

Frequently asked questions

Important contact information

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fafsa.ed.gov/help.htm

How many hours should I enroll in to be able to defer my loans?

In general, at least six credit hours if you are a law student. Contact your lender for requirements.

What is the estimated cost of attendance (COA) and how does that affect my financial aid eligibility?

Your COA is a standardized estimate of what it will cost to attend KU for the academic year. The COA includes the following components: tuition, fees, room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and personal expenses. Federal, state, and institutional financial aid awards cannot exceed the estimated COA.

Your COA is based on 15 hours per semester. If you enroll in more than 15 hours, you can submit a written request for consideration of a COA adjustment. If approved, your COA will be adjusted. However, this does not guarantee you will be eligible for additional aid.

How is financial aid disbursed?

Financial aid awards are applied to your student account each semester about one week before classes start. Depending on the amount, your financial aid will reduce or cover current tuition, required fees, and, if applicable, on-campus housing.

What if my financial circumstances change after I file the FAFSA?

By attending law school, you may have changes in income or expenses not reported on your FAFSA. If so, you may request a Special Circumstances Re-Evaluation. Examples of special circumstances could include loss of income, childcare expenses, excess housing costs, transportation expenses associated with commuting, or moving expenses.

What if my aid exceeds the amount due?

You'll receive a refund from the Student Account Services office. The first day to receive excess financial aid is one or two days before the first day of classes.

What if I need additional loan aid?

Graduate Plus Loans are available for qualifying students to provide additional aid up to their total cost of attendance. For details, see the Graduate Student Loan Information Sheet at affordability.ku.edu/forms.

APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

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It's time to apply for financial aid.

Let's get started.

File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

- The FAFSA becomes available online Oct. 1. You must file the FAFSA to be considered for federal loans, grants, and work-study and some state and university aid.
- Start by creating your FSA ID number: fsaid.ed.gov.
- Use your FSA ID on the FAFSA site: fafsa.gov. Then fill out the application using your federal income tax return, if you filed one, and your spouse's federal income tax return if you are married. Make sure the information on your FAFSA, such as your Social Security number, matches information on your KU application. KU's federal school code is 001948.
- Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to pull tax return information directly from the IRS and transfer it into your FAFSA. Using the IRS DRT saves time, increases accuracy, and simplifies the FAFSA.
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Search for departmental and outside scholarships.

Begin your search for scholarships by starting at law.ku.edu/scholarships to learn about KU scholarships and outside scholarships.

Review your Student Aid Report.

If you list your email address on your FAFSA, you should receive your Student Aid Report by email five to seven days after filing the FAFSA. If you provide only a mailing address, the report will be mailed to you in two to three weeks. Correct or update the report on the FAFSA website if necessary. Use your FSA ID as your electronic signature.

If we have questions about the information on your FAFSA, we'll send an email to your KU account with instructions about the documents you'll need to provide.

Accept or decline your financial aid awards

You can do this in your Student Center page on KU's Enroll & Pay site. (Learn how to access Enroll & Pay on the next page.)



Important dates

Oct. 1

FAFSA and the Internal Revenue Service Data Retrieval Tool are available online

April 15

First deposit deadline
(March 15 for summer starters)

June 15

Second deposit deadline
(Make sure your FAFSA is filed in a timely manner so your aid is ready by the time your bill is ready.)



SET UP YOUR KU ONLINE ID AND KU EMAIL ACCOUNT.

- After you are admitted, get your student ID number from your admission letter. You need it to create the online ID and email account. Misplaced it? Contact the School of Law.
- Create the online ID and email account: technology.ku.edu/personal-accounts. If you have questions, call us at 785-864-8080.
- With your KU online ID, you gain access to your personalized Student Center page at KU's Enroll & Pay: sa.ku.edu. We will post reminders in your To Do List and send messages to your KU email address.



If you're applying for a loan, complete the applicable steps.

First-time recipients of Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans must complete a master promissory note at studentloans.gov.

If you are a first-time borrower, you also must complete online entrance counseling at studentloans.gov.

Learn more about loan options at loans.ku.edu.

Authorize direct deposit of financial aid to your bank account.

Do this online at the Enroll & Pay Student Center (under Finances, select Set Up Direct Deposit).