

## Financial Assistance

In these challenging economic times, OU's Financial Aid Services offers the following suggestions and resources to help you obtain the maximum amount of funding for your college degree.

- **File the FREE APPLICATION for Federal Student Aid at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov).** Applying early is recommended (preferably before March 1), however, it is never too late to apply and qualify, especially for loans and Pell Grants.
- **Apply for scholarships.** Students entering the University are eligible to apply for any of the general scholarships awarded by the University Scholarship Committee. General scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic achievement and financial need. Scholarship and financial aid forms are available from the Office of Financial Aid Services (Buchanan Hall, Room 216 or <http://www.financialaid.ou.edu/>).

For information on scholarships available through the College of Atmospheric and Geographic Sciences, please contact:

Department of Geography  
Sarkeys Energy Center  
100 East Boyd St., Suite 684  
Norman, OK 73019  
(405) 325-5325

School of Meteorology  
National Weather Center  
120 David L. Boren Blvd., Room 5900  
Norman, OK 73072  
(405) 325-6561

Center for Spatial Analysis (Geoinformatics Program)  
Partners Place 2  
3100 Monitor Ave., Suite 180  
Norman, OK 73072  
(405) 325-4871

- **For basic questions about financial aid**, please visit the following web sites:
  - [Financialaid.ou.edu](http://Financialaid.ou.edu) (main financial aid web site, includes link to check your financial aid status, e-mail a financial aid question to "Ask a Sooner," and calculate your tuition)
  - [Scholarships.ou.edu](http://Scholarships.ou.edu) (scholarship guide, search engines, new scholarships)
  - [Financialaid.ou.edu](http://Financialaid.ou.edu) (Financial Education and Counseling Center for money management help).

- **If you have special or changing financial circumstances**, we strongly encourage you to visit with a financial aid advisor at:
  - OU Financial Aid Services  
Buchanan Hall, Room 216  
Norman, OK 73019  
(405) 325-4521

**Financial aid advisors will assist you with evaluating:**

- Additional financial aid eligibility
- Additional loan eligibility
- Special Conditions/Projected Income (loss of income for at least 10 weeks)
- Budget Adjustment (additional expenses – medical, vehicle, child care, etc.)

**The following financial resources are potentially available to assist you:**

- Pell Grants (maximum -- \$5350)
- Academic Competitiveness Grant
- SMART Grant
- TEACH Grant
- Loans (subsidized and unsubsidized Stafford, Perkins, Institutional, PLUS, private)
- Work Study and Student Employment (consult with a financial aid advisor first for restrictions).
- Sooner Heritage and other institutional grants/scholarships