

# SENSE ON A DOLLAR



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## Financial Aid Disbursements

Financial Aid Disbursements typically occur during the first week of classes for students meeting all financial aid eligibility, enrollment requirements and for students without any active holds. Please check your student account for any holds or incomplete checklist items that may be preventing your financial aid award from disbursing.

**First-time borrowers** complete these documents on

**Studentaid.gov**:

- Federal Student Loan Entrance Counseling
- Master Promissory Note (MPN) /Loan Agreement

**Existing borrowers** can find a copy of completed MPNs an Entrance Counseling on **Studentaid.gov**.

Financial aid awards are estimated based on anticipated full-time enrollment. Students must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) and be enrolled at least half-time for loans to disburse.\*

After the add-drop period, financial aid eligibility will be re-evaluated and adjusted to reflect semester registration, which may result in a balance owed if you modified your enrollment. Outstanding tuition balances will be reflected on your University student account. Add-drop deadlines are available on the **Registrar's website**.

\*For summer semester loans to disburse, students must be enrolled the entire 12-week period.

## Fall 2024 Disbursement Dates

GSBS	8/19/2024
MD Anderson	8/19/2024
Nursing	8/19/2024
SPH	8/19/2024
SBMI	8/19/2024
Dental Hygiene	8/12/2024
Dental (DDS) I-IV	8/12/2024
Post Grad Dental	8/12/2024



## Refunds

Allow 2 business days after the disbursement date for refunds to post to direct deposit accounts. A paper check will be mailed to the address on file in 3-5 business days if your are not enrolled in direct deposit.

Refund questions? Contact

[Bursar@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Bursar@uth.tmc.edu)

# Financial Aid: How it works

## Plan Early

Start the planning process early. Determine how to pay for college at least one year before you plan to start. Meet with school counselors or financial aid representatives to ask about state, federal, and institutional aid you can apply for. Make certain to meet application deadlines. Start a savings account before you get to college. Prepaid tuition and education savings plans can help you start saving before you enter college.



## Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Apply for FAFSA each year you plan to attend college. Seek guidance from school counselors and the financial aid office about state, federal and institutional grants and scholarships. States and colleges may also have applications to determine eligibility for institutional financial aid, such as scholarships, grants, and other opportunities. Be aware of all application deadlines.



## Review Your Aid Offer and Make an Informed Decision

Most colleges and universities will provide you with an early estimate of an aid offer. The aid offer typically explains the expected cost of tuition, fees, and other expenses. It includes the types and amounts of aid the school is offering to help you cover those costs. You should always review the offer, ask questions when in doubt, and accept the offer from the school that best suits your needs. Always inform the school if you receive or plan to receive outside assistance such as scholarships or assistantships.



## Accept the Offer and Receive Your Aid

Now that you're ready to begin college and you know the cost, it's time to accept your offer and receive your aid. After you've accepted the offer, the financial aid office will apply your aid to the outstanding balance and will send you the excess to apply to other college expenses.



## Repay your Debt

Graduation is approaching, it's time to prepare to repay your student loan debts. Federal student loan borrowers have benefits, such as a six-month grace period before payments are due and repayment plan options. Use your time wisely, get organized, talk to your lender and select a plan that aligns with your budget.





# 2025-2026 FAFSA

## Launch Date:

# December 1, 2024

The 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form will be available to the public on or before December 1, 2024 at [Studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

Students interested in applying for financial assistance through UTHealth or MD Anderson School of Health Professions should complete the FAFSA. Financial need will be determined using the information provided on the FAFSA.

To avoid delays in the award process, applicants must select the appropriate school code on the FAFSA.

<b>MD Anderson</b> <b>School Code: 017249</b>
MD Anderson School of Health Professions

<b>UTHealth</b> <b>School Code: 013956</b>			
McGovern Medical School	School of Dentistry	Cizik School of Nursing	School of Public Health
McWilliams School of Biomedical Informatics	MD Anderson Cancer Center UTHealth Houston Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences	Master of Science Anesthesia Program	

There is no priority deadline to submit the FAFSA as federal awards are processed in order in which they are received. The FAFSA deadline for the 2025-2026 academic year is June 30, 2026.

The priority consideration application deadline for State Aid is January 15th of each year. Funding is limited and awards are determined on a first come, first served basis.

# Loans for Disadvantaged Students (LDS) Health Professions Student Loans (HPSL) Processing Timeline

Application  
Opens

Applicants  
complete & upload forms

Awards determined\*  
Qualifying applicants are sent offers

Recipients accept offer on MyUTH  
& **submit loan documents in-person\*\***

Awards are disbursed after  
mandatory 7-10 day waiting period

\*Higher interest loans may be reduced, cancelled or replaced with the HPSL or LDS loan.

\*\*Completed loan documents must be submitted in-person or via standard mail to the Financial Aid Office

If you have questions, contact [Sfaregis@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Sfaregis@uth.tmc.edu)



# 2024 Fall Graduates



If you borrowed Federal or Institutional loans, you must complete Loan Exit Counseling prior to graduation.

## Accessing Exit Counseling Instructions

Log on  
to MyUTH

Select  
Student Services

Click on  
To Do List

Go to  
Exit Counseling

If you have questions regarding loan Exit Counseling, contact [Studentloancollections@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Studentloancollections@uth.tmc.edu).

## Dates to Remember

OCTOBER 24<sup>th</sup>

MED III

FINANCIAL AID  
DISBURSEMENT

DECEMBER 1<sup>st</sup>

2025-2026  
FAFSA  
APPLICATION  
OPENS

NOVEMBER 15<sup>th</sup>

MED IV

FINANCIAL AID  
DISBURSEMENT

DECEMBER 30<sup>th</sup>

ALL DENTAL  
PROGRAMS

FINANCIAL AID  
DISBURSEMENT



# Navigating MyUTH



## Accepting a Financial Aid Offer

1. Log on to myUTH Student Center
2. Select Financial Aid
3. View Financial Aid
4. Choose Aid Year
5. Click Accept/Decline Awards

Contact the Office of Student Financial Services at (713) 500-3860 or [Sfaregis@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Sfaregis@uth.tmc.edu) with student loan or financial aid questions.

## Installment Plan Enrollment

1. Log on to myUTH Student Center
2. Select Account Inquiry
3. Click on Account Services
4. Enroll in Installment Plan



Medical and Dental (DDS) students are encouraged to sign up for an installment plan prior to financial aid disbursing. Contact [Bursar@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Bursar@uth.tmc.edu) with installment plan questions.

## Direct Deposit

### Part 1

1. Log on to myUTH Student Center
2. Select Account Inquiry
3. Choose Account Services
4. Click on Bank Accounts
5. Add Account



### Part 2

1. Log on to myUTH Student Center
2. Select Account Inquiry
3. Choose Account Services
4. Click on Direct Deposit

Follow instructions to enter your bank account information and complete enrollment. Please allow up to 48 hours for processing.

Contact [Bursar@uth.tmc.edu](mailto:Bursar@uth.tmc.edu) with any direct deposit questions.

## Add It Up

Take the quiz and "Add It Up" to determine if you are a beginner, competent or proficient in financial aid knowledge.

1. What does FAFSA stand for?
2. Is parent information required on the FAFSA for Graduate students?
3. How often should you apply for FAFSA?

Award yourself 3 points for each question you answered correctly

1. Free Application for Federal Student Aid
2. No
3. Once a year for each year you plan to attend college

Add It Up

3 points = Beginner  
6 points = Competent  
9 points = Proficient



## Contact Us



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[AllAboutFinancialAid](https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC...)

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