

Financial Aid Office

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Office Hours: 9 AM – 4 PM

By Phone: 9 AM- 5 PM

Located in the courtyard outside of the Mansion

You can reach us via phone or email **finaid@fdu.edu**

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

If the student wants the Financial Aid Office to be able speak to anyone (including a parent) regarding the financial aid, the student must complete an electronic FERPA release form on Self-Service.

1. • <https://selfservice.fdu.edu> •
2. On the left-hand side of the page, you will find your menus. Click on the menu called “User Options” and then click on “FDU FERPA Release”
3. Click on “Add a Contact” to add a new contact, a person to whom you want to grant access to your information
4. • Adding a contact: Fill in the contact’s name, relationship, and the start date (the date that this will become effective). The expiration date is optional and can be changed at any point.
5. Click “Save” • You will now see this contact listed on the FDU FERPA Release page

Your Offer Letter

Select an Award Year: 2021-2022 Fin Aid Year ▾



Your Financial Aid Package is now ready!

Your financial aid award package is now ready for your review and acceptance.

[Accept/Decline Your Federal Direct Loans and Work Study](#)

Checklist

✓ Completed	Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
✓ Completed	Complete required documents
⚠ Action Needed	Accept/Decline Your Federal Direct Loans and Work Study
⚠ Action Needed	Complete Direct Loan Entrance Counseling
⚠ Action Needed	Sign a Direct Loan Master Promissory Note
⚠ Action Needed	Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment is not required for the 2020/2021 or 2021/2022 Academic Years. Please disregard.
✓ Available	Review your Financial Aid Offer Letter



Your Offer Letter

Your award letter includes a listing of each individual award you will receive and contains an estimate of your remaining costs.

Think you applied for financial aid but didn't get a financial aid offer letter from FDU? Call the Office ASAP so we can look into this for you.

It could be that FDU doesn't have your Social Security Number OR that FDU wasn't listed on your FAFSA OR it got lost in the mail/email.

Do you owe documents to us?

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Click here to see what documentation is needed

Then you can upload documents using the manage function here

Select an Award Year: 2021-2022 Fin Aid Year

Document	Explanation	Due Date	Status	Attachments
Dep Household Size	Complete and return the 2021-2022 Household Size and Number in College Worksheet-Dependent that can be found on the Forms for ... more Financial Aid Documents for Download		Incomplete	Manage 0
2019 Par Tax Documentation	Please submit a signed copy of your parent(s) 2019 federal tax return or a copy of their 2019 federal tax return transcript. ... more Financial Aid Documents for Download		Incomplete	Manage 0



<https://njfams.hesaa.org>

Log in to your account.

Please identify yourself with a valid username and password.

Students:

Have you:

1. Created a NJFAMS student log-in (below)? This action will create your student account.
2. Clicked the link in the new activation email sent to you after creating your account?
3. Checked your spam filter if you didn't see the activation email in your inbox?

Once you have done steps 1-3, you are ready for your first login.

If you are having trouble logging in, contact [New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority](#).

User Name:

Password:

[Create a Student Login](#)

[Forgot your username or password?](#)

To return to the main page of the NJHESAA web site, [click here](#).

Note: This site requires the use of JavaScript and Cookies. Please be sure to enable JavaScript and Cookies in your web browser in order to access the full functionality of the site.

Accept or Decline Loans & Work-Study

If the student was awarded direct loans and/or work-study, you'll need to accept or decline these offers on Self Service.



Click on Accept/Decline Your Federal Direct Loans and Work Study

No action is required for grants and scholarships! We automatically accept those for you!

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Extra Step for Direct Loans: Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note

Student can log in directly at studentaid.gov or link from Self Service

Entrance Counseling and MPN status show on the Checklist

Make sure it's the student who logs in to do this!!!

You can skip the ASLA this year – but this is another step you'll need to complete in the future!



The screenshot shows a checklist with the following items:

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Annotations in the image include two white arrows pointing from the text 'Make sure it's the student who logs in to do this!!!' to the 'Action Needed' status of the 'Complete Direct Loan Entrance Counseling' and 'Sign a Direct Loan Master Promissory Note' items. A blue arrow points from the text 'You can skip the ASLA this year...' to the 'Action Needed' status of the 'Annual Student Loan Acknowledgment...' item. Another blue arrow points from the text 'in the future!' to the 'Available' status of the 'Review your Financial Aid Offer Letter' item.

More about Direct Loans

Loans need to be repaid. Repayment typically begins six months after the student graduates or drops below half-time in any semester.

Subsidized loans and unsubsidized loans have the same interest rate (3.73%), but the government pays the interest on the subsidized loan while the student is in school.

You can make interest only payments on the unsubsidized loan while the student is enrolled. You will make those arrangements with your loan servicer.

Need to borrow an additional loan?

Parent PLUS Loan: Parent Only (no student borrowers)

Parent applies at www.studentaid.gov

6.28% interest for 2021-2022/PLUS loan fee is 4.228%

2022-2023 Rates are not yet available

Private Loan: Parent or Student (with Co-signer)

Check out: www.elmselect.com/v4/school/630/program-select

Make sure your application is submitted and approved before August 15th.

We recommend you apply for an annual loan: August 2022 – May 2023

Don't forget about fees!

If you need help deciding how much to borrow, let us know!

FAQ: Can Dropping Classes Impact Aid Eligibility?

- **FDU Grants and Scholarships** require a student be enrolled full-time (12+ credits)
- **NJ Tuition Aid Grant** requires full-time enrollment
- **Federal Pell Grant** eligibility is pro-rated if a student drops below 12 credits
- **Direct loans and PLUS loans** – require half-time enrollment (6+ credits)

Have the student check with us if they are thinking of dropping courses and we can go over the impact!

FAQ: Is the Aid Guaranteed for 4 Years?

FDU Merit Awards will renew for four years if the student maintains the required GPA

Fairleigh Dickinson University Grants and **federal and state financial aid** will renew if the student files a FAFSA by the April 15th deadline and continues to meet eligibility criteria

Student must make **Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)** to retain eligibility

This is a federal requirement. SAP status is evaluated after every semester.

- * 2.0 GPA

- * Successfully complete 2/3 of credits attempted

FAQ: Is there a limit on the number of semesters I can receive my financial aid?

- **FDU grants and scholarships:** 8 semesters for freshman admits (different limit for transfer students)
- **Federal Pell Grant:** 12 semesters
- **NJ Tuition Aid Grant:** 9 semesters
- **Direct loans:** \$31,000 total borrowing for dependent students

Frequently Asked Questions Cont.

When can I expect a refund?

Loans will not disburse to your account until late September - after the add/drop period. Make sure you have adequate resources until then.

There has been a change in my family's financial situation. What do I do?

Contact the Financial Aid Office. You will be asked to complete a Change in Financial Circumstances Review Request Form and supply supporting documentation



Need more information?

To schedule an appointment with a Financial Aid Counselor:

Call the Office: (973) 443-8700

Email finaid@fdu.edu



A photograph of a snowy mountain landscape. In the foreground, a wooden fence runs across the frame. The middle ground shows a snow-covered slope leading up to a small, dark cabin. The background features a range of snow-capped mountains under a clear blue sky. The overall scene is bright and serene.

Questions...