

Financial Aid at Evergreen State College: General Information

If you have questions regarding financial aid, your personal status and how it affects your aid, or unusual circumstances which affect you, please contact the Financial Aid Office. You may sign a Federal Privacy release so that the staff may discuss your account with others. Only you, the student, may authorize changes to your account. These requests must be in writing. All correspondence will be kept in your financial aid file.

Financial Aid on the Web

Find information about how to understand and manage financial aid at Evergreen at www.evergreen.edu/financialaid. View your financial aid status and accept or decline offers of financial aid via your my.evergreen account. If you have questions regarding your my.evergreen account, please contact the Registration and Records Office.

Changes in Enrollment

On the 10th day of the quarter, your enrollment status is 'locked' (permanently recorded) and used as a final basis for determining your financial aid eligibility. If you reduce your enrollment status below that for which aid was disbursed prior to the enrollment lock you may owe a repayment of the financial aid.

Return of Funds

Students who totally withdraw from the college may be required to repay some or all of the financial aid they have received. Students who 'unofficially' withdraw (stop attending) may also need to repay all or a portion of their financial aid for that quarter. The Return of Funds Policy is available online at www.evergreen.edu/financialaid or at the Financial Aid Office.

Evergreen Tuition Waivers

Tuition waivers cannot be used for consortiums, summer school, or some off-campus programs. Students who withdraw or reduce credit below a full-time load may have their tuition waiver cancelled after it has been credited to the student account. Check with the Financial Aid Office before withdrawing or reducing credit below full-time status.

Funding Priorities

1. Priority for campus-based financial aid is given to students and prospective students who are:
 - admitted for the award period;
 - eligible on-time applicants;
 - matriculated for the duration of the award period;
 - working toward a first under-graduate or graduate degree; and;
 - enrolled at least half-time—defined as six credits for undergraduate and four credits for MPA and MES graduate students. There is no half-time designation for MIT students.
2. Students who are pursuing a second bachelor's degree are limited to the Subsidized and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan programs.

Student Rights

A student should expect:

- Access to accurate information regarding financial aid procedures, problems and deadlines.
- Access to personal financial aid records and assurance of the confidentiality of family financial information.
- Freedom to accept all or part of the assistance offered. Unless required by law, an award of one form of aid will not be contingent upon the acceptance of another form of aid.
- Ability to submit a request for a review of an award package should a change occur in their financial situation, course load or personal status.

Student Responsibilities

Students have, along with these rights, significant responsibilities to fulfill in the financial aid process:

- To provide accurate information. Falsifying information is against the law.
- In accepting an award package, to satisfy all requirements associated with those particular funds.
- To inform the Financial Aid Office of any significant changes in financial situation (e.g. employment, additional outside awards, course loads or personal status that may influence your award).
- First-Time Subsidized Federal Stafford and Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan borrowers at Evergreen must complete Entrance Counseling before loan certification. The Entrance Interview is available online at www.evergreen.edu/financialaid.
- Federal Perkins and Stafford Loan recipients must complete loan exit counseling when leaving the college or if enrolled less than half time.
- To sign and accept all terms and conditions provided with a financial aid award package under the terms established by federal, state and institutional policies, procedures and applicable laws.

Non-Traditional Budgets

Students with dependents or unusual circumstances may request an increase in their budget. Students who document additional education-related expenses may be eligible for budget increases. Please speak with a financial aid staff member and complete the Documenting Additional Expenses Form.

Summer quarter

Financial aid offers are made for the regular academic year (fall, winter and spring). Summer quarter is considered the last quarter of the academic year and is considered separately from the regular academic year. Information about summer quarter will be available in April.