

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN NEVADA FINANCIAL AID SERVICES

To contact USN Financial Aid Services, please call (702) 968-1635.

Financial Aid Programs

The University of Southern Nevada Financial Aid Services has many federal, private and institutional programs. Financial aid is considered any resource that can help pay for college. Students must apply for financial aid using the FREE Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Aid is awarded on first come first served basis while funds remain.

Scholarships

Several scholarships are available to students attending The University of Southern Nevada. You must complete the FAFSA application and check with the program you are interested in for deadlines.

Grants

Grants are free money and do not have to be repaid. Normally grants are awarded to Undergraduate students with high financial need. Federal formulas determine who can be awarded these grants. The most common grant is called the Pell Grant. You must complete the FAFSA application to determine eligibility.

Loans

Loans are funds that are borrowed and must be repaid. There are several different types of loans for students, including federal and private. Stafford Loans are federal loans for Undergraduates and Graduates and is based on financial need. Plus Grad Loans are available for Graduate Students and is based on credit. Loans are available (Plus Loans) for parents of Undergraduate students, eligibility is based on credit. Private Student Loans are also available based on credit. Plan carefully if you choose to borrow a student loan. If you are offered a student loan as part of your financial aid package, you have the option to accept, reduce or decline the loan. While loans may be necessary in order for you to attend college, students should borrow conservatively.

Financial Aid Process

Check out the financial aid deadlines before beginning.

1. Must have a Pin # (see below) before you can complete the FAFSA.
2. Apply for financial aid by completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) on the web.
3. You will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) once your FAFSA is processed by the U.S. Department of Education. Forward a copy of your of your SAR to Financial Aid Services.
4. After USN's Financial Aid Services receives your FAFSA, you will be notified via mail or email if any additional information is needed and/or to receive your Financial Aid Award Notification.

Receipt of Financial Aid Award Notification

1. If your Financial Aid Award Notification indicates eligible to apply for Stafford, Plus, Grad Plus, or Private Loans, you must **apply on line**.
2. Complete your loan Application/Promissory Note by clicking on "Approved to Complete Loan Application/Promissory Note" on USN's home page.
3. After completing and submitting Loan Application/Promissory Note email financialaid@usn.edu to confirm your application.

In order to avoid delays, the student must apply complete the application in full and accurately and notify Financial Aid Services of address and/or email changes.

Deadlines

USN Financial Aid Services imposes specific recommended deadlines in order to process financial aid applications in a timely manner. All students are strongly encouraged to abide by the recommended deadlines. Late applications take longer to process and will result in fewer awards available as aid is awarded on a first come, first serve basis for completed files.

2006-2007 Recommended Financial Aid Deadlines: March 1, 2007

2007-2008 Recommended Financial Aid Deadlines: June 1, 2007

Get Pin #

This Web site: <http://pin.ed.gov> is your source of information for the Federal Student Aid PIN. Your PIN can be used each year to electronically apply for federal student aid and to access your U.S. Department of Education records online. If you receive a PIN, you agree not to disclose or share your PIN with anyone. Your PIN serves as your electronic signature and provides access to your personal records. You should never give your PIN to anyone, including commercial services that offer to help you complete your FAFSA. Be sure to keep your PIN in a safe place. **If parent information is required on the FAFSA your parent must apply for a PIN in their name.**

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION - FAFSA

You may start the financial aid application process beginning January 1 for the following academic year. We encourage you to apply for financial aid early and to apply by USN's recommended financial aid application deadlines. **USN's School Code is 040653.**

Complete the **FREE FAFSA on the Web** application: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov> Step by step instructions are provided on the FAFSA website including online help features. You may also call the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 1.800.4.FED.AID Monday-Friday 8:00 am to midnight and Saturday from 9:00 am to 6:00 pm Eastern Standard Time.