

FINANCIAL AID

Financial Aid programs at the University are designed to assist students in paying for their expenses associated with earning a college degree. Financial Aid is available to help pay for tuition, fees, books, supplies, and the student's living expenses while enrolled. Assistance may be provided through some combination of scholarships, grants, work opportunities, and loans. The financial aid year begins with the fall semester, followed by spring and summer semesters.

The Financial Aid Office hours are from 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M., Monday through Friday. The mailing address is:

University of Providence Financial Aid
1301 20th Street South
Great Falls, MT 59405

The telephone numbers are (800) 856-9561 or (406) 791-5232.
 The **fax** number is (406) 791-5209 and the email address is financialaid@uprovidence.edu.

Most UProvidence students receive some type of financial aid to assist in paying their costs of education. Financial Aid is available for full and part-time students. Assistance from state and Federal programs is limited to U.S. citizens and eligible non-citizens.

All financial aid recipients must meet the following eligibility requirements:

1. Be enrolled/accepted for enrollment in a degree or certificate program.
2. Cannot be enrolled in an elementary or secondary school.
3. Have a high school diploma or GED.
4. Be a citizen or eligible non-citizen.
5. Maintain satisfactory academic progress (see section below)
6. Cannot be in default on Perkins Loans, Stafford Loans, or PLUS Loans at any institution.
7. Cannot owe an overpayment of Pell or SEOG.
8. Cannot have borrowed in excess of loan limits.
9. Have need, as defined by individual program requirements (except for unsubsidized Stafford Loans and PLUS loans).
10. Meet any other program-specific criteria.

Students can apply for aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.studentaid.gov. The University of Providence school code is 002527. Students must re-apply for federal aid each year on or after October 1.

If selected for verification:

- Students must complete the verification work sheet and either complete the IRS Data Retrieval process on the FAFSA or provide a copy of their signed Tax Return Schedules 1, 2, or 3 (if applicable), available from the IRS, along with a copy of all W2/s.
- Students will be directed by the Financial Aid Office on the steps to complete the verification process. Please refer to the Financial Aid Office and ArgoExpress for information.

When processed FAFSA information is received by the Financial Aid Office, a financial aid offer will be created for the student. Financial aid

offers are available electronically on our website. Students should review and reply to offers online within 21 days.

Eligibility for financial need is determined upon a complete review of the student's application. Financial need for assistance is the mathematical difference between the Average Cost of Attendance and the student's Expected Family Contribution. Once financial need is determined, a financial aid package is created combining grants, scholarships, work opportunities, loans, and any other external assistance. A financial aid offer is created explaining the cost of attendance, resources, and the financial aid that UProvidence is able to offer.