

STEPS FOR APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

- A. Students must apply for admission to Southern University at New Orleans. Financial aid is contingent upon being accepted for admission as a regular student seeking a degree or certificate. Federal and state financial assistance will be considered when an applicant has completed all admissions requirements and SUNO has received a valid Institutional Student Information Report (ISIR) which indicates the results of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) within the established deadlines. SUNO's financial assistance priority deadline is April 15th of each year.
- B. Students interested in applying for Federal and state financial aid should complete the FAFSA as early as possible, after January 1st of each year. Financial assistance is available to students who complete the necessary application and are determined eligible. The Student Financial Aid staff will evaluate each student's need and make awards based on the information obtained from the Student Aid Report (SAR) or ISIR and in accordance with federal, state and University policies and guidelines. Applications are available at local high schools and in SUNO's Student Financial Aid Office. Students may also complete the FAFSA on the Web and submit it directly to the FAFSA processing system. **The Web address is www.fafsa.ed.gov. The Federal Student Code for SUNO is 002026.**
- C. Once the ISIR or SAR, the Data Form (all students must complete the data forms, which can be obtained from the Office of Student Financial Aid and can be downloaded from the web site) and all requested documentation have been received, a student's eligibility will be determined and an official award package will be generated and available on-line through the Student Web Services at www.suno.edu.
- D. The student should promptly provide all additional requested documentation to the SUNO Student Financial Aid Office. **Failure to provide the requested information will prevent further processing of his or her application.**
- E. If interested in a Federal Stafford Loan, the student must first complete the FAFSA and then complete the Student Loan Data Form. The form must be submitted to the SUNO Financial Aid Office for processing.
- F. Student Loans will not be offered to a student until a Student Loan Data Form has been completed and submitted by a student.
- G. In order for a student loan to disburse, a student must be enrolled in 6 or more credit hours.

Deadlines: Priority consideration for financial aid will be given to students who complete the FAFSA and submit all required information to the SUNO Office of Student Financial Aid by April 15th for the upcoming academic year. For more information, contact the Office of Student Financial Aid at (504) 286-5263.