eligible students who completed a rigorous secondary school program: -After Jan. 1, 2006, <i>if a first year student.</i> (completed 1-24 college level credits) -After Jan. 1, 2005, <i>if a second year student.</i> (completed more than 24 college level credits) First year students may receive up to \$750 per academic school year. Second year students may receive up to \$1,300 per academic school year. Must be a U.S. citizen, enrolled full-time and maintain a 3.0 GPA.	Covers tuitions and fees. Any remaining funds may be used for living expenses. Award amounts are also dependent upon funding approved by the Federal government.
<b>Illinois MAP Grant*</b>	Awards range from \$2,208 to \$300 per academic school year based on 15 semester hours. Awards vary depending on your Expected Family Contribution and your actual enrollment status.	Covers in-district tuition and mandatory fees only and does not include class or lab fees, or books and supplies. Please be aware that in light of state funding constraints, reductions to estimated or actual MAP grants are possible.
<b>IIA Grant*</b>	A one-time award of \$500 awarded by the State of Illinois to eligible students who have a 0 Expected Family Contribution and are classified as a freshman. Students must enroll in a minimum of 6 semester hours for two semesters (Fall and Spring) to receive the full amount.	Funds are limited.
<b>Student-to-Student Grant*</b>	Awards range from \$1,000 to \$500 per academic school year based on full-time enrollment. Awards vary, depending on your Expected Family Contribution and your actual enrollment status.	Funds are limited so priority is given to students who apply early and demonstrate financial need.
<b>Federal SEOG Grant*</b>	Awards range from \$1,500 to \$500 per academic school year, based on full-time enrollment. Awards vary depending on your Expected Family Contribution and your actual enrollment status.	Funds are limited so priority is given to students who apply early and demonstrate financial need.
<b>Illinois Veteran Grant</b>	Awards vary based on your enrollment status. Students must complete the Illinois Veteran Grant application to determine eligibility.	Covers tuition charges only.
<b>Illinois National Guard Grant</b>	Awards vary based on your enrollment status. Students must complete the Illinois National Guard Grant application to determine eligibility. <i>An application must be completed every academic school year.</i>	Covers tuition charges only.
<b>Illinois MIA/POW Grant</b>	Awards vary based on your enrollment status. Students must complete the Illinois MIA/POW Scholarship application to determine eligibility.	Covers tuition charges only.
<b>Federal Work Study*</b>	Awards range from \$5,000 to \$3,000 per academic school year. Awards vary based on your Expected Family Contribution, enrollment in a minimum of 6 semester hours, and availability of funds.	Funds are limited so priority is given to students who apply early and demonstrate financial need.
<b>Stafford Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loan*</b>	Awards vary based on your Expected Family Contribution, your dependency status, and grade level at the College of DuPage. Students classified as a freshman may borrow up to \$3,500*. Students classified as a sophomore may borrow up to \$4,500*. Dependent students can borrow up to an additional \$2,000 (unsubsidized). Independent students may borrow up to an additional \$6,000* (unsubsidized). Students must register for a minimum of 6 semester hours for each term of the loan.	Covers tuition charges. Any remaining funds will be mailed to the student to cover other educational expenses.
<b>Parent PLUS Loan</b>	Parents may borrow up to the cost of their dependent student's Cost of Attendance minus any financial aid. Students must register for a minimum of 6 semester hours for each term of the loan.	* Loans disbursed after July 1, 2008 Covers tuition charges. Any remaining funds will be mailed to the student to cover other educational expenses.
<b>Scholarships</b>	Award amounts and eligibility criteria vary based on the individual scholarship.	Covers tuition and/or books and supplies. Refer to specific scholarship for awarding policies.

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