

# Summer 2025 Financial Aid Eligibility Information

## To Apply for Summer Financial Aid:

- ☞ File a 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- ☞ Complete the form below.
- ☞ Comply with all requests for additional financial aid documents.

## Who is Eligible?

Currently enrolled students maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in a degree-granting program at the University of Massachusetts Amherst are eligible to be considered for summer financial aid. Students beginning a graduate program in summer 2025 are eligible. Undergraduate students entering in fall 2025 or graduating in May 2025 are **not** eligible for summer financial aid.

## What Types of Financial Aid are Available?

Federal financial aid for summer is based on your enrollment. Awards may include a Federal Direct Loan and/or Summer Work-Study, and Federal Pell Grant, if eligible.

## Registration For Summer Classes

You may register through SPIRE prior to your summer financial aid being awarded. It is your responsibility to ensure your application is processed by monitoring your SPIRE To Do List and your UMass email.

- ☞ If you applied for both Federal Direct Loans and Summer Work-Study, you must be registered for summer classes.
- ☞ You must resolve incomplete applications and submit follow-up documents by **July 31, 2025** for your summer financial aid to be processed.
- ☞ Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) issues must be resolved by **July 31, 2025** for your summer financial aid to be processed.

## ☞ Registration for summer classes begins March 17, 2025.

## Graduate Students

- ☞ If on Continuous Enrollment, to be eligible for Federal Direct Loans in summer, create an enrollment appointment in SPIRE and have your graduate program report in SPIRE that you are considered at least half-time.
- ☞ If enrolled in summer thesis or dissertation, to be eligible for Federal Direct Loans in summer, register and have your graduate program report in SPIRE that you are considered at least half-time.

## ☞ The Summer 2025 Financial Aid Application deadline is July 31, 2025.

## Payment of Summer Bill & Refunds

When will summer financial aid be disbursed\* to your bill?

- ☞ For students enrolled in six or more credits during Summer Session One, financial aid will be disbursed\* on or after May 25, 2025.
- ☞ For students enrolled in less than six credits during Summer Session One, financial aid will be disbursed\* on or after July 1, 2025.
- ☞ The disbursement of summer Alternative Loans will occur at the time the funds are received as long as you meet the eligibility/lender criteria for the loan. Alternative Loan funds are received three times weekly by UMass Amherst.

## NOTES:

All charges that have been billed when aid is disbursed, regardless of due date, will be paid before any refunds are issued. Please plan accordingly.

\*Disbursed means the day the summer funds are credited to your University bill, not the day you will receive a refund.

A total of six credits of summer enrollment (Session One or Session Two combined) is required to qualify for Federal Direct Loans (subsidized, unsubsidized or PLUS) If you are eligible for a refund you must enroll in Excess Express to receive it. For information about Excess Express, visit the Bursar's website at [umass.edu/bursar](https://umass.edu/bursar).

## Summer Federal Pell Grant Eligibility

### Undergraduates only

Students with Pell Grant eligibility will automatically be awarded a Federal Pell Grant based on the number of credits enrolled. Students should be aware that there are lifetime limits for Federal Pell Grants and that any Pell Grants awarded in summer will count toward those limits.

## Summer Work-Study Eligibility

- ☞ You must be a degree-seeking student enrolled for the spring 2025 term, and be returning in the fall 2025.
- ☞ Enrollment for summer classes is not required to be eligible for Work-Study.
- ☞ Summer Work-Study is need-based and funds are limited. Requests will be considered based on availability of funds.
- ☞ Summer Work-Study can only be used towards hourly, non-benefitted positions, and cannot be used to fund a graduate assistantship.
- ☞ Online-only and University Without Walls (UWW) students are only eligible for work-study for summer, not for academic year employment.
- ☞ Payroll dates for Summer Work-Study are: **May 18- August 31, 2025**.

## Summer Federal Loan Requirement

You must maintain enrollment of **6 credits or more** to receive Federal Direct Loans and have completed the following documents at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov):

- ✓ A Federal Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN)
- ✓ A Federal Direct Loan Entrance Counseling

Check your SPIRE To Do List for loan document requirements. Students should be aware that there are lifetime limits for Federal Direct Loans and that any loans awarded in summer will count toward those limits.

Visit our website at [umass.edu/financialaid](https://umass.edu/financialaid) for current annual loan limit amounts by grade level and dependency status, which are subject to change. Your Federal Direct Loan awards for the summer may be limited by your annual eligibility, actual cost of attendance, other financial aid received, Student Aid Index (SAI), or lifetime aggregate limit.

## Summer Living Expenses & Alternative Loans

If the financial aid you receive does not cover all your living or educational expenses, you may consider applying for an Alternative Loan. For availability of alternative loans for summer, visit our website at [umass.edu/financialaid](https://umass.edu/financialaid)

**For additional information about Summer Financial Aid, please visit our website at [umass.edu/financialaid](https://umass.edu/financialaid).**

# Summer 2025 Financial Aid Application

Financial Aid Services  
Academic Year 2024-2025

*Do not use this form if you are attending a Summer Study Abroad/Exchange program.  
Contact the Office of Global Affairs (OGA) or visit their website.*

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ UMass SPIRE ID: \_\_\_\_\_

## What type of aid are you applying for? ✓ Check One

Students eligible for summer grant aid will be automatically awarded any grant aid that matches their eligibility.

- ☐ **Federal Direct Loan Only**- The minimum enrollment is 6 credits to receive a Federal Direct Loan.
- ☐ **Summer Work-Study Only**- Enrollment in summer classes is not required, must be returning in fall 2025
- ☐ **Federal Direct Loan and Summer Work-Study**

## What is your Summer Enrollment Status? ✓ Check One

- ☐ **Not Enrolled**- I will not be enrolled in summer classes, but wish to apply for Summer Work-Study.
- ☐ **Enrolled**- I will be enrolled in \_\_\_\_\_ credits through UMass Amherst.

### UNDERGRADUATE Students ONLY:

- ☐ **Approved Summer Internship/Independent Study** registered through UMass Amherst- at least 6 credits.

### GRADUATE Students ONLY:

- ☐ **Enrolled in Continuous Enrollment**. To be eligible for a Federal Direct Loan, create an enrollment appointment within SPIRE. Your graduate program must record in SPIRE that you are considered at least half-time status for summer.
- ☐ **Enrolled in Summer Thesis or Dissertation**. To be eligible for a Federal Direct Loan, you must register for thesis or dissertation credits in SPIRE. Your graduate program must record in SPIRE that you are considered at least half-time status for summer.

### For Your Information:

- ↳ Summer Work-Study is a need-based award and funds are limited. Requests will be considered based on availability of funds
- ↳ Academic year work-study is not available for online- only or University Without Walls (UWW) students if they receive it for summer.
- ↳ Post-Bachelor students are only eligible for Federal Direct Loans and are not eligible for Summer Work-Study.
- ↳ Your summer aid may be processed before Spring 2025 Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) review is completed. If you have an unresolved SAP determination, your summer aid will be cancelled.

## Summer Financial Aid Terms and Conditions:

By completing this application you agree to the terms and conditions listed below. Failure to meet any or all of these terms and conditions will result in the cancellation, delay or non-processing of your summer aid.

- ↳ Your award(s) will be based on the number of credits you have enrolled in. If you drop credits post- award, your aid may be adjusted.
- ↳ If you receive a refund from the UMass Bursar's Office and then make an adjustment to your enrollment, your aid may be adjusted and you may owe a bill to the University.
- ↳ You must follow up and complete any additional document requests before your summer aid application can be processed. Check your SPIRE To Do List and
- ↳ UMass email for notifications about your summer awards or application status.
- ↳ To receive a Federal Direct Loan you must take and maintain at least 6 credits. Credits can be taken during one or all summer sessions.
- ↳ Before loans are paid to your bill and any refunds issued a completed Federal Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Entrance Counseling are required.
- ↳ Disbursement of financial aid for students enrolled in six or more credits in Summer Session One will start on or after **May 25, 2025**.
- ↳ For all others, summer aid will be disbursed on or after **July 1, 2025**. See Summer FAQs for additional information.
- ↳ If your summer financial aid does not cover all charges, you are responsible to pay the balance due to the Bursar's Office.
- ↳ The deadline to submit requested documents for incomplete applications is **July 31, 2025**.
- ↳ Please do not disregard your university bill due date while waiting for your application to be processed.

By submitting this application, I accept and understand the terms and conditions for receiving summer aid.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Student's Signature

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Date

Fax completed form to: **413-545-1700** or  
Secure Document Upload at: **[umass.edu/financialaid/upload](https://umass.edu/financialaid/upload)**



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