

Student Aid Programs

Scholarships

Scholarships for incoming students are based on both need and merit. Please contact your Student Services Representative at studentservices@suva.edu for more information on scholarship options and for assistance seeking outside scholarship options.

All newly accepted and current students are encouraged to apply for SUVA scholarships. Students are welcome to submit new or additional artwork for the scholarship review process by the Admissions Office after they have been accepted, but must do so within four weeks of their receipt of the offer of admission. Priority is given to students who have completed the application process by the suggested deadline for each semester. Scholarships are determined through a competitive evaluation of each applicant's admission materials including portfolio, transcripts, personal statement, standardized test scores and submitted Financial Aid information in the case of need-based awards.

Other Forms of Aid

Additional grants and scholarships are often available through private organizations such as clubs, churches, employers and community organizations. Students are encouraged to fully research private scholarship options. There is often more funding available for education.

Eligibility and Award Determination

Students' eligibility is determined by the organization that offers the aid.

Federal Student Aid

The College participates in the following Federal programs:

Federal Pell Grant

The Federal Pell Grant is an award to help undergraduates pay for their education after high school (an undergraduate is defined as one who has not earned a Bachelor's or professional degree). For many students, Pell Grants provide a "foundation" of financial aid. The maximum award for the Academic year 2014-15 is \$5,730.

Federal SEOG Grant

A Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant is for undergraduates with exceptional financial need, as determined by the College. Priority is given to Federal Pell Grant recipients.

Federal Work-Study

The Federal Work-Study (FWS) Program provides jobs for undergraduates who need financial aid. FWS gives students a chance to earn money to help pay their educational expenses. The program requires community service.

Federal Direct Loans

Subsidized and unsubsidized loans are federal student loans for eligible students to help cover the cost of higher education at a four-year college or university, community college, or trade, career, or technical school. The U.S. Department of Education offers eligible students at participating schools Direct Subsidized Loans and Direct Unsubsidized Loans. (Some people refer to these loans as Stafford Loans or Direct Stafford Loans.)

For more information about federal direct loans, contact our Student Services department or visit:

<https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/loans/subsidized-unsubsidized>

State Grants

Other State Grants, such as the State Student Incentive Grant (SSIG) may be available through the state you reside in. Application Material Eligibility criteria, Application materials, and deadlines vary widely among participating states. Consult the your State Student Assistance agency for further information.

Financial Aid Eligibility

SUVA uses the FAFSA, which is a standard needs-assessment method employing “federal methodology,” to determine need-based eligibility for financial aid. All students interested in financial aid must file the FAFSA annually. A student’s demonstrated need is calculated on the information reported, and is evaluated each year (or within the year if circumstances change). Once enrolled at SUVA, students must make satisfactory academic progress toward the degree or certificate program in which they are enrolled (see SAP or Standards of Academic Progress).

At least half-time enrollment is required to receive financial aid. Please note that partial or complete withdrawal during the add-drop period each semester may result in cancellation of College-awarded aid (please see refund policy).