

## Financial Aid - Terms and Conditions

At Susquehanna University, we are committed to making college affordable for you and your family. Knowing that each family may have its own personal financial concerns, we work individually with incoming and currently enrolled students as well as their families to help identify the right resources to fund a Susquehanna education.

We view our relationship as a partnership, and we will rely on you to submit the necessary forms and information to our office in a timely manner. Please review these terms and conditions carefully to fully understand your responsibilities to pay all tuition and fees assessed to your student account by the published due date each semester as well as any additional costs or expenses related to your enrollment at Susquehanna.

### Financial Aid Award Calculation

Your overall eligibility for financial aid is determined as follows:

#### Cost of Attendance

(As determined by Susquehanna University annually)

*minus*

#### Student Aid Index

(as determined by the FAFSA)

*equals*

#### Calculated \ Demonstrated Financial Need

The **Cost of Attendance** is the sum of the typical costs for you to attend one academic year at Susquehanna. It includes your tuition and fees, room and meal plan expenses, and additional estimates for books, personal expenses, and transportation to and from home each semester. Susquehanna estimates that you will spend \$2,900 per year for these additional expenses. It is an estimate, however, so the actual costs vary based upon your housing and personal budget choices.

The **Student Aid Index (SAI)** is calculated by the U.S. Department of Education from the data you and/or your parent submits on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). It represents the amount your family is expected to pay for the year's expenses and is based on:

- your parents' income and assets.
- your income and assets; and
- family size.

Susquehanna designs your financial aid package to come as close as possible to meeting your financial need given our limited institutional resources. The package takes the following into account:

- All first-year students are expected to have worked during the summer and saved at least \$2,000 for their expenses.
- After their first year at Susquehanna, students are expected to save \$2,500 each summer.
- Standard aid formulas calculate that students will use 20 percent of their personal assets (savings and investments) toward annual college expenses.

### Conditions of Financial Assistance

In accepting Susquehanna's offer of financial aid, you agree to abide by the following conditions:

#### 1. Duration of Award, Enrollment Status and Changes:

Unless otherwise noted, each award is based on full-time enrollment (12 or more credit hours per semester) for the fall and spring semesters only. You must notify the Office of Student Financial Services (SFS) immediately if your enrollment status changes after your aid for the term has been awarded. Failure to do so may result in owing the school or government excess funding received.

**2. Adjustment to Aid:** Financial assistance is awarded based on merit (incoming enrollment year) and/or calculated/demonstrated need as determined by the applicable FAFSA. Reductions or cancellations may become necessary when there are changes in laws, regulations, financial circumstances, or appropriations after your award letter has been sent. SFS reserves the right to review and adjust or cancel an award at any time due to changes in your financial, academic or enrollment status, for corrections due to verification or discovery of data errors, student conduct or due to your failure to maintain the required academic progress toward a degree as defined in the University Catalog. Any scholarships from outside sources that do not appear on your financial aid award letter must be reported to SFS via the contact information on page two. The aid award will be adjusted to include any other gifts or scholarships received. In most cases, loan and/or work awards will be reduced first.

**3. Verification:** If a student is selected for verification by the U.S. Department of Education or SFS, you must promptly submit all documents necessary for SFS to complete verification, as all awarded aid will not disburse (posted to student account, no longer "pending") until this process has been completed. If verification is not completed and awards do not disburse, you are responsible for any charges incurred on your account not covered by financial aid.

**4. Disclosure of Information:** Your personal information, including financial information and grade point average, may be shared with institutional scholarship committees or their trustees in accordance with federal guidance.

**5. Withdrawal from the University:** If you withdraw, your financial aid award and costs may be adjusted, and repayment may be required. Since withdrawal may impact current or future aid eligibility, you should consult SFS before withdrawing. For information on our institutional withdrawal and tuition adjustment policy and federal student aid return requirements, please visit our website <https://www.susqu.edu/withdrawal-tuition-adjustment/>.

## Annual Financial Aid Renewal Conditions

The financial aid identified on your annual award offer letter has the following general renewal conditions:

**Eligibility:** Financial aid is awarded annually for the fall and spring semesters; you will need to reapply every year to be considered for aid administered by the university. Financial aid is ordinarily limited to a maximum of eight academic semesters. To remain eligible for aid from federal and institutional sources, you must also meet minimum standards of satisfactory academic progress as defined by the university and the appropriate loan or grant-awarding agency.

**Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress:** To continue to receive financial aid in future terms, Susquehanna students must meet or exceed the requirements summarized below:

- Must earn grades of D- or higher in 67 percent of their attempted coursework. This is a cumulative requirement. (Course withdrawals are included in this calculation.)
- Must achieve a cumulative minimum GPA of 2.0.

Federal financial aid eligibility ceases when the student enrolls in the 195th attempted credit. **Keep in mind, Susquehanna University-funded aid (scholarships and grants) is limited to a maximum of eight semesters for any individual student.** Transfer students institutional financial aid maximum varies upon start date, please Student Financial Services (SFS) with any questions. Most state grants also limit their awards to eight semesters. For additional requirements, please refer to the online Satisfactory Academic Progress policy.

**Merit Awards:** Academic merit awards are fixed at the time of enrollment and non-negotiable. Completion of the FAFSA is not required for academic merit award renewal. Renewal of academic merit awards is dependent on maintaining full-time status, meeting the GPA requirements for an award and any other stipulations associated with the award. You will not be eligible to receive these awards if you do not meet the minimum cumulative GPA or other requirements.

Merit awards may be exchanged dollar for dollar with named, endowed scholarships.

**Need-based Awards:** You must complete the FAFSA annually and are required to complete federal verification if selected. Need-based awards may be exchanged dollar for dollar with name endowed scholarships or adjusted due to changes in residential status.

## Additional Information

For reference, please note these additional terms and conditions related to your financial aid.

**Credit to Accounts:** The fall semester payment is due by August 1, 2024. The spring semester payment is due by January 8, 2025. You have received an email from Susquehanna detailing the process for accessing your student account statement and can authorize up to four additional email addresses to receive monthly e-bill notifications.

Students receiving financial aid are not exempt from payment of enrollment deposits or the comprehensive fee by the dates prescribed. Please see the “Student Financial Responsibility” website for more information. Funds from federal Title IV financial aid programs (Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal TEACH Grant, Federal Direct Loan and Federal Direct PLUS Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students) are the first credits applied against a student’s charges, regardless of the order in which funds are received. Students whose accounts have not been paid in full may not be able to register for or attend class.

Financial aid funds from federal and state programs are considered “pending aid” and accounted for within your billing statement. Federal and state funds will disburse or post to your student account 3 days prior to the start of the applicable semester and no longer say “pending”. If you have not completed your federal student loan entrance counseling, master promissory note, federal verification, or other outstanding eligibility requirement it will remain “pending aid” until those requirements are satisfied.

**Financial Aid for GO Programs:** Financial aid may be available to help with the cost of satisfying Susquehanna’s Global Opportunities (GO) curriculum requirement. We encourage you to discuss your options with us as you consider your GO Short, GO Your Way or GO Long options.

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