

FINANCIAL AID CONDITIONS AND INFORMATION

2017–2018 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 2017–18 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.

VALUE OF A NOTRE DAME EDUCATION

Median Salary

Notre Dame graduates of the class of 2015 reported earning a median starting salary of \$60,000.

Graduation Rate

Notre Dame's 95 percent graduation rate is among the highest in the country.

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.** Read this guide in its entirety for important information about your financial assistance.
- Step 2.** 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.
- Step 3.** Complete the *Personal Planner* and *Family Responsibility Worksheet* (keep for your records). This will assist you in determining your family's responsibility towards your educational expenses and options for maximizing your financial assistance.
- Step 4.** Complete the *Scholarship Information Release Form* (SIRF) and email it to faforms@nd.edu.
- Step 5.** Complete steps outlined on the *Federal Direct Loan Instructions* page, if applicable.

UNDERGRADUATE STUDENT COST OF ATTENDANCE

COST OF ATTENDANCE FOR 2017–18

Tuition and Fees	\$51,505
Room and Meals	\$14,890
Books and Supplies	\$1,050
Personal Expenses	\$1,200
Transportation	\$750
TOTAL COST	\$69,395

The cost of attendance is an estimate of what we believe it will cost for your enrollment at the University of Notre Dame for the 2017–18 academic year.

DIRECT COSTS

Tuition — the amount charged for full-time enrollment (at least 12 credit hours).

Fees — the amount charged to support things like student activities, the health center, technology, and the school newspaper.

Room and Meals — the average amount for on-campus room and meals at the dining halls.

INDIRECT COSTS

Books and Supplies — an estimate of what your books might cost. There are several options available to get your books, including renting from the bookstore, purchasing them at the bookstore and charging them to your Notre Dame student account, or purchasing from online retailers.

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

Transportation — an estimate of two roundtrip tickets per academic year. This allowance can vary 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 2017–18 academic year only; and
 - requires full-time enrollment in a degree-seeking program for the fall and spring semesters of the 2017–18 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 scholarships or grants you expect to receive that are not already listed on the FAN.
- We expect students will contribute \$1,000 to \$2,700 towards their education expenses from savings earned from a summer job.
- Based on your admitted class level, University scholarship 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 wages are paid directly to the student employee.)
- The Office of Financial Aid will notify you of your financial aid eligibility (including changes) through your Notre Dame email address.
- Scholarships and grants that exceed a certain level may be subject to taxation by the Internal Revenue Service (federal and state). If the student's scholarships and grants exceed tuition, fees, and the cost of books for the calendar year, the excess may be taxable income. This income should be reported on the student's personal tax return. Please note that loans are not counted in this calculation. The Office of Financial Aid is not in a position to advise you on this matter. We suggest you reference *IRS Publication 970, Tax Benefits for Education* and/or speak with a tax advisor.

FEDERAL VERIFICATION

Federal verification is a process which requires institutions to verify the accuracy of the information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) of randomly selected applicants in an effort to ensure federal aid is distributed to those who are eligible. If your FAFSA is selected for verification by the U.S. Department of Education (DOE), you are required to provide documentation to the school verifying the information you entered on your FAFSA.

After submitting your FAFSA, you will receive an electronic Student Aid Report (SAR), which will indicate if you have been selected for federal verification. In addition, you will receive notification from the Office of Financial Aid regarding the required documentation that must be submitted in order to satisfy the federal verification requirement.

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

- Scholarships or grants 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.
- Need-based loan(s) and work are reduced first. If the private scholarship(s) is more than the need-based loan(s) 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)		SAMPLE FINANCIAL AID (REVISED)	
\$19,700	University Scholarship	\$19,700	University Scholarship
\$2,850	Work	\$5,000	<i>Private Scholarship</i>
\$4,000	Notre Dame Subsidized Loan	\$1,850	<i>Work</i>
\$3,500	Direct Loan	\$0	<i>Notre Dame Subsidized Loan</i>
\$30,050	Total Assistance	\$3,500	Direct Loan
		\$30,050	Total Assistance

Additional information is available on our website at financialaid.nd.edu.

EARNED ASSISTANCE

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. This is not a guarantee of a job or earnings.
- The money earned from work is to help you pay for personal expenses (e.g., clothing, laundry, social activities, etc.) and transportation during breaks. Student employees are paid every two weeks for the hours worked.
- 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.

BORROWED ASSISTANCE

Notre Dame Subsidized Loan

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

Eligible Notre Dame Subsidized Loan borrowers will receive an email to their Notre Dame preferred email account, starting in late May, from SignMyLoan@signmyloan.com to complete the annual loan process. The process cannot be started until receipt of this email. The loan process will require completion of the Self-Certification and Disclosure form, as well as a Master Promissory Note (*first-time borrowers only*), all of which will be handled electronically through the SignMyLoan.com website. Further information may be found on our website at 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 2017–18 academic year.

Eligible Federal Perkins Loan borrowers will receive an email to their Notre Dame preferred email account, starting in late May, from SignMyLoan@signmyloan.com to complete the annual loan process. The process cannot be started until receipt of this email. The process requires completion of Federal Perkins Loan Entrance Counseling and review of disclosures, all of which will be handled electronically through the SignMyLoan.com website. Further information may be found on our website at 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 amount 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 or the Federal Student Loan website at 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 to loans@nd.edu.

ADDITIONAL FINANCING OPTIONS

TUITION PAYMENT PLAN

The University offers an *interest-free* monthly tuition payment plan administered by Higher One.

- 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.

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 or the Federal Student Loan website at studentloans.gov.
- If your parent wishes to borrow from the Federal Direct PLUS Loan, 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 may 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 2017–18 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.

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.

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 2017 Student Accounts Statement will be available via **IRISHPAY** on July 14, 2017; payment due August 9, 2017.
- The spring 2018 statement will be available via **IRISHPAY** on December 8, 2017; payment due January 2, 2018.
- 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.
- 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.

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Current students may view their financial aid and student account through insideND.