

SCHOLARSHIPS

Many of the Web sites below offer students a relatively convenient way to research scholarships and find examples specifically tailored to their interest or abilities.

Financial Aid Resources by Web site

- www.reach-chicago.org – Resources for the Education of Adults in the Chicago Area (REACH)
- www.review.com – Sponsored in part by the *Princeton Review*, this site offers more than 100,000 scholarships for both colleges and graduate schools.
- www.fastweb.com – The user is notified periodically by e-mail of new scholarships for which they may be eligible.
- www.findaid.com – Includes scholarship and other aid searches as well as tips to obtain aid.
- www.scholarships.com – Provides information on procuring scholarships, loans and grants, and including tips on filling out applications.
- www.4scholarships.com – Provides information on many obscure scholarships and links to a vast number of other popular scholarship sites.
- www.fastaid.com – Offers information on scholarships, grants, scholarship related books and Web sites, and an organized scholarship search tailored to each individual.
- www.collegezone.com – Web site of the Illinois Student Assistance Commission
- www.salliemae.com – Offers information on loans, scholarships and other assistance.

ADDITIONAL TIPS FOR MAKING YOUR EDUCATION AFFORDABLE

- Check with your employer or your spouse's employer/Inquire at church and all affiliated organizations/Check local magazines and newspapers/Visit your town library since all may have extra opportunities to apply for scholarships
- Contact your local Chamber of Commerce or local service groups (i.e. Rotary, Lions Club, and American Association of University Women), since they may sponsor scholarships.
- Visit sources of financial aid on www.lewisu.edu/admissions/finaid/webresources.htm.

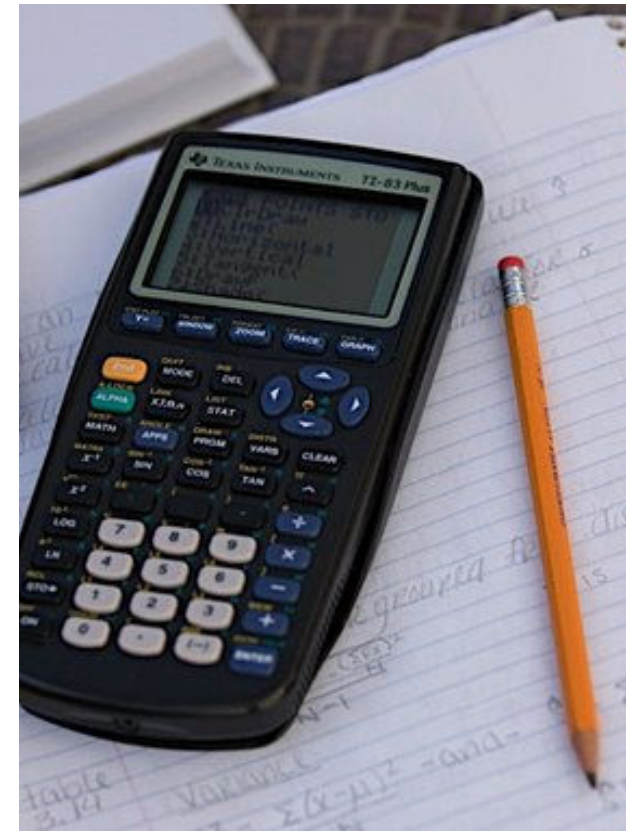
IMPORTANT REMINDERS

If you receive tuition reimbursement but it does not cover 100% of the cost to attend, you still may be eligible for some financial aid along with tuition reimbursement. If you receive any amount of reimbursement, you must notify the Office of Financial Aid Services. All financial aid sources must be coordinated with your tuition reimbursement.

You should contact the Office of the Bursar with questions concerning the payment of your tuition and fees, deferred or direct billing of your employer, and the refund of credit balances. You may reach the Office of the Bursar at (815) 836-5210.



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Lewis University Funding Your Education

Graduate and Adult Students

WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?

Thank you for your interest in Lewis University. Here are important financial aid suggestions and options we offer to adult students. Loans, grants, and scholarships all fall under the Office of Financial Aid Services. Need-based aid/grants, scholarships, and loans are available to our students.

You are eligible for financial aid if you are:

- A U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Showing financial need by completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Making satisfactory academic progress.
- Not in default on a federal student loan registered with Selective Services if you are a male between the ages of 18 and 25.

STUDENT STATUS

Full-time, part-time, and half-time student status is a determining factor for financial aid eligibility. It is possible for an adult accelerated student to be full-time; consult an advisor for further information.

| | Undergraduate | Graduate |
|--------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Full Time | 12 or more credit hours per semester | 9 or more credit hours per semester |
| Three Quarter Time | 9-11 credit hours per semester | 6-8 credit hours per semester |
| Half Time | 6-10 credit hours per semester | 3-5 credit hours per semester |
| One Quarter Time | 3-5 credit hours per semester | N/A |

FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

Step 1 – Apply for a PIN (Personal Identification Number) at www.pin.ed.gov. The PIN serves as your signature to electronically sign your FAFSA.

Step 2 – Fill out a (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. On the form fill in 001707 for the Lewis University federal school code. List an e-mail address on the FAFSA for notification purposes.

Step 3 – The Department of Education will process your FAFSA and send each student a Student Aid Report (SAR) by postal mail or email. Your SAR indicates potential eligibility for federal grants, state monies, and student loans.

Step 4 – If you are selected for verification, you may be required to submit additional documentation to Lewis' Office of Financial Aid Services. These additional documents can be but are not inclusive of your birth certificate, social security card, federal tax forms, federal W-2's, verification forms, asset documentation, etc.

Step 5 – Once the verification process is complete, a financial aid award will be processed by the Financial Aid Services staff. The financial aid award letter is the confirmation of any federal, state, and institutional grants, loans, and work that students are eligible for during the academic year.

Step 6 – Once hours enrolled and other criteria are verified, the Office of Financial Aid Services will post to your account the actual financial aid to which you are entitled and it will be reflected in your account balance.

In order to get the process moving quickly, you should also submit your application for admission to the specific Lewis University program you want to pursue. Applications can be completed and submitted online at www.lewisu.edu/apply, or obtained by calling the Office of Graduate and Adult Admission at (815) 836-5610.

FEDERAL STAFFORD LOANS

Almost every student is eligible for Federal Stafford Loans regardless of income. To apply for loans you must fill out the FAFSA form. Two types of loans are available, Subsidized loans are where the federal government pays the interest for you during your time as a student. Unsubsidized loans start to accrue interest while you are in school. Students must begin payments for either type loan six months after graduating or leaving school.

| | Subsidized | Unsubsidized | Subsidized | Unsubsidized |
|----------------------------------|------------|--------------|------------|--------------|
| Academic Level | 2009-2010 | 2009-2010 | 2010-2011 | 2010-2011 |
| Freshman (0-29 credit hours) | \$3,500 | \$6,000 | \$3,500 | \$6,000 |
| Sophomore (30-58 credit hours) | \$4,500 | \$6,000 | \$4,500 | \$6,000 |
| Junior/Senior (59+ credit hours) | \$5,500 | \$7,000 | \$5,500 | \$7,000 |
| Graduate | \$8,500 | \$12,000 | \$8,500 | \$12,000 |
| Doctorate | \$8,500 | \$12,000 | \$8,500 | \$12,000 |

For more information, please contact the Office of Financial Aid Services at Lewis University at (815) 836-5263.