FINANCIAL AID

The Dixie State University (DSU) Financial Aid program exists to ensure that no qualified student will be denied the opportunity to continue his or her education because of economic disadvantages. Through a program of grants, work-study, scholarships, and loans, students enrolled at DSU are able to supplement their own resources and the resources of their families to complete a course of study.

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Financial aid is awarded on the basis of need and other eligibility criteria established by the U.S. Department of Education and other agencies at the state level. There is no discrimination based on race, color, religion, age, sex, national origin, health-related condition, handicap, or status as a veteran.

Pell Grant Lifetime Limit:

Each student is limited to a total of 12 full-time semesters (or 6 full years) of Pell Grant eligibility during his/her lifetime. This limit applies to all students, regardless of when they received their first Pell Grant. Once a student has received a Pell Grant for 12 semesters as a full-time student, s/he will not be eligible for further Pell Grant funding.

Guidelines for Financial Aid Applications

1. Apply for Admission: Students are not eligible for any financial aid or scholarships until they have been successfully admitted to DSU as matriculated, degree-seeking students. Information about admission is found at http://www.dixie.edu/admissions or in the Admissions section of this catalog.

2. Apply for Financial Aid: Students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov. The FAFSA should be completed as soon as possible after January 1st for the upcoming academic year, using the student and parents’ prior year’s federal tax information (as applicable to the applicant.). The institutional code for Dixie State University is 003671.

3. Deadlines & “Priority” Dates:

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Students who do not meet these deadlines are still eligible to apply for federal student aid. However, there is no guarantee that their financial aid funds will be available to meet any tuition payment deadlines.

4. Application Notification Process: Once the FAFSA application is processed, students are contacted via their Dmail (Dixie e-mail). Students are notified of missing and/or required documents needed to complete verification of the FAFSA. Once all required documents are received and the students’ application is verified, an official “Financial Aid Award Notification” is sent through Dmail. (Information regarding Dmail may be located in the Academic Advisement section of this catalog.) It is the student’s responsibility to ensure that their balance owed for tuition and fees is paid in full. There are no guarantees that financial aid will be sufficient to cover the total balance or that it will be paid by the due date.

5. Student Responsibilities: To receive Federal Title IV assistance and state assistance:

• Student must demonstrate financial need, as determined by the U.S. Department of Education.
• Student must have a high school diploma or GED certificate on file with the College.
• Student must be enrolled in an eligible program of study.
• Student must be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen.
• Student must have a valid Social Security number.
• Student must maintain satisfactory academic progress.
• Student must certify that they are not in default on a federal student loan.
• Student must register with Selective Service, as required.

After Students Have Been Awarded Financial Aid

1. Respond: Students should immediately review their award notification and make a decision to accept or reject loans and work-study offers. Acceptance must be done through a student’s MyDixie login access on the Dixie College website. Once awards are accepted, students will receive follow-up Dmail messages with further instructions on how to complete loan counseling and promissory notes, or how to locate work-study jobs.

2. Register for Classes: Students must be enrolled in classes (leading to a degree or certificate) prior to receiving any financial aid funds. Funding amounts may vary from award notification amounts based on enrollment status.

3. Enrollment Requirements: Pell Grants are prorated each semester based on the enrolled number of credit hours (see chart below.) Pell Grant payments are locked at the end of the 3rd week of each semester (Census Date), and Pell Grant payments are adjusted up or down, based on a student’s enrollment status on the Census Date. Federal Student Loans
require at least 6 credit hours of enrollment and Federal Work Study requires 9 credit hours of enrollment.

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4. **Completion Requirements:** Federal Financial Aid is qualitative and quantitative. Students are required to complete 67% of credit hours attempted and to maintain a 2.0 Grade Point Average (GPA). Students who fail to complete either requirement are placed on “Financial Aid Probation” for failure to make Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). Students who fail to meet SAP requirements in a second semester are placed on “No Further Aid” status and will not receive federal financial assistance until they improve their GPA and complete attempted credit hours. Students who do not successfully complete any credit hours (received grades of AU, F, I, W, or WF in all classes) will be automatically suspended from Financial Aid without probation.

**Pell Grant Repeating a Course for a Higher Grade:** Pell Grant funding may not be used to pay for more than one repeat of a course in which a student previously received a passing grade (A through D-). Once a student has completed any course twice with a passing grade (A through D-), s/he is no longer eligible to receive Pell Grant funding for that course.

If a student retakes a course that is not aid-eligible, a recalculation of the grant to exclude the credits for the repeated course will be performed. This rule applies whether or not the student received a Pell Grant or other financial aid for earlier enrollments in the course. There are no exceptions to this Federal regulation.

This limitation does NOT apply to courses which can be repeated for credit. Courses that can be repeated for credit are marked with an R after the course number, and the total number of credits that a student can earn in that course is listed in the course description.

**Student Loan Requirements & Information**

1. **Federal Direct Student Loans:** Subsidized, Unsubsidized, and Parent PLUS Loans are available to students who apply for FAFSA. First-time borrowers at Dixie State University must complete “Entrance Loan Counseling” as well as a Master Promissory Note (MPN). Information on how to locate and complete loan counseling is sent to students via Dmail.

2. **Federal Perkins Loan:** Perkins Loans are awarded on a first come basis to low income students. Recipients must contact Hailey Orr at 435-652-7607 or orr@dixie.edu to schedule an appointment to complete a Perkins Loan Promissory Note. First-time borrowers at Dixie State University must complete “Entrance Loan Counseling”. Information on how to locate and complete loan counseling is sent to students via Dmail.

3. **Work Study Awards:** Work Study Awards are made to early applicants with financial need. Students awarded work-study opportunities must complete an application and arrange for on-campus interviews. The DSU Work Study application is found at http://www.dixie.edu/financial/employment/work-app.php. In order to assist students in finding jobs and being successful employees, the Financial Aid office has a Work Study Handbook available at: http://www.dixie.edu/financial/employment/employee.php.

**Important Information Students Need to Know**

1. **Receiving Funds:** All financial and scholarship funds go directly to a student’s DSU account to pay tuition, fees, on campus housing, and any other charges owed for the semester. Any remaining funds will be released to the student through the Business Services Office on the DSU campus. The current method for disbursing funds is through Dixie HigherOne. Disbursements are made according to the option selected by the student when he/she activates the OneCard. DSU authorizes HigherOne to mail a student his/her individual OneCard approximately ten business days after the student register for classes. Any questions regarding the HigherOne process should be addressed to the DSU Business Services Office.

2. **MyDixie & Dmail accounts:** Students are strongly encouraged to check their Dmail on a daily basis. The Financial Aid and Scholarship offices send award letters, requests for information, deadline dates, and much more via Dmail. Students who fail to check their Dmail will miss out on important information. MyDixie is the login site students use to check their financial aid status, account status, and update their demographic information. It is very important for students to keep addresses and contact information updated and accurate. Delays in processing Financial Aid and/or disbursing funds due to a student’s failure to check his/her Dmail or because of incorrect contact information is the responsibility of the Financial Aid Office.

3. **Privacy Restrictions:** Students who want parents, a spouse, or a third party to have access to their financial information must complete a release of student information request or Federal Education Right to Privacy Act (FERPA) release. Without a FERPA release on file in the DSU Registrar’s Office, Financial Aid staff will not discuss a student’s information with anyone but the student.