Financial Aid

The University of Tampa offers a strong financial aid program that assists qualified students with their educational expenses. In recent years, more than 85 percent of the University's students have received some type of financial assistance. Assistance may be granted on the basis of need or on the basis of academic or talent qualifications. The financial aid program is administered without regard to race, age, color, gender, religion, handicap, or national or ethnic origin. It also is administered in accordance with the nationally established definition of demonstrated need, that is, the difference between the student's resources (parental contribution, summer earnings, savings, etc.) and the total cost of attendance. Such costs include tuition, fees, room, board, books, supplies, transportation and personal expenses.

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If you have additional questions about financial aid policies, contact the Director of Financial Aid, The University of Tampa, 401 W. Kennedy Blvd., Tampa, FL 33606-1490. Telephone: (813) 253-6219. Fax: (813) 258-7439. E-mail: finaid@ut.edu.

How Financial Need Is Determined

Need is the difference between UT's total cost and a family's expected contribution. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is used to determine the amount that a family contributes. Students will be informed of their financial aid eligibility as soon as the results are received.

Factors considered in determining a family's contribution are parent and student income and assets, household size, number attending college, age of the primary wage earner, and state of residency.

The Total Cost of a College Education

In addition to tuition, fees, room and board, consider books, transportation and other personal expenses. The average annual cost for books and supplies for undergraduate students is $904.

Remember that no matter how much an institution costs, the expected family contribution is based on the FAFSA. This means that when the difference between total cost and family contribution is supported by financial aid, a UT education may be within reach.

Undergraduates

How to Apply

Apply early to meet all deadlines. Follow these instructions to be considered for every need-based financial aid program available:

• Complete the Early Aid Estimate Form (October through January) to receive an early financial aid estimate. This form is available from the Admissions and Financial Aid offices, or at www.ut.edu. Notice of estimated eligibility for aid is sent soon after the form is received.

• First-time financial aid applicants should complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after Jan. 1. Forms are available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Remember to complete the signature requirements described in the instructions. This application determines eligibility for all federal financial aid programs, including the Pell Grant, as well as all need-based aid awarded by UT. Students should answer all questions, sign their applications, and make copies for their records before sending applications to the processing agency.

• Renewal applicants (completed a FAFSA in a previous year) should receive a renewal application. This should be completed as soon after Jan. 1 as possible. Students who do not receive renewal forms should file the FAFSA.

• Students who reside in a state other than Florida should complete the FAFSA or renewal application, and also check with their guidance office about how to apply for their home state grant program.

• "The University of Tampa, Tampa, FL" must be listed on the FAFSA for the University to receive information. **The FAFSA code for UT is 001538.**

• A few weeks after the FAFSA or renewal application is submitted, a Student Aid Report (SAR) is sent to financial aid applicants. Students should review the SAR for accuracy. Read the cover letter in part one and make revisions, if needed, in part two of the SAR. If corrections are needed, return the SAR to the federal processor immediately.

• Students selected for verification by the federal processor may be asked to submit additional documents to the Financial Aid Office, such as copies of tax forms, Social Security or VA statements confirming benefits, etc. Non-citizens may be asked to provide copies of their Alien Registration Cards.

Special Circumstances

Students are required to notify the Financial Aid Office of scholarships received from any outside source. Some adjustments to aid packages may be necessary to comply with federal and state regulations and institutional parameters.

If a family's financial circumstances change significantly after applying for aid, the UT Financial Aid Office should be contacted. Examples of changes may include separation or divorce, death of a major wage earner, loss or reduction of income by at least 25%, unexpected uninsured medical expenses, or elementary or secondary tuition expenses. Financial need may then be re-evaluated.

How Students Are Notified

If the UT Early Aid Estimate form is submitted, students receive written notification of their estimated aid eligibility a few weeks after their form is received. Otherwise, notification of need-based aid is not received until UT receives the results of the FAFSA. It takes several weeks for UT to receive a need analysis from the FAFSA processing agency.

Need-based aid is awarded in a package usually consisting of grants and scholarships (which do not have to be repaid), low-interest student loans (which are repaid after the student graduates or leaves school), and student employment (through which students can earn money for college expenses).

Acceptance of aid requires an admissions deposit, which is credited to the first-term bill.

Types of Assistance Available for New Undergraduates (U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents)

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS AND NO NEED-BASED ASSISTANCE

Presidential Scholarship

A high school applicant* who plans to attend full time and has a 3.5 or higher GPA (as calculated by UT policies) and >1100 SAT, or >24 ACT can qualify for up to $8,500 per year. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required for renewal of the scholarship.

Dean's Scholarship

A high school applicant* who plans to attend full time and has a 3.2 or higher academic GPA (as calculated by UT policies) can qualify for up to $8,000 per year. A minimum 2.8 GPA is required for renewal of the scholarship.

*High school applicants may qualify for the Presidential or Dean's Scholarship, not both. The scholarship will be offered to new students at time of admission on a funds-available basis.

Transfer Scholarship

A new transfer student who plans to attend full time and has a 3.0 or higher GPA (as calculated by UT policies) can qualify for up to $6,000 per year. A minimum 2.8 GPA is required for renewal of the scholarship.

ROTC Scholarships

Army, Air Force, and Navy ROTC scholarships can be used to finance a UT education. Students who receive ROTC scholarships may also be eligible to receive UT ROTC incentive grants covering the average cost of room and board. In addition, ROTC scholarship recipients may receive monthly stipends for personal expenses.

Two-, three- and four-year ROTC scholarships are possible at UT. Students who do not have ROTC scholarships in their first year may apply for two- or three-year scholarships. Check with the appropriate service branch for scholarship application deadlines. For more Army ROTC scholarship information, call (813) 258-7200 or DSN: 968-276. The Air Force ROTC phone number is (813) 974-3367. The Navy ROTC phone number is (813) 974-5282.

The University of Tampa offers military ROTC scholarship recipients special incentive grants. To qualify for a UT ROTC Incentive Grant, students must apply and be admitted to the University as full time undergraduate degree-seeking students. They should indicate that they are candidates for ROTC scholarships when they submit their applications for admission.

Students must complete the FAFSA. Florida residents must satisfy all annual renewal requirements for state funded awards.

The amount of the UT ROTC Incentive is reduced by the amount of other awards that students receive. These include, but are not limited to, the Florida Bright Futures Scholarships, the Florida Resident Access Grant and the Florida Student Assistance Grant. Average room and board benefits are awarded to students living on campus. Students are required to purchase a meal plan to receive this benefit. Students may not receive more than the actual cost of attendance from all sources of aid. Total gift aid may not exceed total direct costs (tuition, fees, room and board) unless financial need (according to federal methodology) is demonstrated to be above direct costs. VA benefits, subsistence and book allowances are counted as resources when calculating financial aid.

Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship

Awards of $500 are available to new entering full time transfer students who are members of Phi Theta Kappa. Proof of membership should be submitted prior to May 1 with the admissions application. A minimum 2.8 GPA (cumulative) is required for renewal.

International Baccalaureate (IB) Scholarship

Awards of $500 are available to entering freshmen who are awarded IB diplomas and complete at least three higher-level passes on advanced-level IB exams. Proof of submission should be submitted to the Admissions Office. A minimum 2.8 GPA (cumulative) is required for renewal.

Athletic Grant

The University of Tampa is a member of NCAA Division II. Intercollegiate sports for men and women include basketball, cross-country, soccer and swimming. Men also may participate in baseball and golf. Women's sports are volleyball, softball, tennis and crew. Athletic grants are based upon recommendations from the Athletic Department and are subject to rules set forth by the NCAA. Recruited athletes with athletic aid must complete the FAFSA.

Departmental Scholarship

Academic departments may recommend new entering full time undergraduate students for departmental scholarship recognition. Awards are limited, vary in amount, and are based on academic ability, talent and commitment to a specific academic major. A minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA generally is required for renewal.

Florida Resident Access Grant (FRAG)

This is a no-need grant for Florida residents attending a private college or university full time in Florida. The grant is $3,000 in 2006-07. Proof of residency for one year prior to enrollment is required.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

This umbrella program offers three lottery-funded scholarships to reward Florida high school graduates who merit recognition of high academic achievement and who enroll in an eligible Florida post-secondary educational institution within three years of high school graduation. Each of the three scholarship awards listed below has specific criteria that must be met. However, to be eligible for an initial award from any of these three scholarship programs, a student must: (1) earn a high school diploma or equivalent; (2) be enrolled for at least six semester credit hours; (3) not have been found guilty of a felony.

Florida Medallion Scholars: This award generally requires a minimum weighted GPA of 3.0 in 15 credits of college preparatory courses and a 970 SAT or 20 ACT. Students enrolled at private education institutions are eligible for an award equal to the amount that would be required to pay 75% of the average tuition and fees at a Florida public university. In 2005-06, awards were $2,464. Once students are in college, they must maintain a minimum 2.75 GPA.

Florida Academic Scholars: Requirements are a minimum weighted GPA of 3.5 in 15 credits of college preparatory subjects and a 1270 SAT or 28 ACT score, a certificate through the Florida Academic Scholars' Certificate Program, standing as either a National Merit Scholarship finalist or a National Achievement Scholarship for Outstanding

Negro Students finalist, or an International Baccalaureate Diploma. In 2005-06, full time awards were $3,884. A minimum 3.0 GPA is required for renewal.

Florida Gold Seal Vocational Scholars: This award is designed to recognize Florida's best vocational students. Full time initial and renewal awards for 2005-06 were $2,464. High school guidance counselors can advise students about the very specific criteria and application procedures. A minimum 2.75 GPA is required for renewal.

Summer funding may be available on a pro-rated basis. Summer funding is not available for sessions directly following high school graduation, but may be available after completion of the first year of college. However, because the Florida legislature and Florida Department of Education control funding levels, it is difficult to predict the availability of summer funding. Contact the Financial Aid Office regarding summer eligibility.

Florida Minority Teacher Scholarship

This collaborative performance-based scholarship program between Florida community colleges and private universities and colleges provides $4,000 scholarships for minority students who are enrolled as juniors in a state-approved teacher education program. Awards are available to eligible African-American, Hispanic, Asian-American and Native American students, as well as dislocated military personnel and dislocated defense contractor employees. Initial applicants must complete form MTES-1, which is available from the Florida Office of Student Financial Assistance. Students are eligible to receive the award for a maximum of three consecutive years. The Florida Fund for Minority Teachers will notify all nominated applicants of their application status.

Florida Teacher Scholarship and Forgivable Loan Program

A scholarship and loan program is available to capable and promising students and teachers to pursue teaching careers in Florida. A $1,500 Chappie James Most Promising Teacher Scholarship is available for each of the first two years of undergraduate study. Two-year Critical Teacher Shortage (CTS) Forgivable Loans are available to upper-division undergraduate students who declare their intent to teach in CTS subject areas in Florida. Up to $4,000 per year may be available for undergraduate study. Scholarship applications are available in high schools, financial aid offices and the Florida Office of Student Financial Assistance, and must be submitted to the state by April 1.

GRANTS – NEED-BASED ASSISTANCE FOR UNDERGRADUATES

University of Tampa Need-Based Grant (U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents)

Amounts vary according to need. As with many of UT's scholarships, these grants are made possible to full time undergraduate students through the generosity of friends and alumni of the University. By completing the FAFSA, students also are applying for a UT Need-Based Grant.

Pell Grant

This is a federal grant awarded on the basis of need and the cost of the individual institution. The maximum award is $4,050 for the 2006-07 award year. Pell Grants are available to students enrolled for at least three credits per semester. Students apply by completing the FAFSA.

Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG)

This federal grant is awarded in varying amounts to full time students from low-income families. Since SEOG is a federal allocation, funds are limited. Students apply by completing the FAFSA.

Florida Student Assistance Grant (FSAG)

This need-based grant for Florida residents who meet the state's eligibility requirements is awarded in varying amounts. Since FSAG is a state allocation, funds are limited. Students apply by completing the FAFSA.

Other State Grants

Students who live outside of Florida should ask their high school guidance counselors for information on grants available in their state. Many states permit the transfer of state grants to colleges or universities in other states.

LOANS FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Perkins Loan

This is a federally funded loan administered by UT to full time students. The interest rate is 5%. Students make no payments while they are enrolled in school, and they will have up to 10 years to repay the loan after they leave school. By completing the FAFSA, students are applying for Perkins Loan consideration.

Federal Subsidized Student Loan (Stafford)

This is a federally subsidized loan based on need. The repayment plan is the same as that of the Perkins Loan above. The loan limit for freshmen is $2,625; sophomores may borrow $3,500; and juniors and seniors may borrow $5,500 per year. The interest rate is variable, capped at 8.25%. Students must complete the FAFSA and a Loan Promissory Note.

Federal Unsubsidized Student Loan (Stafford)

This loan is available to students regardless of need. The interest rate is the same as that of the Subsidized Student Loan program. Interest begins to accrue immediately after disbursement, and payments may be required while the student is enrolled. Students must complete the FAFSA and a Loan Promissory Note.

Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)

This is a credit-based federal loan made to parents. Parents may apply to borrow an amount up to the student's cost of education, minus financial aid. The interest rate is variable, capped at 9%, and repayment starts 60 days after disbursement. Applications are available through the UT Financial Aid Office.

OTHER TYPES OF ASSISTANCE FOR UNDERGRADUATES

Student Employment/Federal Work-Study

Campus jobs may be awarded to full time students as part of their financial aid packages to help meet need. Students work an average of 12 hours per week and earn minimum wage.

Institutional Employment

Jobs are available on campus for students who do not qualify for need-based aid. Many off-campus employment opportunities also are available. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information regarding on-campus employment.

State Prepaid College Program

Funds paid into the State Prepaid College Program can be withdrawn and used for private institutions without penalty. Prepaid College Programs are counted as resources when calculating financial aid.

UT Tuition Payment Plan

Payment of educational costs can be made on a monthly basis. Families pay 12 monthly installments and a small annual application fee. See tuition payment plan information in the *Costs and Financial Information* section of this catalog. Brochures are available through the Bursar's Office.

Tuition Exchange Program

UT participates in the National Tuition Exchange Program, which enables dependent students from employee families to attend one of many participating colleges and universities on a reduced-tuition basis. Information is available from the Human Resources Office.

Medical Disability Benefits

Students with medical disabilities may be eligible for financial assistance from the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation or the Bureau of Visual Services.

Veterans Benefits

Veterans and children of deceased or disabled veterans may be eligible for educational benefits from the Veterans Administration. Contact the local Veterans Administration office. The VA benefits on-campus representative is located in the Registrar's Office, Plant Hall 113, (813) 253-6251.

Part-time and Evening College

How to Apply

Apply early to meet all deadlines. Follow these instructions to be considered for every need-based financial aid program available:

• Financial aid applicants should complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after Jan. 1. Forms are available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Remember to complete the signature requirements described in the instructions. This application determines eligibility for all federal financial aid programs, including the Pell Grant, as well as student loans.

• "The University of Tampa, Tampa, FL" must be listed on the FAFSA for the University to receive information. **The FAFSA code for UT is 001538.**

• A few weeks after the FAFSA or renewal application is submitted, a Student Aid Report (SAR) is sent to financial aid applicants. The SAR should be reviewed for accuracy. Students should read the cover letter in part one and make revisions, if needed, in part two of the SAR. If corrections are needed, return the SAR to the federal processor immediately.

Types of Assistance for Undergraduate Part-time Students

Pell Grant

This grant is a federal grant awarded on the basis of need and the cost of the individual institution. The maximum award is $4,050 for the 2006-07 aid year. Pell Grants are available to students enrolled for at least three credits per semester.

Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Program

This umbrella program offers three lottery-funded scholarships to reward Florida high school graduates who merit recognition of high academic achievement and who enroll in an eligible Florida post-secondary educational institution within three years of high school graduation. Each of the three scholarship awards has specific criteria that must be met. However, to be eligible for an initial award from any of these three scholarship programs, a student must: (1) earn a high school diploma or equivalent; (2) be enrolled for at least six semester credit hours; (3) not have been found guilty of a felony. Initial awards are made to graduating high school seniors by the Florida Department of Education.

Scholarships

The School of Continuing Studies offers scholarships to Evening College students. Criteria for the awards are admission to UT as an Evening College student, high academic performance or potential, and financial need. Students who wish to be considered for these scholarships should complete the FAFSA.

Student Loans

Student loans are available to students registered for a minimum of six credit hours per semester. Federal Subsidized Student Loans (Stafford) are based on need. Students make no payments while they are enrolled in school, and they will have up to ten years to repay the loan after they leave school. The loan limit for freshmen is $2,625; sophomores may borrow $3,500; and juniors and seniors may borrow $5,500 per year. The interest rate is variable, capped at 8.25%. Federal Unsubsidized Student Loans (Stafford) are available to students regardless of need. The interest rate is the same as that of the Subsidized Student Loan Program. Interest begins to accrue immediately after disbursement, and payments may be required while the student is enrolled. An applicant must complete the FAFSA and a Loan Promissory Note for either loan program.

Employee Tuition Benefits

Many companies support employee's education with tuition assistance plans. The student must complete a Tuition Reimbursement Payment Form verifying employment and the terms of the company's tuition reimbursement plan. The University requires payment on half the tuition cost at the beginning of each term. Tuition Reimbursement Payment Forms are available through the Bursar's Office.

Veterans Benefits

Veterans and children of deceased or disabled veterans may be eligible for education benefits from the Veterans Administration. Contact the local VA Office for more information. The VA benefits on-campus representative is located in the Registrar's Office, Plant Hall 113, (813) 253-6251.

Graduate Students

How to Apply

Apply early to meet all deadlines. Follow these instructions to be considered for every need-based financial aid program available:

• Financial aid applicants should complete the FAFSA as soon as possible after Jan. 1. Forms are available online at, www.fafsa.ed.gov. Remember to complete the signature requirements described in the instructions. This application will determine eligibility for all federal financial aid programs, including student loans.

• "The University of Tampa, Tampa, FL" must be listed on the FAFSA for the University to receive information. **The FAFSA code for UT is 001538.**

• A few weeks after the FAFSA or renewal application is submitted, a Student Aid Report (SAR) is sent to financial aid applicants. The SAR should be reviewed for accuracy. Students should read the cover letter in part one and make revisions, if needed, in part two of the SAR. If corrections are needed, return the SAR to the federal processor immediately.

• Graduate students taking at least eight hours per semester are considered full time. To be eligible for financial aid, graduate students must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents. Graduate business students must be enrolled for a minimum of two hours per seven-week session. MSN and MAT students must be enrolled for a minimum of four credits per term.

Types of Assistance for Graduate Students

Student Loans

Student loans are available to graduate business students registered for a minimum of two credit hours per seven-week session, and MAT or MSN students registering for a minimum of four credits per term. Federal Subsidized Student Loans (Stafford) are loans based on need. Students make no payments while they are enrolled in school, and they have up to 10 years to repay the loan after they leave school. The loan limit for graduate students is $8,500 per year. The interest rate is variable, capped at 8.25%. Federal Unsubsidized Student Loans (Stafford) are available to students regardless of need. The interest rate is the same as that of the Subsidized Student Loan Program. Interest begins to accrue immediately after disbursement, and payments may be required while the student is enrolled. An applicant must complete the FAFSA and a Loan Promissory Note for either loan program.

Employee Tuition Benefits

Many companies support employees' education with tuition assistance plans. The student must complete a Tuition Reimbursement Payment Form, verifying employment and the terms of the company's tuition reimbursement plan. The University requires payment on half the tuition cost at the beginning of each term. Tuition Reimbursement Payment Forms are available through the Bursar's Office.

Veterans' Benefits

Veterans and children of deceased or disabled veterans may be eligible for education benefits from the Veterans Administration. Contact the local VA Office for more information. The VA benefits on-campus representative is located in the Registrar's Office, Plant Hall 113, (813) 253-6251.

Graduate Assistantships

UT graduate assistantships are available each academic year to full time graduate students. An assistantship provides a tuition waiver for up to nine credit hours per semester, plus a $1,500 stipend. Graduate assistants are assigned to work 20 hours per week for an academic or administrative office, carry a full course load (at least eight credit hours per semester), and maintain a minimum 3.0 overall GPA. To obtain an application for an assistantship, contact the associate director of graduate studies at (813) 258-7409. MSN students also may apply for half-time graduate assistantships that provide an annual nine-credit-hour tuition waiver. To obtain an application for the MSN assistantship, contact the director of nursing at (813) 253-6223.

General Information

Privately Funded Outside Programs

A number of sources are available for information and applications on outside scholarships, grants, fellowships and loans. High school guidance offices, local libraries (the *College Blue Book* is a great source), and the following web sites on the Internet can help:

- www.fastweb.com
- www.finaid.org
- www.collegenet.com
- www.collegeboard.org

Most outside programs have early deadlines in April or May. Many of the applications must be sent with copies of high school or college transcripts, two or three letters of reference, and an essay on a topic specified in the application instructions.

Will Awards Be Renewed Every Year?

Unless otherwise stated, all forms of financial aid are generally renewed, provided there is satisfactory academic progress and good standing, demonstrated financial need, and availability of funds. Students must apply for financial aid each year.

Excessive Awards

Students who receive financial assistance awards or scholarships from outside sources may not receive funding from such sources that in combination with University assistance exceed the direct cost of education as determined by the Financial Aid Office.

Scholarships and other awards received from University and non-University sources must be included toward meeting "need" if any "need-based" assistance is part of an award. The receipt of outside or additional funds may result in a reduction or change of funds already awarded.

Disbursement of Financial Aid

All financial aid funds are awarded for the entire academic year, half of which is credited to each semester. Graduate business students may have loan funds disbursed each seven-week session. With the exception of college work-study and student employment, aid funds are applied directly to student charges at the beginning of each semester. Entrance interviews also are required before federal loan funds can be disbursed. The Financial Aid Office notifies students as to how this process is administered.

All aid awarded by the University may be used only during the fall and spring semesters. Institutional aid is not available during summer terms or special inter-sessions.

Study-Abroad Scholarships

For study-abroad programs, UT scholarships may be used only in conjunction with a University-approved tuition exchange program. Students may not apply University scholarships to external programs. However, if the student studies abroad for a period of one year or less and returns to UT in the semester immediately following the study-abroad program, UT scholarship monies will be reinstated. This policy is null and void if the international coursework has not been approved in advance by UT or if the student fails to attain the grades or academic scores necessary for transfer credit.

Undergraduate Academic Eligibility for Financial Aid

Satisfactory academic progress for federal and UT financial aid coincides with the University's Undergraduate Retention Standards (see Regulations on Academic Warning and Dismissal). To maintain eligibility, a student must maintain a minimum GPA based on the number of credit hours attempted, and must successfully complete a specified percentage of the work attempted.

Grade Point Average Criterion

Up to 59 hours attempted.... 1.75 or higher
60-93 hours attempted ..... 1.95 or higher
94 or more hours attempted... 2.0 or higher

Successful Completion Percentage Criterion

Up to 27 hours attempted 50%
28-59 hours attempted 55%
60-93 hours attempted 60%
94 or more hours attempted 67%

Undergraduate students are ineligible for federal aid once they have attempted 186 hours (193 for the Bachelor of Music) or 12 semesters. Graduate students are ineligible after attempting 48 credit hours or 12 semesters.

For transfer students, the GPA criterion uses the student's GPA earned at UT, but total hours attempted at all institutions. Total hours attempted at all institutions also is used to determine the successful completion percentage criterion.

The following provisions also apply to The University of Tampa's standards of satisfactory academic progress for recipients of federal and UT student financial aid:

1. Credit hours attempted is defined as those credits for which the student is enrolled at the expiration of the tuition refund period.

2. Satisfactory academic progress in any or all of the optional summer sessions is determined after the last summer session in which the student takes courses.

3. Courses may be repeated. GPA and credits will be calculated in accordance with repeat course policies found under academic policies and procedures in the catalog. Once a student has repeated courses three times at UT, further course repetition will be disregarded in enrollment-status determination and GPA calculations.

4. A grade of "I" (incomplete) is considered unsuccessful, and the attempted credit hours are attributed to the successful completion percentage criterion.

5. The credit hours for course withdrawal (W) will be attributable to the successful percentage completion criterion, except for semesters in which the student successfully completes 12 credit hours.

Student eligibility for University merit-based aid follows more stringent eligibility criteria stipulated at the time of the award (3.0 GPA for renewal of President's Scholarship and Departmental Scholarships, 2.8 for renewal of Dean's Scholarship, 2.8 for Transfer Scholarship, 2.8 for International Grant).

The following rules govern academic progress as requirement for the receipt of most Florida state student aid. For rules governing all types of Florida student aid, please consult the Financial Aid Office.

1. Undergraduate students must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours).

2. A student must have been a Florida resident for 12 months prior to the first day of class for the first academic term in which funds are received.

Eligibility for renewal of all state, federal and UT awards will be evaluated at the end of the second semester of each academic year.

Conditions of renewal for some Florida state awards:

1. Minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0.

2. Minimum of 12 credit hours earned each term.

Eligibility for nearly all financial aid programs also requires students to be enrolled in degree programs and U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizen status.

An undergraduate student is eligible to receive UT financial aid for a maximum of nine semesters. Undergraduate students who transfer to UT are eligible to receive UT aid up to the point of normal degree completion. Normal degree completion for most undergraduates is 124 credits.

Students may appeal the loss of financial aid (federal, University or state) if extenuating circumstances (such as illness or accident) apply. A written appeal must be made to the Director of Financial Aid within 30 days of the date of written notice of ineligibility. The appeal must include a description and verification of the circumstances.

Leave-of-Absence Policy

In any 12-month period, the University may grant a single leave of absence to a student. The leave of absence must not exceed 180 days. A leave of absence must be requested by the student in writing and submitted to Academic Advising Office. During an approved leave of absence, a student loan borrower is eligible to maintain in-school deferment status. A leave is treated as a total withdrawal for all other purposes. If a student fails to return at the end of 180 days, his or her last date of at least half-time attendance will be considered the withdrawal date for loan reporting purposes.

Withdrawals

Return of Funds Policy

The Financial Aid Office recalculates federal* financial aid eligibility for a student who withdraws, drops out, is dismissed, or takes a leave of absence prior to completing 60 percent of a semester.

Recalculation is based on the percent of ***earned*** aid using the following formula: Percent earned equals the number of days completed up to the withdrawal date** divided by the total days in the semester.

Federal financial aid is returned to the federal government based on the percentage of ***unearned*** aid using the following formula: Aid to be returned equals 100 percent, minus the percent earned multiplied by the amount of aid disbursed toward institutional charges.

When aid is returned, the student will owe a debit balance to the University. The student should contact the Bursar's Office to make arrangements to pay the balance.

*Federal financial aid includes the Pell Grant, SEOG Grant, Perkins Loan, Federal Student Loan and the PLUS Loan.

**Withdrawal date is defined as the actual date the student began the institution's withdrawal process, the student's last date of recorded attendance, or the midpoint of the semester for a student who stops attending classes without officially notifying the Registrar's Office.

Federal Drug Conviction Policy

Students who are convicted of violating any federal or state drug possession or sale law will become ineligible for Title IV federal financial aid under the following circumstances:

For a student convicted of drug possession, federal aid eligibility is suspended for:

- One year for the first offense
- Two years for the second offense
- Indefinitely for the third offense.

For a student convicted of a drug sale, federal aid eligibility is suspended for:

- Two years for the first offense
- Indefinitely for the second offense.

A person's Title IV federal financial aid eligibility may be resumed before the end of the ineligibility period if:

1. The student satisfactorily completes a drug rehabilitation program that complies with criteria established by the Department of Education and such program includes two unannounced drug tests; or

2. The conviction is reversed, set aside, or otherwise rendered nugatory (invalid or without force).

Title IV federal financial aid includes the Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG Grant, Federal Student Loans, Federal Perkins Loan, and Federal Work-Study programs.

Caveat

This information is accurate as of April 2006, and future federal or state legislation may alter program requirements or University policy. The University of Tampa reserves the right to cancel or amend any portion of financial aid awarded at any time.