Financial Aid
Frequently Asked Questions

Did you receive federal direct loans during the 2017-2018 as undergraduate student?

☐ If yes, change your answer to the FAFSA question “Are you a graduate student?” to ‘Yes’, submit the change, and allow up to two weeks for receipt by the UNLV Financial Aid Office. Also, complete a Summer 2018 Financial Aid Application located at: https://www.unlv.edu/finaid/forms

  • If you do NOT appropriately update your status as a graduate student on your FAFSA your financial aid package may be reduced and your eligibility for departmental scholarships may also be affected.

☐ If no, and you have already completed a 2017-2018 FAFSA, you should complete a Summer 2018 Financial Aid Application located at: https://www.unlv.edu/finaid/forms

Have you completed your 2018-2019 FAFSA application?

☐ If yes, wait until your file is processed and you receive an award package. UNLV Financial Aid Office sends notifications via MyUNLV’s communication center. Check your MyUNLV account often.

☐ If no, complete the 2018-2019 FAFSA as soon as possible to avoid any award and disbursement delays.

Are you changing your residency?

Residency includes your living situation (on-campus, with parent, or off-campus) and how you are classified for tuition purposes (in-state or out-of-state).

☐ If no, your award package will remain the same throughout the 2018-2019 Academic Year.

☐ If yes, update your FAFSA application online to reflect your new living situation and notify the Financial Aid Office

  Example 1: You are now classified as an in-state student for tuition purposes and were previously classified as an out-of-state student.

  Example 2: You previously listed "living with parent" on FAFSA, but now have your own place "living off campus."
NOTE: These changes can affect your award package and could potentially cause an over-award of aids since your cost of attendance budget could be revised. This may cause you to owe money to the university, or lose money for future semester awards.

** YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR NOTIFYING THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE ABOUT ANY CHANGES.

What do I do when I receive my award package?

If this is your first loan with UNLV, you would need to complete a Loan entrance interview and a Master Promissory Note, thru studentloans.gov

☐ Unsubsidized Federal Loan – Log in to your MyUNLV student center account, go to the Accept/Decline awards section and accept the award.

☐ Graduate Plus Loan – Complete a 2018-2019 Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Application located at: https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action. For additional information visit: http://www.unlv.edu/finaid/loans/graduate-plus

When does the loan disburse?

☐ Unsubsidized Federal Loan – These loans disburse 10 days before the beginning of the semester to your student account. Refunds are disbursed after your outstanding semester balance is paid. Setting up direct deposit will expedite any refund if you are expecting one.

☐ Graduate Plus Loan – Since this loan is based on credit, disbursement depends on when you applied for the 2018-2019 Graduate Plus Loan, and when the Financial Aid Office received approval from Department of Education.

Why do I have to submit a FAFSA if I am not anticipating taking out any student loans?

☐ To be eligible for any and all UNLVPT departmental scholarships, students must demonstrate that they have “financial need”. Financial need for scholarship purposes is calculated based off the information provided on the student's FAFSA.