Scholarship Applications

We continue to move through **Free Money Season**! However, we are approaching our deadline for scholarships (February 1) and priority deadline (February 1) for the FAFSA. So, if you have not applied for the Ohio State scholarships through the Lima Scholarship Application or Ohio State ScholarshipUniverse, it’s time to get those items completed.

The Ohio State Lima Scholarship Application (go.osu.edu/LimaScholarshipApp) on our website and the Ohio State ScholarshipUniverse portal (osu.scholarshipuniverse.com) through Columbus are also available until February 1.

The 2021-2022 Ohio State Lima Scholarship Application will be used to apply for Lima campus scholarships – one application, numerous scholarship opportunities.

The ScholarshipUniverse portal will connect Ohio State students with internal and external scholarship opportunities. ScholarshipUniverse will pull certain scholarships that you might be eligible for and then you just have to click “apply.” Most of the scholarships listed are available only on the Columbus campus, but some other colleges and departments have their scholarships running through the portal. For example, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion and the College of Engineering both have February 1 deadlines for scholarships available to students on the Lima campus.

We always say, “Apply for as many scholarships as possible” so why not just fill out both applications? They are both quick and easy to complete and due by February 1. The best part is that they could both result in free money for the 2021-2022 school year!

**REMINDER**

Check your Ohio State email account as well as your BuckeyeLink account on a regular basis. That “regular basis” needs to be more than once a week!

Office Hours

(Subject to change based on university policy)

- The Office of Student Financial Aid is always open. If a question or concern comes to mind in the middle of the night or on the weekend or on a holiday, you have the option to email us. As we continue to move through the school year, we will have someone in the office all week. Financial Aid Coordinator Tony Dickman will be on campus in his office in the Student Services Building on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 8:00 a.m. to 4:45 p.m. Tony will be working remotely on Mondays and Fridays and is also available via email and/or phone.

- As we enter the new year, please email or call before you make a special trip to campus to meet with someone in the office. If you have class and will be on campus anyway, just stop out. We recommend that you contact the office before making a separate trip to campus as Tony’s days in the office could be adjusted.

- If you would like to set up an appointment, we can do that. Email the office at lima-financial.aid@osu.edu and we’ll get you on the calendar.

Tuition Option Payment Plan

If you setup the Tuition Option Payment Plan (TOPP), your payment dates are:

- Installment #1: January 4
- Installment #2: February 4
- Installment #3: March 4
- Installment #4 (Last payment): April 4

If you miss any of these payment dates, you will be charged a $25 late payment fee.
Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The most feared and misunderstood college application is upon us again. Back in October, the 2021-2022 FAFSA became available for completion. We recommend that you complete your FAFSA early, the earlier the better. If you completed a 2020-2021 FAFSA, you can login (www.fafsa.gov) using the same username/email and password that you used prior and simply click on FAFSA Renewal. The FAFSA Renewal will preload much of your information from your previous FAFSA. You only have to update a few items doing the renewal such as your year in college, household size, number in college, and then the financial information for the tax year 2019. Ohio State’s priority deadline is February 1, 2021. But do not wait until the end of January to complete the FAFSA. The earlier you complete your FAFSA, the earlier we can review it and update your To Do List on Buckeye Link.

Once you complete your 2021-2022 FAFSA, you'll get the confirmation email from FAFSA and you'll be able to track the progress on your Buckeye Link account under the aid year 2022, after about 7-10 business days. Once we have your FAFSA we'll review it and make the updates to your To Do List for the 2021-2022 school year. If you then enroll in summer courses, your award package will be available in mid-April to help with summer tuition. If you do not plan on summer enrollment, your award package will be available in late May or early June.

If you have not filed a FAFSA for this current school year, it is not too late. You can still complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA and receive aid for the 2020-2021 school year. In fact, if you complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA now and you are eligible for federal grants and/or loans we could still award those for this semester.

There is also the possibility that your FAFSA could be or will be selected for verification, especially if you were selected in prior years. We will put the verification requirements on your To Do List in early January and you can get those forms completed early and be done until the late spring or early summer when you have to accept your awards.

***Please remember that if your FAFSA is selected for verification, your FAFSA is viewed as INCOMPLETE until the verification is completed, therefore you will not be awarded aid until the verification is complete.***

Spring Semester

Remember, Spring 2021 starts virtually! Even though you won’t be on campus you can still contact the Office of Student Financial Aid. Just call or email.

Are you taking classes at Ohio State and another institution or will you be in the summer? If so, contact us for information regarding your financial aid. We may have you complete a Consortium Agreement, which allows Ohio State to count your credit hours at another institution so that you do not receive less financial aid at Ohio State. The Department of Education states that a student cannot receive federal funds at multiple institutions at the same time, so we do Consortium Agreements. Consortium Agreements are typically due by the 1st Friday of the semester and will not be approved (unless you have a special circumstance) during your first or last terms at Ohio State. If you have any questions let us know.

If you FAFSA is chosen for verification, complete the To Do List items immediately, do not wait until you’re back on campus or put it off. If you miss deadlines, you miss out on potentially free money.