

FINANCIAL AID DOLLARS AND SENSE

Fall Semester is On It's Way! Is Your Financial Aid in Place?

Fall 2018 semester bills have been released to students via the MyYSU Portal email from the Office of the University Bursar. Please be sure to check your bill to verify that your pending financial aid is listed in time for the first fall billing due date of August 13, 2018.

New this year for Incoming Freshmen: YSU's Penguin Tuition Promise

The YSU Penguin Tuition Promise assures a student and his/her family a fixed tuition rate for the pursuit of an undergraduate degree at Youngstown State University. A student's tuition rate is established based on first enrollment and remains unchanged for four consecutive academic years. The Penguin Tuition Promise is designed to make the cost of college predictable and affordable, and encourages students to complete degree programs within four consecutive academic years.

YSU Tuition Promise students (those who enrolled at YSU during the Summer of 2018, and moving forward) will have the option to purchase a permit regardless of the number of hours for which they register. A daytime permit (valid 7am-11pm in open YSU parking lots) is \$45.00; an overnight permit (valid 24 hours a day in open lots designated "overnight parking") is \$90.00. A daily permit whenever on campus is \$5.00 a day and is valid 7am-11pm; a 24-hour overnight permit is \$10 a day and is valid for a 24-hour period.

Students who enrolled at YSU prior to Summer of 2018, however, will continue to be assessed the transportation fee of \$115 when they register for 6 or more hours. Students who register for 5 or less hours may opt into the transportation fee by ordering a parking permit and the \$115 fee will be added to your account. All transportation fee students will receive an overnight parking permit.

Please note, anyone parking on the YSU campus is required to have a valid YSU parking permit at all times.

If you have not yet accepted your financial aid, there is still time! Go to https://cfweb.cc.yosu.edu/finaid/accept_aid.pdf to access the "How to Accept Your Financial Aid Offer: A Step-by-Step Guide," or view the tutorial video on The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship's YouTube channel located [here](#).

A Special Note to all First-Time Borrowers accepting Stafford Student Loans:

In addition to accepting your loan offer(s) in your MyYSU portal, first-time loan borrowers will also be required to complete Entrance Loan Counseling and sign a Master Promissory Note by logging into www.studentloans.gov with their FSA ID.

First-Time Freshman Loan Borrowers:

Be aware that loan disbursements for first-time freshman loan borrowers are subject to a 30-day delay and will not be released until September 21, 2018.

Questions? Please feel free to contact our office at 330-941-3505, or set-up an appointment with a counselor by calling our appointment line at 330-941-3506.

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships is open Monday-Friday 8am-5pm, with walk-in hours daily 10am-12pm and 2pm-4pm.



Mark Your Calendars Important Dates and Reminders:

October 1, 2018: 2019-2020 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) becomes available

Make your appointment with a Financial Aid Counselor for assistance in completing FAFSA for next year using 2016 tax information.

October 22, 2018-October 26, 2018: Financial Aid Awareness Week

Staff from The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships will be available at tables in Kilcawley Center and the Wick Ave. bridge to answer questions and assist you in making appointments to complete your FAFSA for next year.

Understanding Financial Aid: *Did you know...*

Verification

Verification is a process in which the school is asked to request documents such as tax transcripts, tax returns, W-2's, 1099's, and additional personal financial documents pertinent to assessing financial need from a student and/or parent(s).

Students cannot receive an award offer from the school until this process is completed.

There is a common misconception that being selected for verification is a "bad thing," or that families "did something wrong." In fact, verification is simply a process which is intended to improve accuracy in the processing of information and awarding of student aid.

If a student is selected for verification, please contact our office so that we can assist with its completion in a timely manner and expedite the awarding process.