

AOS Financial Aid

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Financial Aid: Student Guide

<https://kb.astate.edu/books/financial-aid-student-guide>

FAFSA

To apply for federal financial aid, you must complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by going to studentaid.gov. Indicate **001090** as your school code on the FAFSA. Here is a guide on submitting this: <https://studentaid.gov/articles/fafsa-student-steps/>

Please note that most times there are two FAFSA applications available, be sure to determine which one is needed for your application acceptance, our academic year includes: Fall, Spring and Summer.

The FAFSA becomes available on October 1 each year. The FAFSA application will close on June 30 for the current school year.

Once you have submitted your FAFSA to our school (code 001090), it can take 3-5 business days for us to receive it.

Now that you have been accepted into an online program, we will pull your FAFSA application through and check your eligibility. If other documents are needed, you will be notified via your A-State e-mail account. Students can also locate their Financial Aid checklist via [Pack Portal](#) under the Self-Service Banner-Financial Aid tab.

A financial aid award may not be processed until your financial aid application is completed. In order to be eligible for financial aid, you must meet the following requirements:

- Be a citizen or eligible noncitizen of the United States
- Have a valid Social Security Number
- Have a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) certificate, or have completed homeschooling
- Be enrolled in a degree seeking program
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress
- Not owe a refund on a federal student grant or be in default on a federal student loan
- Register (or already be registered) with the Selective Service System
- Not have a conviction for the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid (such as grants, work-study, or loans)
- If Pell eligible, you must be enrolled in a minimum of 3 credit hours during the Fall and/or Spring semester
- If you are seeking a loan, you must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours during the Fall and/or Spring semester
- If you are enrolling during the Summer semester and are Pell and/or Loan eligible, you must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credit hours

Other requirements may apply.

Once your Financial Aid checklist is complete, please allow 2 weeks for your account to be updated. Please contact us if you have any additional questions or need further information and we will be happy to assist you.

Emergency Student Funding

Student Emergency Fund (SEF)

Application: [Student Emergency Fund](#)

The Student Emergency Fund is intended for **non-tuition-related emergencies** that may impact a student's ability to remain enrolled at A-State.

Examples include:

- Flat tire or vehicle repairs
- Computer or technology issues
- Unexpected medical expenses
- Natural disasters
- Other unforeseen emergencies

The Student Emergency Fund is awarded to students whose future at A-State may be in jeopardy and who have demonstrated a need for temporary financial assistance. Students should provide as much detail as possible and carefully review their applications for grammatical errors before submitting.

Maximum award amount: \$500

Student Success Scholarship

Application: [Student Success Scholarship](#)

The Student Success Scholarship is intended for **tuition-related financial emergencies**.

This scholarship provides emergency need-based funding for students who face unexpected financial hardships that could otherwise force them to pause or leave their path to graduation.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements
- Maintain a 2.75 GPA or higher and be in good standing
- Be registered for current or upcoming coursework
- Have a current FAFSA on file with all requirements completed
- Have exhausted all available financial resources, including loans, scholarships, family contributions, and work-study income
- Be pursuing a first undergraduate degree
- Have completed at least 30 credit hours

Additional Information:

- Available once per academic year
- Maximum of two awards during a student's academic career
- Award amounts vary based on need
- Funding is not guaranteed

Maximum award amount: \$3,000