



# FINANCIAL AID CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

## 2016–2017 UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

This guide is designed to help you understand your Financial Aid Notification (FAN). Your FAN shows how much financial aid you have been offered for the 2016–17 academic year from the University of Notre Dame. The University offers various types of financial support to help with the cost of a Notre Dame education.

This guide does not represent all policies regarding financial aid at Notre Dame. Additional information may be obtained on the Office of Financial Aid website at [financialaid.nd.edu](http://financialaid.nd.edu).

### VALUE OF A NOTRE DAME EDUCATION

#### Median Salary

Notre Dame graduates of the class of 2014 reported earning a median starting salary of \$58,000.

#### Graduation Rate

Notre Dame's 96 percent graduation rate is exceeded only by Harvard and Yale.

#### Post-Graduation Success

98 percent of Notre Dame students are employed, enrolled in graduate school, serving in the military, or engaged in service work within six months of graduation.

### STEPS TO COMPLETING THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

- Step 1.** Carefully review your FAN and keep a copy for your records. If you wish to decline (or reduce/change) any assistance, please email desired change(s) to [fnaid@nd.edu](mailto:fnaid@nd.edu).
- Step 2.** Complete the *Personal Planner* and *Family Responsibility Worksheet*. This will assist you in determining your family's responsibility towards your educational expenses and options for maximizing your financial assistance.
- Step 3.** Complete the *Scholarship Information Release Form* (SIRF), if applicable.
- Step 4.** Complete steps outlined on the *Federal Direct Loan Instructions* page, if applicable.
- Step 5.** Read this guide in its entirety for important information about your financial assistance.

### UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COST OF ATTENDANCE

#### COST OF ATTENDANCE FOR 2016–17

Tuition and Fees	\$49,685
Room and Meals	\$14,358
Books and Supplies	\$1,050
Personal Expenses	\$1,200
Transportation	\$750
<b>TOTAL COST</b>	<b>\$67,043</b>

#### DIRECT COSTS

**Tuition** — what you pay for full-time (at least 12 credit hours) enrollment.

**Fees** — what you pay to support things like student activities, health center, technology, and the school paper.

**Room and Meals** — what you pay for your room and meals at the dining halls.

#### INDIRECT COSTS

**Books and Supplies** — estimate of what your books might cost. There are several options including renting from the bookstore, charging at the bookstore to your Notre Dame student account, purchase from online retailers, e-books, etc.

**Personal Expenses** — estimate of what you might need for other expenses (e.g., toiletries, winter clothing, social activities, etc.).

**Transportation** — estimate of two roundtrip tickets per academic year. This allowance varies from \$500 to about \$1,000 depending upon how far you have to travel.

## TERMS & CONDITIONS

Unless otherwise noted, the terms and conditions of the aid outlined on the FAN are as follows:

- The financial aid offered
  - is for the 2016–17 academic year only; and
  - requires full-time enrollment in a degree-seeking program for the fall and spring semesters of the 2016–17 academic year.
- Eligibility for financial aid is reviewed annually based upon
  - timely completion of the financial aid application process;
  - continued demonstration of financial need (resulting from annual review of family income, household size, number of family members attending college, etc.); and
  - maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress as outlined on the last page of this guide.
- You must report all aid you expect to receive that is not already listed on the FAN.
- It is our expectation that students would plan to contribute \$1,000 to \$2,700 towards their education expenses from savings accumulated through summer employment.
- Based on your admitted class level, University aid consideration is given for a maximum of eight semesters (ten semesters for the architecture program and combination five-year engineering program with the College of Arts and Letters). Students electing to remain at Notre Dame to pursue a second major or degree are not eligible for University scholarship consideration beyond the time frames defined above.
- A final commitment of aid is not made until all information requested by the Office of Financial Aid, prior to and after a notification of aid, has been reviewed. Failure to respond to requests for information could result in the retraction of your aid.
- Financial aid administered by or through the Office of Financial Aid will be disbursed directly to your Notre Dame student account. (Exception: Federal Work-Study and Campus Employment)
- The Office of Financial Aid notifies you of your financial aid eligibility at (including changes) at your Notre Dame email address.

## UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT FUNDING

### SCHOLARSHIP & GRANT ASSISTANCE

#### University Scholarships & Grants

- Students who have completed the financial aid process are considered for all University scholarship programs.
- University scholarships (including the Provost's Scholarship and Notre Dame Club Scholarships) are based upon demonstrated financial need.
- Students accepting University scholarships are asked to sign the *Scholarship Information Release Form* (SIRF).

#### Private Scholarships

- Scholarship or grant not listed on the original FAN must be reported to the Office of Financial Aid.
- Since Notre Dame meets the demonstrated need of every student, the receipt of funds not listed on the FAN will likely result in a change to your financial aid.
- Loan and work are reduced first. If the private scholarship(s) is more than the loan and work, then University scholarship is reduced.
- A revised FAN is sent if your financial aid is adjusted.
- Checks received by the student should be endorsed and submitted to the Office of Financial Aid.
- Private scholarships are paid to your Notre Dame student account equally between the fall and spring semesters, unless otherwise noted in writing by the organization.

#### SAMPLE FINANCIAL AID (ORIGINAL)

\$19,700	University Scholarship
\$2,850	Work
\$4,000	Notre Dame Subsidized Loan
\$3,500	Direct Loan
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\$30,050	Total Assistance

#### SAMPLE FINANCIAL AID (REVISED)

\$19,700	University Scholarship
\$5,000	<i>Private Scholarship</i>
\$1,850	<i>Work</i>
\$0	<i>Notre Dame Subsidized Loan</i>
\$3,500	Direct Loan
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\$30,050	Total Assistance

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## EARNED ASSISTANCE

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### Federal Work-Study & Campus Employment

Federal Work Study and Campus Employment offer an opportunity to gain work experience and network with professionals inside and outside of Notre Dame.

- Federal Work-Study and Campus Employment must be earned.
- The amount of employment eligibility on the FAN is an estimate of what you might earn. The amount listed is not a guarantee of a job or earnings.
- The money earned from work is to help you pay for personal expenses (i.e., clothing, laundry, social activities, etc.) and transportation during breaks.
- You may contact departments directly or use the online **JOB**board when looking for a job.
- Students interested in securing part-time employment are encouraged to visit [financialaid.nd.edu](http://financialaid.nd.edu).

## BORROWED ASSISTANCE

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### Notre Dame Subsidized Loan

The Notre Dame Subsidized Loan is a need-based loan offered to students who demonstrate eligibility.

*First-Time Borrowers*—Complete the Self-Certification and Disclosure forms, along with the Master Promissory Note (MPN) using the instructions provided in an email to your Notre Dame email account, which you will receive from [SignMyLoan@signmyloan.com](mailto:SignMyLoan@signmyloan.com). Further information may be found on our website at [financialaid.nd.edu](http://financialaid.nd.edu).

### Federal Perkins Loan

The Federal Perkins Loan is a need-based loan offered to students who demonstrate eligibility. The Perkins Loan is not available to first-time borrowers enrolling during the 2016–17 academic year.

*Repeat Borrowers*—Complete the Federal Entrance Counseling requirement using the instructions provided in an email to your Notre Dame email account, which you will receive from [SignMyLoan@signmyloan.com](mailto:SignMyLoan@signmyloan.com). Further information may be found on our website at [financialaid.nd.edu](http://financialaid.nd.edu).

### Federal Direct Loan

The Federal Direct Loan Program offers low-interest rate loans to students.

- The lender is the U.S. Department of Education.
- The subsidized loan is interest free while you are enrolled in college.
- The unsubsidized loan is not interest free during your college enrollment.
- The most you may borrow is based on your grade level, dependency status, and cumulative borrowing.
- For additional information on the terms and conditions of Federal Direct Loans, visit our website at [financialaid.nd.edu](http://financialaid.nd.edu) or the Federal Student Loan website at [studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov).

*First-Time Borrowers*—Complete the Federal Entrance Counseling requirement and Master Promissory Note (MPN) using the directions on the enclosed *Federal Direct Loan Instructions*.

*Repeat Borrowers*—The Federal Direct Loan will be processed for the amount listed on the FAN unless you communicate your desire to decline or reduce the loan amount with the Office of Financial Aid.

## ADDITIONAL FINANCING OPTIONS

### TUITION PAYMENT PLAN

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The University makes available an *interest free* monthly tuition payment plan administered by Higher One (formerly Sallie Mae).

- This plan allows families to make payments over a 9 or 10-month period versus making two larger payments at the beginning of each semester.
- The 10-month plan begins in May prior to the fall semester of enrollment.
- For more information on the plan, call Higher One at (877) 282-5933 or visit their website at [tuitionpaymentplan.com/nd](http://tuitionpaymentplan.com/nd).

## FEDERAL DIRECT PLUS LOAN FOR PARENTS

Parents of dependent students who have a valid FAFSA on file and whose student is enrolled at least half-time may apply for the Federal Direct PLUS Loan.

- The parent must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident.
- Federal Direct PLUS Loan applications are subject to U.S. Department of Education credit review.
- If a Federal Direct PLUS Loan is denied, you may request additional Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan funds by contacting the Office of Financial Aid.
- For additional information on the terms and conditions of Federal Direct Loans visit our website at [financialaid.nd.edu](http://financialaid.nd.edu) or the Federal Student Loan website at [studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov).
- If your parent wishes to borrow from the Federal Direct PLUS Loan for Parents, they may complete the application and Master Promissory Note (MPN) using the directions on the enclosed *Federal Direct PLUS Loan Instructions*.

## PRIVATE STUDENT LOANS

Students should consider private loan programs only after fully exploring the Federal Student Loan programs.

- Private loans are not usually interest-free while you are in school.
- Private loans usually require a cosigner — someone who promises to repay the money if you fail to do so.
- It is important to understand all the terms of the loan before you accept it.
- Some private loans might offer lower interest rates, but their other terms might not be as favorable. For example, federal loans generally offer flexible terms — if you don't have a job or become disabled, you might be able to adjust your payments — while private loans may not be as flexible.

## CHANGE IN CIRCUMSTANCES

Although financial aid is typically considered final, if your family's financial circumstances change dramatically during the 2016–17 academic year, your family should complete and submit a *Change in Circumstances Form* (with required documentation) to the Office of Financial Aid. The *Change in Circumstances Form* may be found on our website at [financialaid.nd.edu](http://financialaid.nd.edu).

## SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

The U.S. Department of Education requires students to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) toward completing their degree in order to receive financial aid.

- SAP applies to all federal, state, and university aid programs; these requirements are not the same as the University's requirements for academic good standing.
- You are required to maintain a minimum cumulative grade point average, be on pace to graduate (calculated by dividing number of credits you have attempted by number of credits you have successfully completed), and complete your degree within a maximum time frame (typically eight semesters).
- All semesters of your enrollment are reviewed for SAP regardless of whether you received financial aid during a semester.
- Additional details may be obtained from the Office of Financial Aid website at [financialaid.nd.edu](http://financialaid.nd.edu).

## STUDENT ACCOUNT

**IRISHPAY** is the University's online student account statement and payment system, available to students and their authorized payers (usually your parents). The statements include basic charges for tuition, fees, room, and meals.

- The fall 2016 Student Accounts Statement will be available via **IRISHPAY** on July 14, 2016; payment due August 10, 2016.
- The spring 2017 statement will be available via **IRISHPAY** on December 1, 2016; payment due January 2, 2017.
- Statements will be available monthly via **IRISHPAY** as needed with payment due upon receipt.
- Your financial aid is typically disbursed to your student account in two equal disbursements (fall and spring), unless otherwise noted.
- The campus bookstore will allow you to charge purchases directly to your Notre Dame student account by using your student ID card. Bookstore charges will appear on your monthly statement, with payment due upon receipt.
- If your total financial aid exceeds your total charges, you may request a refund of the excess funds by completing the *Online Refund Request Form* on the Office of Student Accounts website at [studentaccounts.nd.edu](http://studentaccounts.nd.edu).
- Excess financial aid funds may not be refunded to you prior to the first day of class each semester.
- University policy regarding separation from the University may be found at [studentaccounts.nd.edu](http://studentaccounts.nd.edu).

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