ONE STOP STUDENT SERVICE CENTER

FINANCIAL AID, SCHOLARSHIPS, BILLING & REGISTRATION
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UC Blue Ash College - One Stop
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Cost of Attendance (COA)

- Tuition and Fees
- Room & Board
- Books and Supplies
- Transportation
- Personal Expenses
Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

• Amount family can reasonably be expected to contribute
• Stays the same regardless of college
• Two components
  – Parent contribution
  – Student contribution
• Calculated using data from federal application form and a federal formula (FAFSA)
Financial Need

Cost of Attendance
- Expected Family Contribution

= Financial Need
Types of Financial Aid

• Grants
  – Federal Pell Grants
  – Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)
  – State Grants
  – Institutional Grants

• Loans
  – Direct Subsidized & Unsubsidized
  – PLUS (Loan in parent’s name for student)
  – Private Loans

• Work-study
  – Based on need
  – On-campus job
  – Apply and interview
  – Typically 10-15 hours per week and paid directly to student

• Scholarships
FSA ID

• The FSA ID is a username/password combination that allows you to sign your FAFSA (as well as other documents) electronically.
• Students (and if DEPENDENT, at least one parent) will need their own FSA ID.
• Be careful to enter your name and SSN exactly as they appear on your social security card. This must match the information entered on your FAFSA.
• FSA ID is assigned to an SSN, cannot create a new one
• Write it down, save it in your phone, or save your it somewhere where it won’t get lost. Don’t forget your FSA ID as it can be cumbersome to recreate or unlock.

FSAID.ed.gov 1-800-4FED-AID
Create a New FSA ID

New to FSA? Create an FSA ID account below. An FSA ID gives you access to Federal Student Aid’s online systems and can serve as your legal signature.

Only create an FSA ID using your own personal information and for your own exclusive use. You are not authorized to create an FSA ID on behalf of someone else, including a family member.

You are not allowed to have an employee or agent of a commercial entity, or other third party, create an FSA ID for you for any purposes including but not limited to: payment reductions, debt consolidation or applying for aid. Misrepresentation of your identity to the federal government could result in criminal or civil penalties.

Need help creating an FSA ID?

Important: When you are done click the CANCEL button to clear your data, even if you did not finish creating your FSA ID. Just closing your browser window or going to another website may not be enough to prevent other people using this computer from seeing your information until the session expires.

Create an FSA ID  Manage My FSA ID

Please enter your:

E-mail

Confirm E-mail

Username

Password
Free Application For Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

• Complete a FAFSA for each academic school year- available October 1st
• Financial aid is awarded on “first-come, first-serve” basis- complete your FAFSA early in order to get the most aid possible

FAFSA.ed.gov

2019-2020 FAFSA: 2017 tax/income information
FAFSA®: Apply for Aid

Use the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college or grad school.

NEW TO THE FAFSA® PROCESS?
Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now.

RETURNING USER?
Correct info • Add a school
View your Student Aid Report (SAR)

START HERE ➤

FAFSA® Announcements

• The 2019–20 FAFSA form is here! Some states and schools have limited funds, so submit your application today. Also, check out the new myStudentAid app for iOS and Android.

The FAFSA form will be unavailable due to scheduled maintenance every Sunday from 3–11 a.m. Eastern time.
myStudentAid App

Welcome to myStudentAid

Need money for college?
Submitting the 2018-2019 FAFSA® form is quick, and most importantly, it's FREE.

START HERE

Before You Start
myStudentAid is the official app of Federal Student Aid (FSA), an office of the U.S. Department of Education.

If you want to renew your 2018-19 FAFSA or use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, you need to complete your FAFSA form on fafsa.gov.
Dependency Status

- As of today, are you married?
- At the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year, will you be working on a master’s or doctorate program?
- Do you now have or will you have children who will receive more than half of their support from you?
- Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you?
- Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?
- At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?
- As determined by a court in your state of legal residence, are you or were you an emancipated minor?
- Does someone other than your parent or stepparent have legal guardianship of you, as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?
Dependent or Independent

- If a student answers no to all of these questions, then parent information is needed. You are considered Dependent. You will report you and your parents’ information.
- If a student answers yes to any of these questions, then parent information is not needed. You are considered Independent. You will report your own information (and, if you’re married, your spouse’s).
- Example: Johnny Bearcat is 21, lives on his own, has his own income and receives no financial support from his parents. He is not married, and does not support anyone else financially. Is he DEPENDENT or INDEPENDENT?
- Questions: Visit One Stop during walk-in hours or give us a call!
Parent on the FAFSA

• Who is my parent when it comes to the FAFSA?
  – If parents are living together, regardless of marital status, include both and their combined financial information
    • This includes same-sex partners
  – If parents are divorced or separated, include the parent and their financial information of who you lived with more during the past 12 months
    • If that parent is remarried, you must include your stepparent’s info and financial information
IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT)

- The IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) allows students and parents to access the IRS tax return information needed to complete the FAFSA and transfer the data directly into their FAFSA from the IRS Web site.
- If you are eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, click Link To IRS to transfer your tax return information from the IRS website into your FAFSA. You will need to provide your name and address EXACTLY as it is indicated on your tax forms.
- Once the tax information is imported directly from the IRS website, you will see “Transferred from the IRS” in the appropriate fields. You will not be able to make changes to this information nor will you be able to see the specific data.
- If you are ineligible or otherwise choose not to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to retrieve tax information, your college may require a copy of your IRS Tax Return Transcript (or your parents’ IRS Tax Return Transcript, if you are a dependent student).
- If selected for the verification process, please note that IRS Tax Return Transcripts are required. Signed copies of Federal 1040’s are no longer accepted. Students may request this documentation on www.irs.gov or by calling 1-800-908-9946.
Where Do I Go From Here?

- Complete FAFSA and other application materials (such as your UC admission application)
- Research other sources of aid (scholarships)
- Check Catalyst regularly (www.catalyst.uc.edu)
  - Submit all requested follow-up documents as early as possible so that financial aid can be awarded!
  - Accept/decline financial aid via Catalyst
- Complete any appropriate loan processes including:
  - Loan Entrance Counseling
  - Master Promissory Notes
  - Parent PLUS application/ Parent PLUS Master Promissory Note
Satisfactory Academic Progress

• 2.0 GPA
  – Must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA after second year of enrollment

• 150% maximum timeframe
  – Must complete degree within 1.5x length of published credit hour requirement

• 67% pace
  – Must satisfactorily complete minimum 67% of credit hours attempted
Progress Example

• Suzie Student
  – Fall – Enrolls in 15 credit hours; does not go to class; receives WXs and Fs; GPA = 0.0
  – Spring – Enrolls in 15 credit hours; gets motivated and goes to class…and does GREAT! GPA=3.0
  – Cumulative GPA = 1.5
  – Cumulative Pace = 50%
  – Academic Progress review occurs and Suzie is now INELIGIBLE for financial aid next year…

• Don’t end up like Suzie!
Stay On Top of Your Finances

- File FAFSA **annually** on or after **October 1**
- Review your financial aid and your bill to determine out-of-pocket expenses
- Read your **student email** – check it DAILY!
- Remain full-time (12+ in-class credit hours)
- Seek academic and financial aid advising **before** withdrawing from classes
- Maintain good academic standing
SCHOLARSHIPS

FALL – JANUARY

SPRING – OCTOBER

UC BLUE ASH AWARDS OVER $60,000 IN SCHOLARSHIPS ANNUALLY!
General Scholarship Criteria

• Minimum 2.5 GPA (*unless otherwise noted*)
• Must be enrolled in a degree-seeking program at UC Blue Ash College
• Some scholarships require you to maintain full-time status (12 or more credit hours).
• Demonstrate high standards of integrity and conduct. *Violations of UC’s Student Code of Conduct may be considered in making scholarship determinations.*
How Do I Apply?

ucblueash.edu/scholarships
financialaid.uc.edu/scholarships

Fall Semester 2019-2020 Scholarship Application - Available January 2019

Questions?
scholarships@ucblueash.edu
Academic Achievement Scholarship

- $1,000 Scholarship ($500 fall + $500 spring)
- Awarded to first-time freshmen enrolling as a **full-time degree-seeking student**
- 3.2+ minimum high school GPA
- Complete admission process by December 1 of senior year, confirm by May 1, and submit final HS transcript July 1
- Scholarship only valid first year (2 semesters); Must complete 12+ credit hours with 3.0 GPA
- admissions@ucblueash.edu
UCBA Honors Scholarship

• $500 per semester in the program
• First year, first time students
• 3.2+ GPA
• 25+ ACT score or 1200+ SAT score
• ucbahonors@ucmail.uc.edu
Telling Your Story

• Your application gives the scholarship committee the opportunity to learn more about you as a person beyond your GPA, test scores, and major/degree.

• It is your chance to help them learn what makes you, you and why you are uniquely qualified.

• Show that you are worth the investment of donor’s dollars and have the necessary traits to succeed academically and professionally.
Tips & Tricks for Essays

• Be concise and clear
• Answer all questions & prompts given
• Follow the word maximums/minimums provided
• Be honest, but tactful – balance sharing and professionalism
• Avoid generic, meaningless statements
• Own your accomplishments
• Avoid comparing yourself to other students
• Showcase your strengths!
• Use concrete examples
• Know your audience
• Proofread and spell check….TWICE
Questions?

One Stop Student Service Center
150 Muntz Hall
8am-6pm Monday-Thursday
9am-5pm Friday

onestop@ucblueash.edu
513-745-5740
Good luck in your journey.
College is full of opportunities!

Make smart choices!
Use your resources!