

Welcome to Quinnipiac University

You've already taken the first and most important step in choosing Quinnipiac to deliver a high-quality education. Families often inquire about the best ways to help finance a Quinnipiac University education. Listed inside are some tips to help make completing your degree as affordable as possible.



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10 Ways to Help Pay for College



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10 Things to Consider in Financing Your Education

1. File Your FAFSA Early

The FAFSA is required in order to apply for federal, state and institutional aid. Don't wait until you are admitted. Completing your application early helps streamline the review and awarding process and also gives you the information you need to make financial decisions for the coming semester. The preferred deadline for filing your financial aid application is March 1 for new students and April 1 for returning students. Applications received after these dates are awarded on a funds-available basis.

2. Apply for Scholarships and Grants

Completing the FAFSA allows you to maximize your federal, state, private and institutional grant and scholarship aid opportunities.

3. Research Outside Scholarships

Many outside entities offer scholarships to students. Avoid scholarships that require an application fee or sweepstake-type offers. No reputable organization will require either of these to apply for a scholarship. If you are an incoming student, check with your guidance office for a listing of local scholarships in your area. The financial aid office at Quinnipiac University also maintains a book of local scholarships, or students can go to finaid.org/scholarships to search online.

4. Reduce Your Costs

Students often can save tens of thousands of dollars over their college career through careful planning, managing and controlling academic and social costs. Consider cost savings that can be achieved by commuting or finishing your degree in less than four years. Evaluate how you spend your time/money on items such as study abroad opportunities, spring break, textbooks, your dining and social choices, fraternities/sororities, car maintenance and employment options.

5. Payment Plans

We strongly urge families to utilize personal resources before borrowing, which can help minimize the amount of loan debt acquired for a college education. To help families manage their tuition payments, the university offers an interest-free payment plan, that spreads the annual balance over a 10-month period beginning May 1.

6. Work, Work, Work!

Many students help to pay for college expenses through work-study programs, paid internships or working during the semester, summer and winter breaks.



7. Borrow Wisely

Educational loans are readily available at competitive interest rates, and families often consider borrowing to help pay some of the costs of a college education. We strongly urge families to use personal resources first and then consider loan options in the following order: federal student loans, federal parent loans, private educational loans. It is vital to keep student loan debt to a minimum.

8. Be a Leader

Upperclassmen can earn stipends in exchange for taking leadership roles on campus, which include: becoming an RA, serving in student government, serving as a team manager for one of our varsity sports teams, managing the student newspaper or managing the student radio station.

9. Don't Forget Employer Benefits

Some companies offer scholarships to children of their employees. Also, parents who work on a college campus may qualify for tuition exchange benefits. Go to tuitionexchange.org for a complete listing of participating institutions.

10. Check the Quinnipiac Financial Aid Website

We've developed a web page titled "Additional Resources," which lists a variety of other means to help pay educational costs. Options include: VA benefits, ROTC, educational tax credits, community service opportunities, state scholarships and employer benefits.

SALT: Quinnipiac University is happy to provide an interactive financial literacy tool called SALT, which engages students in understanding and managing their educational loan debt. Topics include: Money 101, Responsible Borrowing, Debt Management, Personal Budgeting, Credit Scores and Credit Cards. Sign up at saltmoney.org/register to learn more.

Finally, don't hesitate to call, email or stop by our office if you have any questions. We are here to help!