

**This is the most  
important  
thing you'll do  
all month.**

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**YOUR GUIDE TO  
FINANCIAL AID**

**ARCADIA  
UNIVERSITY**



# What is Financial Aid?

Financial aid is funding that helps to bridge the gap between the college costs a family can afford and the total cost of a college education. This gap—or “need”—is determined for each student through a federal needs analysis formula that calculates a student’s federal Student Aid Index (SAI), or what the federal government anticipates the family can contribute annually to the student’s education. The SAI is a number that is the end result of the federal FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The SAI is an important indicator of financial need, but it is not necessarily equal to your out-of-pocket cost at each school.



# What does all of this mean for me?

Simply put, you *can afford* a life-changing, higher education at Arcadia University.



I've secured as much aid as possible to pay for college in a sustainable way, and that's because of the research and steps I have taken through our financial aid office. Invest in your education, and you will be that change that people want to see in this world.

— Daijah Patton '22

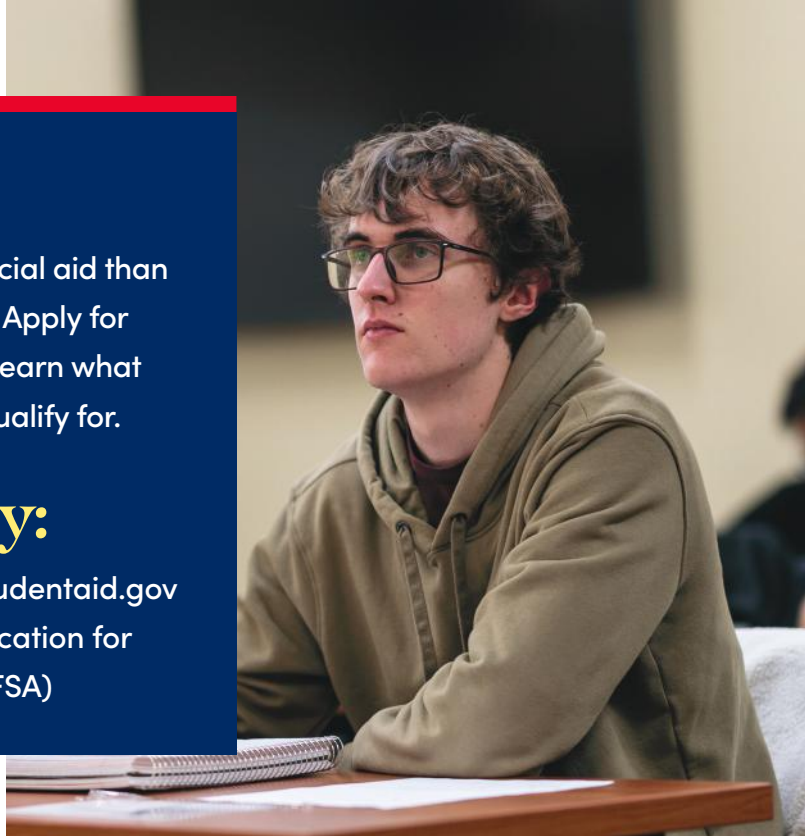


# Why Apply?

There is more to your financial aid than just your merit scholarship. Apply for financial aid at Arcadia to learn what other grants and aid you qualify for.

# How to Apply:

1. Apply for an FSA ID at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)



## Your Financial Aid Roadmap



**COMPLETE**  
the FAFSA at  
[studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).



**CHECK**  
the mail for a red  
envelope containing your  
financial aid award letter.



**DEPOSIT**  
online at  
[arcadia.edu/Deposit](https://arcadia.edu/Deposit).



**FROM**

needing help to figure it all out

**TO**

making it happen

### **SCHOLARSHIPS & GRANTS**

All full-time undergraduate students are reviewed for tuition-specific merit scholarships at the time of admission. Awards are renewable as long as the student stays enrolled full-time and is in good academic standing. Grants are awarded based on information provided on the FAFSA.

### **FEDERAL AID**

Students are eligible to apply for and receive federal financial aid if they are U.S. citizens or permanent residents enrolled as matriculating students. Federal financial aid can include need-based grants and student loans. To be considered for federal aid, students must file the FAFSA annually.

### **STATE AID**

State grants are awarded on the basis of need, determined by the FAFSA. Pennsylvania residents enrolled at least half-time (6 or more credits) are considered for a PA State Grant. The FAFSA must be filed by May 1 each year to apply.



#### **REVIEW**

your financing and payment options at [arcadia.edu/FinancingOptions](https://arcadia.edu/FinancingOptions).



#### **SUBMIT**

loan paperwork (if applicable) at [arcadia.edu/FinAidForms](https://arcadia.edu/FinAidForms).

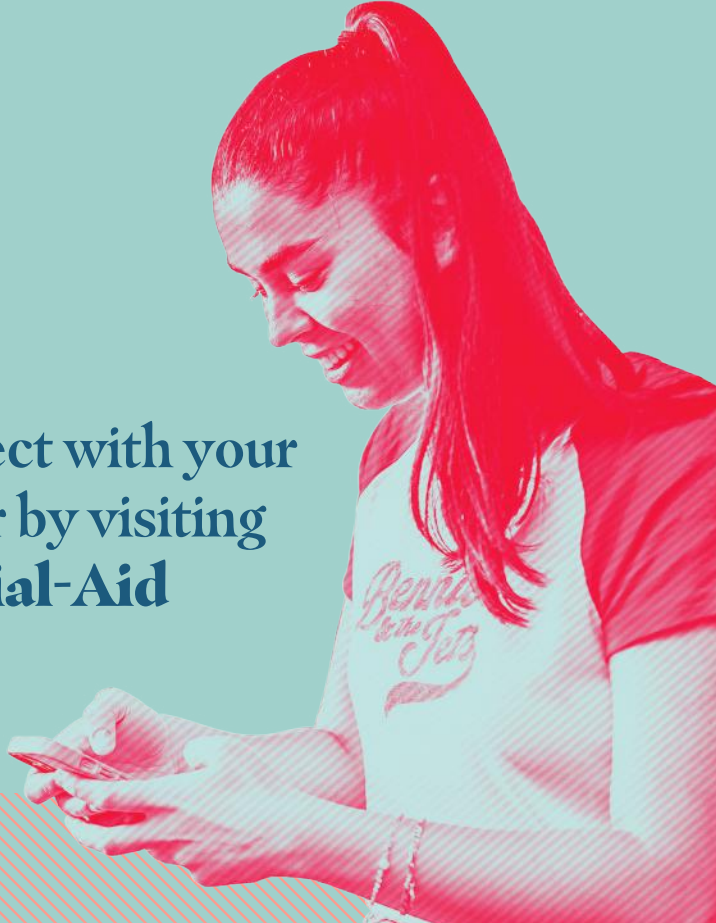


#### **PREPARE**

for your first bill to come at the end of June.

# Questions?

Find out how to connect with your  
financial aid counselor by visiting  
[arcadia.edu/Financial-Aid](http://arcadia.edu/Financial-Aid)



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