Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA)

General information about the spring 2020 financial aid, scholarship and billing processes.

- Beginning Sunday, January 12, scholarships, grants, tuition waivers, and loans will be credited to your University Student Account. On Monday, January 13, please check UI-Integrate Self-Service to see your university charges along with any aid that has been credited to your account.

- Any excess financial aid remaining after your balance is paid will generate a refund. Refunds should be available by Friday, January 17. You must be enrolled in Direct Deposit to receive your refund. Once enrolled, this information does not need to be updated unless your banking information has changed. You should be prepared to purchase your textbooks and cover your first month's living expenses on your own. A refund should be budgeted to last the entire semester.

- Your cost of attendance and financial aid awards were calculated assuming you will register for at least 12 hours (8 hours for on-line/off-campus programs) each semester. If you enroll for fewer hours, your cost of attendance and financial aid awards will be reduced. If you do not register for at least 12 hours (8 hours off-campus/on-line), please use the "Request Changes" option on your Award Letter in UI-Integrate Self-Service to notify OSFA of the number of hours you are registered for. If you don't notify OSFA, you may receive financial aid funds that you are not eligible to receive and will be required to repay them to the university. Additional information can be found in the terms and conditions.

- As of midnight on the 10th day of the semester (February 3 for spring 2020), recipients of the Federal Pell Grant must be registered for 12 hours or the awards will be prorated. The state of Illinois MAP Grant requires enrollment of 15 hours each semester or the grant will be prorated. Most other scholarship and grant funds require you to register for at least 12 hours each semester. Federal Direct Loan funds require students to be registered for at least 6 hours at the time of disbursement.

- You will be notified by February 4 to view your spring 2020 bill in UI-Integrate Self-Service. Your payment is due February 28. A monthly installment Payment Plan is available. Contact University Student Financial Services and Cashier Operations at usfscohelp@uillinois.edu or 217-333-2180 with questions regarding your Student Account balance, third party payments, College Illinois, or 529 plans.

- If you have not received your 2019-2020 Award Letter, please review your outstanding financial aid requirements in UI-Integrate Self-Service. If you have received your Award Letter, but your financial aid did not credit to your student account, make sure you are registered, have accepted aid offered to you, and have completed all outstanding requirements listed on your Award Letter.
If you received an outside scholarship check, print and complete the [Private Outside Scholarship Form](#) and mail it along with your check to the address on the form or bring it to OSFA.

Graduate students receiving assistantships, fellowships, or waivers must have their awards entered into the system by their department before they can be applied towards the university charges.

The summer financial aid application will be available online starting in April. Summer funding is very limited.

To remain eligible for financial aid, you must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). Review the [SAP Policy](#) before dropping or adding credit hours to your schedule.

If you have financial aid questions, contact OSFA at [finaid@illinois.edu](mailto:finaid@illinois.edu) or 217-333-0100.