
Elizabethtown College Financial Aid Tip Sheet



Financial Aid Office Contact Information:

(717) 361-1404 Zug Memorial Hall
finaid@etown.edu Room 208
Office Hours: 8:00am-4:30pm

Your one-to-one service from a financial aid counselor. All current students are assigned a dedicated financial aid counselor; your link to all financial aid related questions.

<http://www.etown.edu/offices/financial-aid>

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Communication

We often send letters home, but as a student you are primarily responsible for your financial aid. IT IS VERY important to keep an eye on your campus email. We will send you emails if we need anything from you, or when the time comes to reapply for financial aid for the next year.



Financial Aid Portal:

<https://finaidweb.etown.edu/NetPartnerStudent>

Login issues?

Elizabethtown College Email:

IT helpdesk at (717) 361-3333

What is Financial Aid?

Financial aid is money that helps you pay for college. It is very important that you monitor and understand your financial aid package. For many students, it is a vital, if not necessary, element to pay for college. Main sources of aid include grants/scholarships, student loans, and work study.



Grants and scholarships – A type of financial aid that does not have to be repaid. Grants and scholarships can come from Elizabethtown College (merit scholarships and need based grants), or grants from the federal and state governments.

Student Loans – Money that is taken out as a loan to help pay for education expenses and required to be paid back later with interest. We strongly recommend that you learn about your loans, especially before you graduate.

Work Study – part-time employment opportunities. This aid cannot be used as a credit on your bill. Contact the Student Employment Office for current job openings.

Outside Scholarships – Scholarships that come from a private organization. Often, students will find outside scholarships by searching online or through involvement in their local communities.



Academic Progress



Students who receive financial aid are required to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress. For students who receive merit scholarships from Elizabethtown College, they are expected to maintain academic progress and remain in good social standing. If you ever have questions about the potential of losing aid for poor academic performance, call our office.

You can find the full version of the Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards on our website at <http://www.etown.edu/offices/financial-aid/files/Academic-Progress-Standards.pdf>

FERPA

The 1974 **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)** is a federal law (20 U.S.C. 1232g) that protects the privacy of a student's educational record. Specifically, the law offers the following protections and rights to students:

- annual notification of their FERPA rights and of what the College defines as *Directory Information*;
- the right to see the information in their academic record;
- the right to consent to disclosure of information in their academic record and the right to withhold information that is *Directory Information*
- the right to seek to amend records and, in certain cases, append a statement to the record

Reapplying for Financial Aid

You have to reapply for financial aid every year. As a returning student, here are some important dates to remember for next year:

Mid-February: you will receive a reminder email that it is time to reapply for financial aid for next year. Every year you will need to complete the FAFSA. If we need anything further from you or your parents such as tax information, our office will notify you.

Deadline for all application materials to be received from returning students is **April 15th**.

Pennsylvania Resident Students – Your FAFSA must be received by **May 1st** or you will not be eligible to submit a state grant application.

After spring semester has concluded our office will begin putting together financial aid packages for returning students. You should receive an award letter from our office during the month of June. Once you receive your award letter, if you apply for private loans or your parents apply for a PLUS loan, they can begin this process after you receive your award letter.

Bills for the fall semester are sent on **July 1st**.

