Financial Information for Students

Scholarship information

The Board of Directors at Salvation Academy knows that students face a whole new set of obstacles once they enter an institution of higher education. So, we stay right there with them through graduation and job placement.

Once accepted, our students continue to build on the trusted relationships they established with our staff from the very first day they visit Salvation Academy. We know that resiliency in the face of financial difficulties, particularly for students from low-income households, and orphans is essential for them to succeed.

Our program prioritizes strengthening our students' ability to cope with issues that inevitably surface in the process of their education to career. We strive to prepared them to succeed in the workforce.

Step 1:

Student advisors counsel students to enroll in the best program of their choice to make their dreams a reality.

Step 2:

Students apply for admissions into their selected program, meet all the requirements and be accepted.

Step 3:

Student Apply for scholarship and or financial support, if awarded, the Scholarship is designed to cover the following costs:

- ✓ Tuition, registration, and any additional fees
- ✓ Room and board
- ✓ Books and other supplies
- ✓ Health insurance fees
- ✓ Transportation or travel expenses.

If all the costs associated with the selected training program is covered by the scholarship awarded, student will not be required to complete the remaining steps.

Step 4:

Application for Salvation Academy work study program

Salvation Academy Work study program is a need-based program that may permit students to earn a portion of their tuition cost of attendance in lieu of paying. Eligibility is based on unmet need as evidenced by results of their financial support analysis and scholarship awarded if applicable. The Office of Financial support collaborates with the Human Resources Department for Career Services and have a small number of work study positions available. For Work-Study employment information, visit: www.salvationacademy.org/workstudy

Step 5:

Application for Depository Account

Depository Account is designed to help students build a sense of ownership for their financial responsibilities associated with their education to career program. Through this merit-based program, our students are eligible to earn money through external employment opportunities while attending school. Their earning is paid directly into their bank account that can be accessed over the course of their training program. They should pay 50% of their earning to Salvation Academy to cover the cost of tuition, registration, any additional associated fees, books and other supplies.

Salvation Academy work Study and External Career opportunities.

We know financing education and training presents a major barrier to earning a certificate, Diploma or Degree. So, we make it easy for every student committed to making their dream a reality.

From need-based scholarships, to merit-based scholarships, work study program, Depository Account program, individual financial support for eligible student, and other financial resources, our education to career program (E2C) is focused on helping our students build a sense of ownership for the financial responsibilities associated with their education, training and employment opportunities as early as after graduation from high school.

Salvation Academy students could earn up to \$25,000 for their education during their first year into higher education. Through the depository account program, work study program, and merit-based scholarship program, students could earn funds based on academic and career performance, program participation, and permanent employment readiness. Awarded scholarship funds and earned funds are accessible students at any time for their personal and school expenses while working towards earning their certificate, diploma, or degree.

To access funds in a depository account, students must fill out Salvation Academy Track Funds Request Form and speak to his or advisor. Likewise, access to funds for need based scholarships, merit-based scholarships and individual sponsorships specifically for financially challenged students will also be done by completing the Track my Funds Request forms and speak to his or her advisor.

Local Government Financial Support

The Northern Virginia is a competitive job market. Whether students are looking for a more rewarding career, have recently graduated, or actively looking for a new job after being laid off, or returning from honorably serving in the military, they can get help! Using their free employment, training, and career services, students are sure to find a fulfilling career and gain workplace skills to make them successful.

The are six (6) Virginia Career Works One-Stop Employment Centers that offer a variety of events, workshops, programs, and services. They offer customers career and training services depending on needs and eligibility. If you are eligible and selected, they can pay your registration, tuition fees, books, supplies and examination fees at Salvation Academy on your behalf.

Click on the link below for more information about the six locations

https://vcwnorthern.com/contact

Pell Grants and Federal Financial Aide

Federal Pell Grants usually are awarded only to undergraduate students who display exceptional <u>financial need</u> and have not earned a bachelor's, graduate, or professional degree. (In some cases, however, a student enrolled in a <u>postbaccalaureate teacher certification program</u> might receive a <u>Federal Pell Grant</u>.) <u>You are not eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant if you are incarcerated</u> in a federal or state penal institution or are subject to an involuntary civil commitment upon completion of a period of incarceration for a forcible or nonforcible sexual offense.

A Federal Pell Grant, unlike a <u>loan</u>, does not have to be repaid, except under certain circumstances. Find out why you might have to repay all or part of a federal grant.

How do I apply?

You should start by submitting a <u>Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form</u>. You will have to fill out the <u>FAFSA form</u> every year you're in school in order to stay eligible for federal student aid.

How much money can I get?

Amounts can change yearly. The maximum Federal Pell Grant award is \$6,345 for the 2020–21 award year (July 1, 2020, to June 30, 2021).

The amount you get, though, will depend on

- your Expected Family Contribution,
- the cost of attendance (determined by your school for your specific program),
- your status as a full-time or part-time student, and
- your plans to attend school for a full academic year or less.

View the tables for 2020–21 award year, based on the factors above, that are used to determine Pell Grant award amounts.

In certain situations, an eligible student can receive up to 150 percent of his or her scheduled Pell Grant award for an award year.

For example, if you are eligible for a \$2,000 Pell Grant for the award year and are enrolled full-time for both the fall term and spring term, you'll likely receive \$1,000 in the fall and \$1,000 in the spring. However, under certain circumstances, you may be eligible to receive up to an additional \$1,000 for attendance in an additional term within that award year (resulting in your receiving 150% of your original award). You might hear this situation being referred to as "year-round Pell." For details, contact your school's financial aid office.

You may not receive Federal Pell Grant funds from more than one school at a time.

Please note that <u>you can receive the Federal Pell Grant for no more than 12 terms</u> or the equivalent (roughly six years). You'll receive a notice if you're getting close to your limit. If you have any questions, contact your financial aid office.

If you're eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, you'll receive the full amount you qualify for—each school participating in the program receives enough funds each year from the U.S. Department

of Education to pay the Federal Pell Grant amounts for all its eligible students. The amount of any other student aid for which you might qualify does not affect the amount of your Federal Pell Grant.

I heard I might get a larger Federal Pell Grant if my parent died in Iraq or Afghanistan or in the line of duty as a public safety officer. Is that right?

It depends. If your parent or guardian was

- a member of the U.S. armed forces and died as a result of military service performed in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11 or
- a public safety officer and died as a result of active service in the line of duty, then

you may be eligible for additional Federal Pell Grant funds if, at the time of your parent's or guardian's death, you were

- less than 24 years of age or
- enrolled in college or career school at least part-time.

If you meet these requirements and are eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant, your eligibility will be recalculated as if your <u>Expected Family Contribution (EFC)</u> were zero. Payments are adjusted if you are enrolled less than full-time.

Students whose parent or guardian was a member of the U.S. armed forces and died as a result of military service performed in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11: If you meet the requirements above but aren't eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant due to your EFC being too high, you might be able to get an Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant.

How will I get paid?

Your school can apply Federal Pell Grant funds to your school costs, pay you directly, or combine these methods. <u>Learn more about how (and when) you'll be paid.</u>

What should I do to maintain the grant?

In general, you must maintain enrollment in an undergraduate course of study at a nonforeign school to receive a Federal Pell Grant. Additionally, you will have to <u>fill out the FAFSA</u> <u>form</u> every year you're in school in order to stay eligible for federal student aid.

Once you have earned a baccalaureate degree or your first professional degree or have used up all 12 terms of your eligibility, you are no longer eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant.

Learn more about staying eligible for federal student aid while you're in school.