



New Student Financial Assistance Newsletter



2024-2025 Academic Year

MUPA Edition

- To be considered for federal student aid, you must apply for a U.S. Department of Education FSA ID, which is a username and password.
- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Parent information is not required on your form. Be sure you list Marshall University's code **(003815)** on your FAFSA as a college choice.
- Once you are accepted into MU, watch for your Marshall University Financial Aid Award Notice (you will be able to view and accept your awards by logging into your myMU account). New students will receive an award notice via US mail with instructions about how to log into your myMU account. If you are/were a past Marshall student, you will receive an email notice via your Marshall email.
- Submit any requested information or documents from the Office of Student Financial Assistance as soon as possible to that office no later than **December 1** to ensure aid is finalized by the billing due date. View any outstanding financial aid requirements by logging into your myMU account (see page 2 of this newsletter).
- You must accept or decline your financial aid offer online via myMU. **Only accept the amount of loan you feel you will need.** This step is important to assure payment of tuition and timely disbursement of your refund. Your refund is any additional financial aid accepted after tuition is paid. If you decline or if you only accept a partial award, any remaining eligibility will be available throughout the year.
- Federal Direct Loan (FDL) first-time borrowers must complete the online Entrance Loan Counseling and sign an electronic Master Promissory Note (MPN) at www.studentaid.gov.
- Bills for tuition and fees are sent by Marshall University's Bursar's Office in November with tuition due in December.
- Financial aid refunds will be disbursed during the first week of classes provided students have completed all necessary requirements.

Welcome from the Office of Student Financial Assistance

Congratulations on your plans to enroll as a Marshall University Physician Assistant student. The Office of Student Financial Assistance (OSFA) has prepared this Financial Aid Newsletter to assist you with some of the information you must manage in preparation for physician assistant school financing. In the newsletter, you will find useful information about the Federal Student Aid application process along with important deadlines. Meeting deadlines is one of the most important steps in receiving funds. Being well informed and planning early is key to getting the utmost benefit from every possible financial aid program available to you as a PA student.

We know you are excited to begin your PA education as we are in assisting you on identifying financial aid resources available to help you meet your needs. Our primary objective is to assist you in planning for and meeting your expenses. Our office strives to meet your financial needs by not only providing dollar support but through assistance in financial counseling and debt management.

We recommend you keep this newsletter in a file for future reference and, when you receive additional information about financial aid, you can maintain those records in your file.

I am the primary contact for our PA students and I am committed to providing quality service. Whenever you have a question regarding personal financial matters or our financial aid process, please feel free to contact me. Please e-mail me at unroep@marshall.edu or call me at 304-691-8739. I'm looking forward to working with you now as well as in the upcoming years.

Sincerely,

Parker Unroe

Assistant Director of Student Financial Assistance

Marshall University Joan C. Edwards School of Medicine

The Federal Student Aid Application Process

To apply for federal, state, and institutional funds, you must file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You may file the 2024-2025 FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov as early as possible. Be sure to include Marshall University's institutional code (**003815**). To complete and sign the FAFSA electronically, you will be required to use the U.S. Department of Education FSA ID username and password. You can create an FSA ID when logging in to the following sites: www.fafsa.gov, and www.StudentAid.gov. You only need to create an FSA ID username and password once. Your FSA ID username will be used for the duration of PA school and beyond. You will also need your FSA ID to complete Federal Direct Loan Entrance Loan Counseling and to electronically sign a Federal Direct Loan Master Promissory Note. Your FSA ID also allows you to have access to your historical Federal financial aid grant and loan records through the National Student Loan Data System at www.studentaid.gov.

Start Getting Ready Now!

Gather Your Information

Before filing your FAFSA, gather the information you will need to complete the application. Such items include:

- Your 2022 Federal Income tax returns and W-2 forms.
- Your driver's license.
- Your and, if applicable, your family's net worth.
- **Your parent's income is not required.**
- MU's school code: **003815**

Still Have Questions?

Call **1-800-4-FED-AID** (1-800-433-3243), or visit Frequently Asked Questions at www.fafsa.ed.gov/help.htm

Once you have been admitted, you will be able to log into myMU and access important information including, but not limited to...

- ◆ Your Marshall University Email
- ◆ Personal MU Announcements
- ◆ Access to MILO, which includes
 - ◆ Financial Aid Records
 - ◆ Student Billing
 - ◆ Course Schedule Information
 - ◆ Term Grades & Transcripts

Make sure you log into myMU frequently to ensure you

Your Financial Aid Status

You will be able to access the Marshall University student self-service portal, myMU, for access to your financial aid status once Marshall receives your 2024-2025 FAFSA information. If you have attended Marshall University in the past or currently, you should already have been assigned a Marshall University Identification Number (MUID) and username. If you are a new student, after Marshall receives your 2024-2025 FAFSA, you will receive a letter with instructions about accessing your information via myMU. Do not wait until the last minute to complete required documents. By using your myMU account, you can view your outstanding financial aid requirements or awards online at any time.

To view your financial aid records, follow these steps:

- **Go to www.marshall.edu/mymu**
- **If a first-time user**, click on First-Time Users beneath the Login Button for username and password
- Enter your Username and Password
- Click the **Menu** then **Financial Aid**
- Click **Award** link for awards or **Eligibility** for outstanding documents under the **Financial Aid Main Menu**
- Select Award by Aid Year **July 1, 2024 to June 30, 2025** and click submit
- Read the **Terms and Conditions**. You will find your award listed below Terms and Conditions.
- It is very important to accept your awards to begin the processing of your aid or decline your award, if applicable.
- Please check here often while your aid is being finalized.



How Financial Aid Eligibility Is Determined

The information students report on the FAFSA is used in a formula established by Congress to determine the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). This is the first component of determining financial aid eligibility for need-based aid. Although there are very few need-based programs available for medical students, this calculation is performed for all applicants.

Cost of Attendance (COA) or financial aid budget is the second component. To determine eligibility for need-based financial aid programs, the EFC is subtracted

from the COA.

The COA reflects average educational costs. **Tuition & Fees** are fixed costs for any given academic year. The chart below provides estimated tuition and fee costs for PA students for the 2024-2025 academic year. For more detailed information about tuition and fees, visit www.marshall.edu/bursar. **Books & Supplies** are variable costs and depend upon course requirements. **Living expenses** are also variable. **Transportation** and **Miscellaneous** expenses are variable costs that can consume a

large part of the educational costs if not budgeted carefully.

The COA table below is provided for planning purposes. This is an estimated budget for 2024-2025.



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Marshall University Physician Assistant Program 2024-2025 Academic Year Estimated Financial Aid Budget for Residents and Non-Residents				
	PA1 9 Months Spring-Summer	PA2 9 Months Fall-Spring	PA3 3 Months Summer	PA3 9 Months Fall-Spring
Resident Tuition & Fees	\$20,664.00	\$20,664.00	\$10,332.00	\$20,664.00
Non-Resident Tuition & Fees	\$31,492.00	\$31,492.00	\$15,746.00	\$31,492.00
Books & Supplies	\$1,200.00	\$500.00	\$250.00	\$500.00
Living Expenses	\$12,600.00	\$12,600.00	\$4,200.00	\$12,600.00
Transportation	\$6,170.00	\$6,170.00	\$2,090.00	\$6,170.00
PANCE Exam	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$500.00
Misc/Personal Expenses	\$6,300.00	\$6,300.00	\$2,100.00	\$6,300.00
Computer Allowance	\$2,200.00	\$500.00	\$0.00	\$550.00
Graduate PLUS Fees	\$772.00	\$772.00	\$0.00	\$772.00
Loan Fee	\$246.00	\$246.00	\$0.00	\$246.00
Resident Total	\$50,152.00	\$47,752.00	\$18,972.00	\$48,302.00
Non-Resident Total	\$60,980.00	\$58,580.00	\$24,386.00	\$59,130.00

- Your financial aid award notice will reflect any changes to the budget

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Types of Aid

There are two major types of aid:

Scholarship/grants do not have to be repaid and **loans** are borrowed money and must be repaid, typically with interest. Students are eligible to receive assistance up to the total cost of education provided the student meets requirements.

FEDERAL LOANS

The William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan (FDL) program lets you borrow from the U.S. Department of Education instead of a bank or other lending institution. This allows borrowers to work with a single entity through an assigned loan servicer when repaying loans or dealing with loan-related issues. There are two types of Federal Direct Loans for medical students: **Federal Direct Stafford Loan (unsubsidized)** and **Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan**.

By completing the FAFSA, you are automatically considered for these loans. You will be offered an FDL based on your Cost of Attendance (COA, see Budget on page 3). There are annual and aggregate limits for the FDL program. However, there are no aggregate limits for the Graduate PLUS loan. If applying for the Graduate PLUS load, a credit check is required. Should you have a negative credit history, it is possible to be denied this particular loan. To check your credit history and obtain a free credit report go to:

www.annualcreditreport.com.

LOAN ENTRANCE COUNSELING AND PROMISSORY NOTE

If you are a first-time borrower for either the Federal Direct unsubsidized or Graduate PLUS Loan, you must complete Entrance Loan Counseling and sign a Federal Direct Loan Master Promissory Note.

Once you receive notification from our office directing you to myMU to view your financial aid award (see page 2), you will need to accept or decline the offered loan amount. If you “accept” any amount of loan, you will be provided instructions to complete your requirements. Additionally, loan processing fees are deducted from your total amount borrowed.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is the term used to define successful completion of coursework to maintain eligibility for financial aid. All students are reviewed for SAP at the conclusion of each term. SAP is made up of 3 components: qualitative, quantitative and maximum time frame.

If you become ineligible for aid because you are not meeting SAP, you have the opportunity to appeal for reinstatement of your aid.

For more information about SAP and how to appeal, visit www.marshall.edu/sfa/.

Student Refund Process

Marshall University has entered into a partnership with Heartland ECSI to provide student refunds. All students must log onto the Marshall E-Refund payment Portal and select their refund preference.

You may select one of the following refund options:

- **We encourage you to select electronic deposit to any bank account of your choice as the most timely and convenient way to receive your refund. By choosing Direct Deposit your refund can be processed within 2-3 business days.**
- You can select paper check which can take 7-10 business day. If you do not select a refund preference your disbursement will default to paper check.
- To avoid delaying your refund, please verify your address and telephone number with Marshall University are accurate, active and listed as permanent "PR". Our refund software will not allow us to process refunds via direct deposit or paper check unless your "PR" permanent address and telephone number are active. You can verify/correct this information by logging into your myMU account and clicking the 'Manage Addresses' link under the 'Student Account Information' tab or by contacting the Registrar's Office at 304-696-6410.

Please contact the following for additional information:

Office of the Bursar: bursar@marshall.edu,
304-696-6620 or

in person- Old Main room 101

Heartland ECSI: 844-700-0134