

**OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID &  
OFFICE OF SCHOLARSHIPS**



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**The Office of Student Financial Aid**  
and/or **The Office of Scholarships**



Call 915-747-5204

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Financial Aid and/or Scholarships advisor:  
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Mike Loya Academic Services Building, Room 204  
Corner of Schuster and Hawthorne  
Hours: 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.  
Monday - Friday



# SOCIAL MEDIA

## Follow us for :

- In-person and Virtual Events
- FAFSA Reminders
- Scholarship Raffles
- Office Updates
- Deadlines
- Financial Aid Workshops (FAFSA, Verification, Loan Debt, etc.)
- Financial Education Sessions (Loans, Loan Repayment, FAFSA Facts, Money Management, etc.)

**Financial Aid Awareness Month**

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**Miners Money Management Monday**  
- Budgeting Video  
Via UTEP Financial Aid Social Media Accounts  
**FEBRUARY 8**

**How-To Tuesday**  
- How to Fill Out the FAFSA Video  
Via UTEP Financial Aid Social Media Accounts  
**FEBRUARY 9**

**Workshop Wednesday**  
- Understanding your Award Package  
Zoom, 12:00 - 1:00pm @ <http://bit.ly/workshopwednesdayzoom>  
**FEBRUARY 10**

**Thought of the Day Thursday**  
- What Happens if I Drop All my Classes?  
Via UTEP Financial Aid Social Media Accounts  
**FEBRUARY 11**

**Fun Day Friday**  
- Financial Aid Bingo!  
Via UTEP Financial Aid Social Media Accounts  
Turn in the completed Bingo card to [dsvalle@utep.edu](mailto:dsvalle@utep.edu)  
**FEBRUARY 12**

UTEP's Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) Social Media Accounts

**INSTAGRAM:**  
[@utep\\_financialaid](https://www.instagram.com/utep_financialaid)

**FACEBOOK:**  
[@utepfinancialaid](https://www.facebook.com/utepfinancialaid)

**TWITTER:**  
[@UTEPFinanAid](https://twitter.com/UTEPFinanAid)

**2021-2022 FAFSA is live!**

The 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is now available! Don't wait, apply now for priority consideration of different types of financial aid. Apply at [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov) or you can apply by downloading the myStudentAid app!



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# EXPLORE OUR VIRTUAL EVENTS

Join us to learn more about financial aid, financial education topics, and a Q&A forum at the end of each presentation.

The virtual sessions are open to everyone so be sure to share with friends and family!

Visit our website, [financialaid.utep.edu](http://financialaid.utep.edu), for a schedule of upcoming sessions:



## OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID Division of Student Affairs

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INTRODUCING

- Helpful Financial Aid Videos
- Miners Money Management
- Virtual Presentations**
- FAFSA Nights



# WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?

Financial aid is money that helps the student pay for college and educational expenses.

Financial aid can come from federal, state, school, and private sources.



# DID YOU KNOW?

Some schools won't consider you for merit scholarships (scholarships based on academic achievement or other talents or skills) until you've submitted a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), so **complete one even if you think you won't qualify for federal aid.**





# FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

## What is a FAFSA?

FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) is a free application to be completed by current and prospective college students in the United States to determine their eligibility for student financial aid.

## Who can complete a FAFSA?

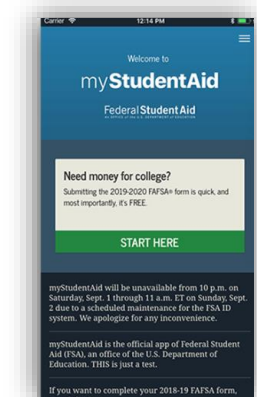
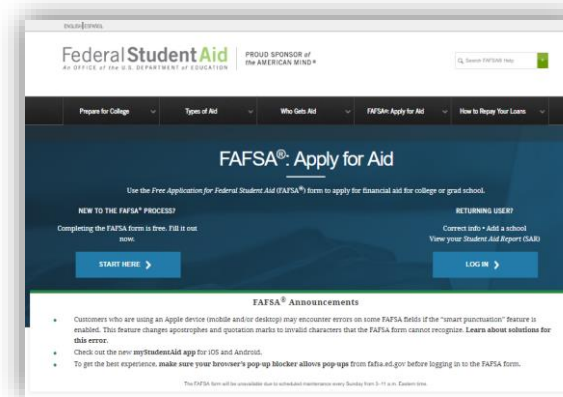
Only U.S. Citizens and Permanent Residents with a Social Security Number may apply. Foreign students or noncitizens residing in Texas may complete a TASFA (Texas Application for State Financial Aid).

## When can it be completed?

A FAFSA must be completed every year for the upcoming school year. The FAFSA is available starting October 1<sup>st</sup> for the upcoming school year. It is recommended that students complete their FAFSA's by the State Priority Deadline, January 15<sup>th</sup>.

## Where can it be completed?

A FAFSA can be completed online by visiting [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) or through the mobile app [\*myStudentAid\*](#).





# GET STARTED!

Follow the 3-step  
process to begin



**Create a Federal  
Student Aid (FSA) ID**



# FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FSA) ID

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## Create a New FSA ID

An FSA ID is a username and password that gives you access to Federal Student Aid's online systems and can serve as your legal signature.

Only create an FSA ID using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. You are not authorized to create an FSA ID on behalf of someone else, including a family member.

You are not allowed to have an employee or agent of a commercial entity, or other third party, create an FSA ID for you for any purposes including but not limited to: payment reductions, debt consolidation or applying for aid. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties.

*Important: When you are done, select the CANCEL button to clear your data even if you did not finish creating your FSA ID. Just closing your browser window or going to another website may not be enough to prevent other people using this computer from seeing your information until the session expires.*

**Before you can complete a FAFSA, you must create a Federal Student Aid ID also known as FSA ID. The FSA ID, is a username and password that you create to serve as your electronic legal signature. Your FSA ID will be used to sign the FAFSA electronically. Personal indefinable information such as your name, date of birth and social security number are used to create the FSA ID.**


[fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov)



# DEPENDENT – PARENT FSA ID

If you are a dependent student, your parent will need their own FSA ID to be able to sign your FAFSA at the end of the application. If your parent already has an FSA ID that they used for themselves or someone else, they will need to use that same FSA ID.

Parents that **do not** have a social security number cannot get an FSA ID, however, there is another option to sign the FAFSA. Parents will be able to print and mail in a signature page through U.S. mail.

A graphic showing two ID cards. The top card is white with a green border and is labeled "Parent". The bottom card is grey with a green border and is labeled "Student". Both cards have a silhouette of a person and some text lines.

**PARENTS:**  
YOU NEED YOUR **OWN** FSA ID  
TO SIGN YOUR CHILD'S FAFSA  
ELECTRONICALLY.



**Gather the documents needed**

# GATHER THIS INFORMATION

The FAFSA asks questions about you and your finances, so have the information below handy.

	Social Security Number		Alien Registration Number		2019 Federal Tax Information or Tax Returns		Records of 2019 Untaxed Income		Cash, Savings, and Checking Account Balances		Investments other than the home in which you live
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If you are a **dependent** student, you will need this information from your **parent(s)**.

If you are an **independent** student, you will need this information from your **husband/wife (spouse)**.



How do you know if you are a dependent or an independent student?

# DEPENDENT OR INDEPENDENT

For financial aid purposes, the federal definition of an **independent** student is one who meets **at least one** of the following criteria:

Are you:

- At least 24 years old?
- Do you have a child or children, or other legal dependents, who receive more than half their financial support from you?
- Married (or separated but not divorced)?
- Homeless or at risk of homelessness as determined by the director of a HUD approved homeless shelter, transitional program, or high school liaison?
- At any time since you turned 13, both your parents were deceased, you were in foster care, or were a ward of the court?
- Currently on active duty in the Armed Forces for other than training purposes?
- A veteran of the United States Armed Forces?
- An emancipated child as determined by a court judge?
- Working on a master's or doctorate degree?

**If you do not meet any of those criteria, you are required to report parental information on your FAFSA, meaning you are classified as a dependent student.**

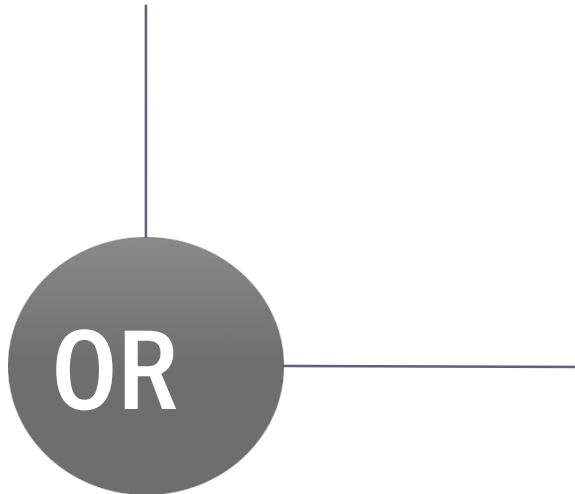
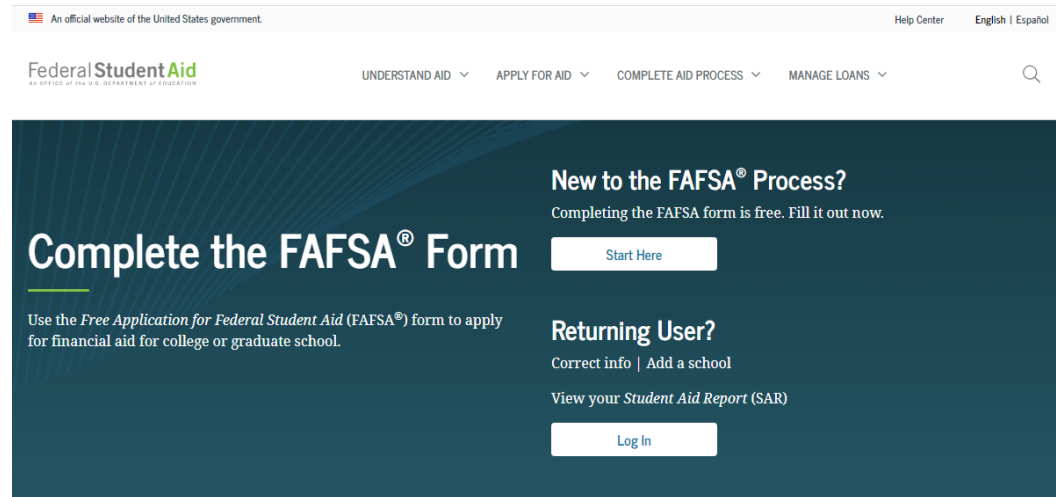




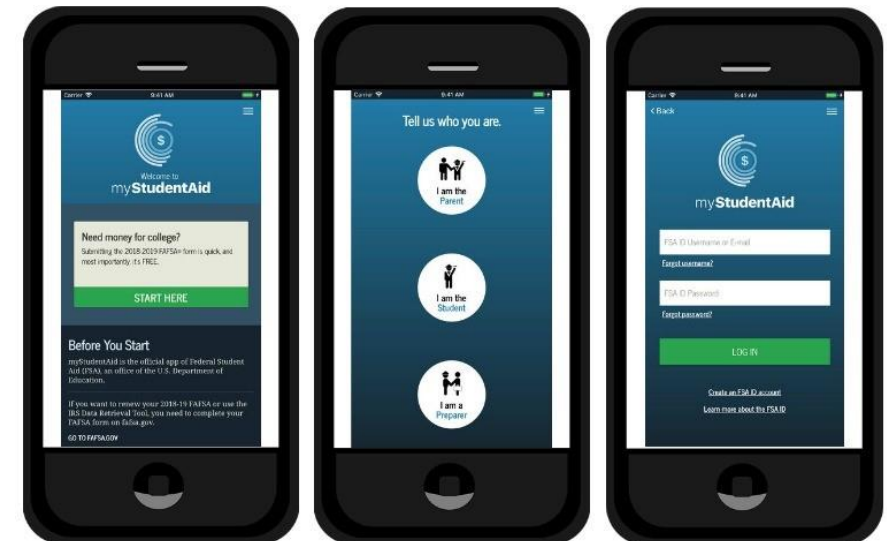
**Complete the FAFSA**



# Complete the 2021-2022 FAFSA at [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov)



Download the **myStudentAid** mobile app



# FAFSA QUESTIONS



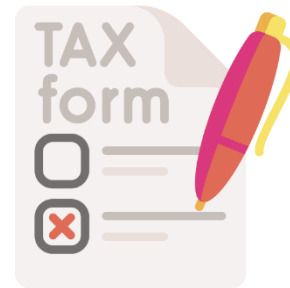
**Student  
Demographics &  
Dependency Status**



**Parent  
Demographics**



**School Selection**  
UTEP School Code: 003661



**Student Financials &  
Parent Financials**



# STUDENT AID REPORT (SAR)

After you submit your FAFSA form, you'll get a Student Aid Report (SAR) to the e-mail you provided on your FAFSA. The SAR summarizes the information you provided on your FAFSA application.

When you get your SAR, review it carefully to make sure it's correct and complete. If you don't have any changes to make to the information listed on your SAR, just keep it for your records.

If you review your SAR and find a mistake, you will need to correct or update your FAFSA form. You'll need to log into your account using your FSA ID, select "Make FAFSA Corrections."

Your correction will be processed and you will receive a revised SAR.

The screenshot shows the FAFSA.gov Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR) page. At the top left, it says "Federal Student Aid" and "An OFFICE of the U.S. DEPARTMENT of EDUCATION". To the right is the "FAFSA.gov" logo. In the top right corner, there is a "Form Approved OMB No. 1845-0001" stamp. Below the header, it says "Electronic Student Aid Report (SAR)". The main text reads: "The SAR summarizes the information you submitted on your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)." Below this is a table with the following information:

Application Receipt Date:	XXX-XX-	NO 01
Processed Date:	EFC:	
	DRN:	

Below the table, there is a section titled "Comments About Your Information". It includes a link to "Learn about federal tax benefits for education, including the American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC)." and a comment: "Based on the information we have on record for you, your EFC is . You are not eligible for a Federal Pell Grant but you may be eligible for other aid. Your school will use your EFC to determine your financial aid eligibility for other federal grants, loans, and work-study, and possible funding from your state and school." Another comment states: "You reported that you will either have a bachelor's degree by (Item 28) or will be working on a degree beyond a bachelor's degree (Item 48). Graduate students are eligible for most types of federal aid, but generally not the Federal Pell Grant." At the bottom, there is a section titled "WHAT YOU MUST DO NOW (Use the checklist below to make sure that all of your issues are resolved.)" and a note: "If you need to make corrections to your information, click 'Make FAFSA Corrections' on the 'My FAFSA' page using your FSA ID. If you need additional help with your SAR, contact your school's financial aid office or click the 'Help' icon on the FAFSA home page. If your mailing address or e-mail address changes, you can make the correction online."

# VERIFICATION

Verification is a process by which the Office of Student Financial Aid (OSFA) may request additional financial or tax information from the student (**and parents for dependent students**).

**Complete the process online with ProVerifier+**

- [utep.proed.org](http://utep.proed.org)
- (915) 250-0157

**Basic Documents Requested:**

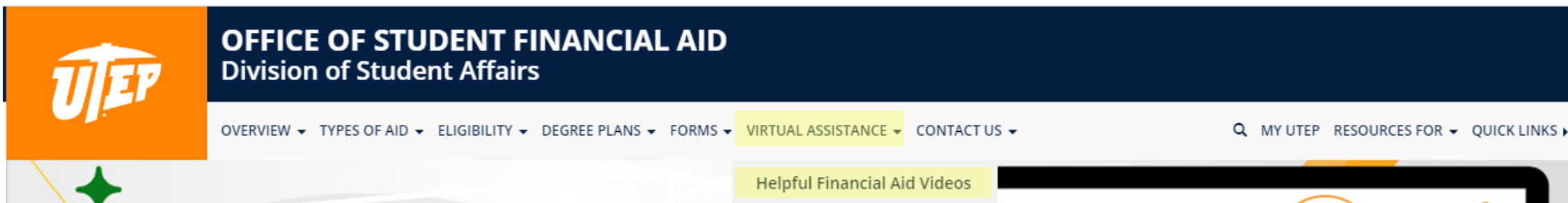
- Dependent or Independent Verification Worksheet
- 2019 Federal Tax Return (2021 - 2022 academic year)

**Students may check if they have been selected for verification**

- Goldmine Student Portal
- Email Notification



# YOUR FINANCIAL AID STATUS



The screenshot shows the top navigation bar of the UTEP Office of Student Financial Aid website. On the left is the UTEP logo. The main header text reads "OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID" and "Division of Student Affairs". Below this is a horizontal menu with the following items: OVERVIEW, TYPES OF AID, ELIGIBILITY, DEGREE PLANS, FORMS, VIRTUAL ASSISTANCE (highlighted in yellow), and CONTACT US. To the right of the menu is a search icon followed by "MY UTEP", "RESOURCES FOR", and "QUICK LINKS". Below the menu is a secondary navigation bar with "Helpful Financial Aid Videos" highlighted in yellow.

- Financial aid status
- Pending requirements
- View and accept financial aid awards
- Student loan requirements
- Next steps after accepting awards



The video thumbnail features a cartoon character with glasses and a red-and-white shirt holding a large jar of money. The text on the thumbnail includes the UTEP logo, the title "Financial Aid in Goldmine", and a subtitle "Financial Aid in Goldmine & What to Expect". A "Copy link" button is in the top right corner, and a "Watch on YouTube" button is in the bottom left corner.



# TYPES OF AID

When a student completes a **FAFSA**, the student is applying for these types of student aid:

## Grants

Federal, State, and Institutional financial aid that doesn't have to be repaid (unless, for example, the student drops some or all classes for the semester);

## Scholarships

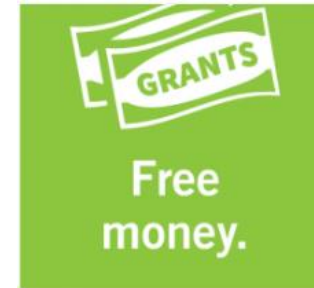
Free money that does not have to be repaid. Scholarships are often awarded based on merit and other criteria.

## Work-study

A work program through which the student can work part-time to earn money to help pay for school expenses; and

## Student Loans

Borrowed money for college; loans must be repaid.



# GRANTS

“Free” money. Funds that do not have to be repaid. Grants are usually awarded on the basis of financial need and completing the FAFSA by the priority deadline.

- Federal Pell Grant
- TEXAS Grant
- Pay Dirt Grant





# PAYDIRT PROMISE

*IS YOUR FAMILY INCOME  
\$50,000 OR LESS?*

**If so, you may be eligible to attend UTEP without having to pay out-of-pocket for the cost of tuition and mandatory fees.**

The Paydirt Promise grant covers tuition and mandatory fees based on the student's financial need through a combination of federal financial aid, state and institutional funds (Federal Pell, state funds, scholarships and other gift aid).

Any remaining tuition and mandatory fees not covered by these programs will be covered by the Paydirt Promise.

## Eligibility Requirements:

- Adjusted Gross Income of \$50,000 or less
- Texas Resident
- Admitted to UTEP
- Complete 2021-2022 FAFSA by January 15, 2021
- Full time enrollment
- First Bachelor's degree

## Renewal Criteria:

- Maintain 2.0 GPA
- Complete 24 credit hours per year (fall, spring, summer)
- Maintain good academic standing



# SCHOLARSHIPS

Visit the Office of Scholarships website:

[utep.edu/scholarships](http://utep.edu/scholarships)

- External Scholarship Bulletin
- International Student Scholarships
- Essay Writing Tips & More!

## National Scholarship Search Engines:

- fastweb.com
- finaid.org
- hsf.net
- studentscholarshipsearch.com
- collegegreenlight.com

## Departmental Scholarships

Each college and various departments have grants and scholarships available

- Study Abroad
- Honors Program
- College of Education
- College of Health Sciences
- Music scholarships
- Art scholarships

Contact your college/department and apply with them directly





# EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS BULLETIN



THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS AT EL PASO  
OFFICE OF SCHOLARSHIPS

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**APPLY NOW!**

**SCHOLARSHIPS  
AVAILABLE !!!**

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You have the power to turn a few minutes into MONEY  
**START NOW**  
and  
**APPLY APPLY APPLY**

You might qualify for additional funding aside from your financial aid  
and/or UTEP Scholarship.

For a listing of Scholarships Available:  
[CLICK HERE NOW](#)

Don't know where to start or have questions?  
Contact us at (915)747-5478 or via email at scholar@utep.edu . You may  
also visit us at the Academic Services Building, Room 202  
(corner of Hawthorne & Schuster)  
Monday - Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm

**GOOD LUCK!**



**VARIOUS SCHOLARSHIPS  
ARE FUNDED BY PRIVATE  
COMPANIES AND NON-  
PROFIT ORGANIZATIONS**



**DEADLINES AND  
REQUIREMENTS VARY**



**TO VIEW A FULL LISTING  
OF SCHOLARSHIP  
OPPORTUNITIES VISIT:  
[UTEP.EDU/SCHOLARSHIPS](http://UTEP.EDU/SCHOLARSHIPS)**

# SCHOLARMINE

Once students have been admitted to UTEP, students may access the online scholarship application by logging into <https://utep.awardspring.com/>.

Click on “Sign in with Your School Account”

You will need to login with your UTEP credentials – username and password

- Visit <https://newaccount.utep.edu/> to activate your UTEP credentials
- For help with UTEP credentials, please contact the UTEP Helpdesk at 915-747-4357 or e-mail [helpdesk@utep.edu](mailto:helpdesk@utep.edu).

Click on “Application” and complete all questions and click next step. Be advised:

1. The application requires a personal essay, so please write out your 500-word personal essay in a MS Word document. Once you finish writing your essay then you can then cut and paste it back into scholarship application section that requests your essay.
2. You may need to complete some follow up questions particular to certain donor requirements.

After all sections have been completed, click on “Submit Application” and you’re done.



# WORK-STUDY

Part-time employment opportunities on- and off-campus to earn money for educational expenses. At UTEP, student positions are usually limited to working 19 hours per week.

Email [studentfinancialaid@utep.edu](mailto:studentfinancialaid@utep.edu) for a Work-Study Application.



# STUDENT LOANS FOR UNDERGRADUATES

## Federal Direct Subsidized Loan – 3.73% Interest Rate

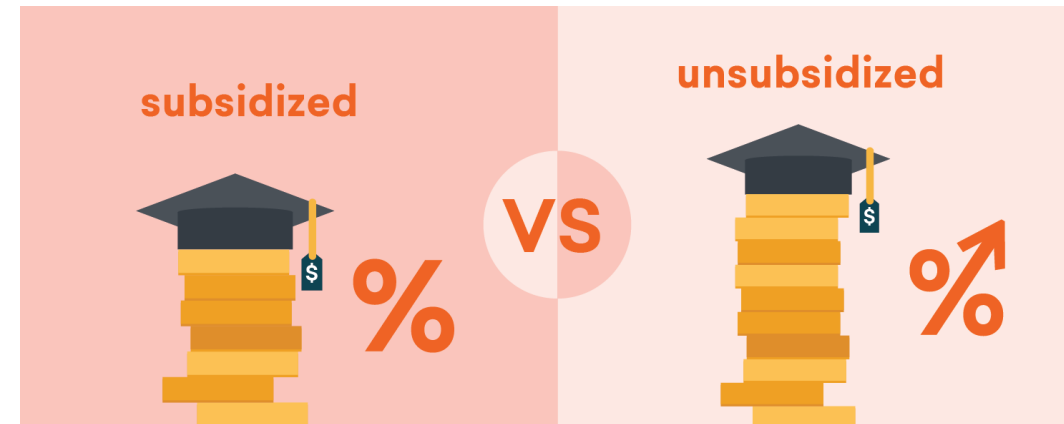
- Available to undergraduate students with financial need.
- The U.S. Department of Education pays the interest while:
  - the student is in school at least half-time, and
  - for the first six months after you leave school (referred to as a grace period).

## Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan – 3.73% Interest Rate

- No requirement to demonstrate financial need.
- Loan interest accrues as soon as the loan is disbursed to the student.

## Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan – 6.28% Interest Rate

- A loan available to parents of dependent undergraduate students
- A credit check will be performed during the application process.
- The parent is fully responsible for paying the loan and the interest.





## KEEP IN MIND:

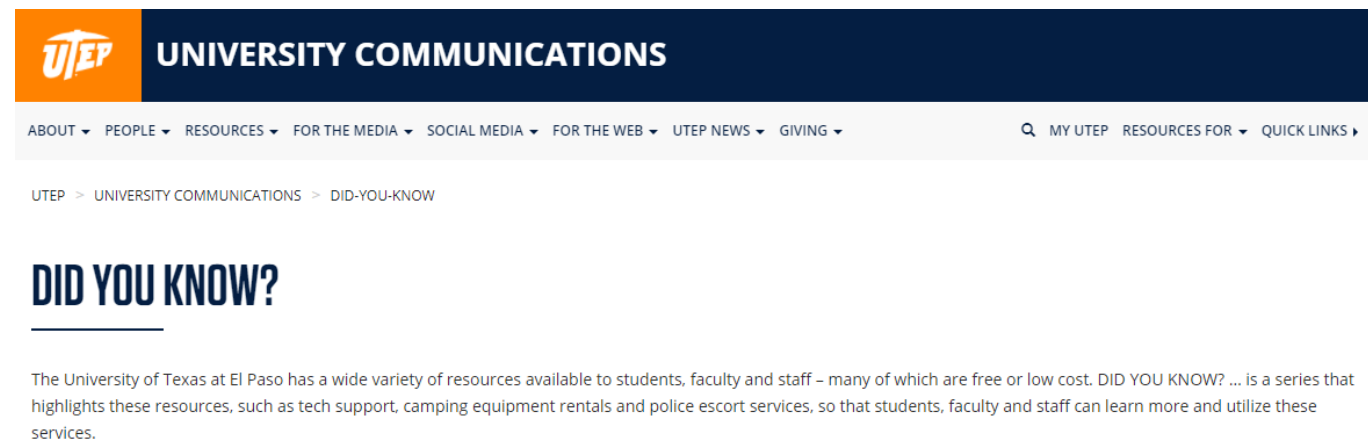
- Awards received one year, are not guaranteed every academic year!
- Academic year refers to fall, spring, and summer.
- Every award type has maximum amounts that can be awarded to the student for the academic year.
- Financial aid awards are divided equally between the fall and spring semesters.

Maximum Amount	Fall	Spring	Summer
\$3,500	\$1,750	\$1,750	0

- If interested in attending summer, be sure to budget accordingly for student loans.
- Grants for the summer semesters are subject to remaining eligibility and fund availability.

# BUDGETING & RESOURCES

- A **budget** is a plan that helps you prioritize your spending. It ensures that you cover your essential costs first (housing, food and transportation) With a **budget**, you can focus your money on the things that are most *important*... Going to college!
- Purchase only what you need, not what you want...
  - Eat in instead of out
  - Make your own coffee
  - Save a \$1.00 a day
- Setting aside emergency savings is also important, but if you are like most people, you do not save enough money... However:
  - UTEP has emergency assistance and resources:
    - Paydirt Loan – help with rent and utilities
    - Food pantry
    - Student Career Closet – borrow business clothes
    - Counseling services

# STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Read all of your correspondence (UTEP e-mail and U.S. Mail).
  - All UTEP students are required to set up a UTEP account to access e-mails and student portals. After you attend orientation, all official university communication will be sent to your new UTEP e-mail.
  - Activate your new email at **newaccount.utep.edu**.
- Complete and submit any pending documents and requirements. See *Financial Aid in Goldmine* video.



# STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES CONT.

Enroll in courses that are part of your degree plan.



- View degree plan in Goldmine
- Course eligibility for financial aid
- Check for non-contributing courses
- Next steps if non-contributing courses are identified.

# STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES CONT.

Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards. A student must meet SAP standards to receive and maintain financial aid eligibility.

- Requirements needed to remain eligible
  - GPA
  - Pace/Completion Rate
  - Maximum Timeframe
- When SAP is evaluated
- SAP Appeals



# BILLS, DISBURSEMENTS, WHAT'S NEXT?

Electronic Bills:  
July 19, 2021



STATEMENT DATE	TERM	DUE DATE	AMOUNT DUE
07/26/2017	201730	08/01/2017	\$ 0.00

CHARGES		CREDITS/ANTICIPATED CREDITS	
Incidental Registration Fees	75.00	Cash Payment	252.14
Registration Fees	373.40	UTEP Summer Grant	1,500.00
Tuition	1,303.74		
<b>Total Charges:</b>	<b>\$1,752.14</b>	<b>Total Credits:</b>	<b>\$1,752.14</b>

PREVIOUS BALANCE	CURRENT TERM BALANCE	AMOUNT DUE	FUTURE BALANCE
\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,981.34

Summer 2017(201730) Schedule

Financial Aid Disbursement:  
August 16, 2021



Financial aid pays towards  
UTEP balance

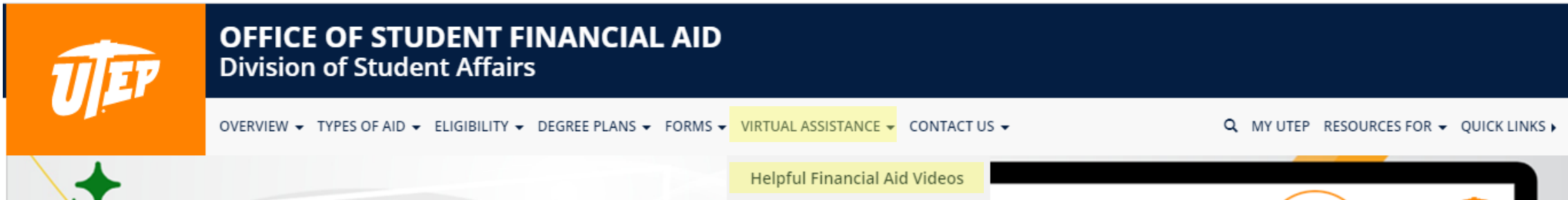


**Financial Aid > Balance**  
Refund issued to student via direct deposit or paper check.

**Balance > Financial Aid**  
Students is responsible to pay remaining balance.



# STUDENT BUSINESS SERVICES (SBS)



- Electronic Bills
- Pete's Payment Options portal
- Payment deadlines
- Paying your tuition
- Payment Plan and Tuition Loan
- How to enroll in a payment plan
- Book Loan
- Refunds
- Set up direct deposit
- Check your refund status



# GOOD LUCK MINERS!

