

Financial Aid at Syracuse Law

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College of Law Office of Financial Aid

We are an extension of the Central Financial Aid Office, fully dedicated to College of Law students.

We offer personalized counseling and work to customize resources with each student based on your circumstances and needs.

We are in touch with students regularly and invite you to email us any time you have questions.

Types of Aid

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS – Determined at the time of admission, not need-based. Applied to tuition expenses and renewable each academic year with good academic standing.

COLLEGE OF LAW AWARDS – Special scholarships or grants, many of which are funded through the generosity of alumni and donors. Students must meet award criteria to qualify (ex: curricular pursuits, practice-interests, financial need).

FEDERAL WORK STUDY– Federal funding allocated for a student to earn through part-time employment. Students must complete a FAFSA.

OUTSIDE RESOURCES – Outside scholarships or grants, Veteran and Military Benefits, Employer Tuition Benefits

FEDERAL OR PRIVATE LOANS – Students can use loan financing toward required tuition and fees and cost of living expenses.

Applying for Financial Aid

- **FAFSA – Free Application for Federal Student Aid**
- Needed to confirm eligibility for Federal Student Loans and other forms of federal and need-based aid
- Complete the 2022-2023 FAFSA at fafsa.ed.gov
- Graduate/Professional Students are considered Independent – no parent income or financial information is considered or needed

MySlice and Your Financial Aid Awards

Students who file a FAFSA will receive a notification by email within 1-2 weeks.

- MySlice: Syracuse University's Student Portal
- After logging in, find Student Services → "2023" Aid Year
- A breakdown of your awarded aid can be seen within the **Award Summary** tab
- An itemization of your estimated budget and the categories we consider is found within the **Cost of Attendance** tab

Financial Aid

Cost of Attendance

Financial Aid Year 2022-2023

This is an estimate of items and costs associated with your program. These may be subject to change.

Estimated Financial Aid Budget Breakdown

Fall 2022

Category Description	Amount
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Cost of Attendance and Planning Your Expenses

- The Cost of Attendance includes directly billed tuition and fees as well as living and personal expenses.
- Students use Graduate PLUS loans to fund remaining costs. Your Graduate PLUS eligibility each semester is the difference between the financial aid awarded and the total cost of attendance.
- Use our Budget Calculator to calculate your total expenses for the academic year and Graduate PLUS eligibility. Then go to studentaid.gov to **Apply for a Grad PLUS.**

Let's Talk About Loans

- **Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan** – not need-based, not credit based. Students can borrow \$20,500 annually. Interest accrual begins at disbursement; loan processing (origination) fee assessed. Program Aggregate Limit of \$138,500.
- **Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan** – Requires a separate application and credit check at StudentAid.gov. Students can borrow up to the cost of attendance. Interest accrual begins at disbursement; loan processing (origination) fee assessed.
- **Private Educational Loans** – No fee, fixed or variable interest rate options. Limited repayment flexibilities.

Finalizing Your Loans (now – August)

- Refer to your MySlice To-Do List to begin finalizing aid
- **Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan** – Complete Master Promissory Note, Entrance Counseling at StudentAid.gov
- **Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan** – Requires a separate application and credit check at StudentAid.gov, Master Promissory Note
- Syracuse University will send a reminder with this information and notifications when loans have been awarded.

Bursar Bills and Payment

- Residential full-time students – bills sent June 2022 and due July 2022.
- JDinteractive and part-time students – bills sent September 2022 and due October 2022.
- Bills will reflect fall tuition, required program fees and Student Health Insurance (if residential full-time). Students with qualifying health coverage may waive out of the plan.
- Students will see financial aid listed as “Anticipated Aid” on the billing statement.
- Students may cover remaining tuition and fees through Federal loans or make a payment. Installment Payment Plans can be set up with the Bursar’s Office.

Disbursements and Refunds

- Financial Aid disburses to your student account about five (5) business days before the first day of class.
- Students should be prepared to fund travel to Syracuse for Orientation or Residency 1, books and initial costs for the first 1-2 weeks of the semester.
- Students who have a financial aid credit balance after tuition and fees have been paid, can request a refund.
- Allow 7-10 business days for refund processing. Direct deposit is required and can be completed in MySlice.

Outside Scholarships and Educational Benefits

- Outside Scholarship Database
- Veteran Benefits – Office of Veteran Success, submit certificate of eligibility and request for certification
- Employer Tuition – Bursar's Office assists with invoicing needs

Email LawFinAid@syr.edu if you plan to use these resources.

Additional Financial Aid Topics

- Working in law school
- Cost of Attendance adjustments
- Summer Financial Aid
- Joint Degrees at Syracuse University
- Loan Deferment – Prior student loans deferred electronically late August



Financial Aid Resources and Services

- Financial Literacy Programs:
 - Syracuse University Smart Money
 - MAX by AccessLex Institute and Ask EDNA!
- Outside Scholarship Databases
- Monthly Scholarship Bulletin

AskEDNA!SM
Education Network at AccessLex



How Can You Prepare Now?

- Minimize your consumer debt and build your credit
- Create a budget
- Apply for Outside Scholarships
- Find housing
- Finalize loan applications (May-August) and determine loan needs for the year ahead
- Enroll in or waive the student health insurance (MySlice beginning June and running through September)
- Set up direct deposit for refunds (in MySlice in early August)



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Schedule a personal appointment through Calendly.

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