# UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS AFFORDING A REDLANDS EDUCATION

YOUR GUIDE TO FINANCIAL AID 2025-2026

# **Congratulations on your** decision to invest in a quality education at the **University of Redlands!**

Student Financial Services (SFS) is here to assist you in reaching your goals by providing financial aid opportunities and financing options to make a Redlands education more affordable.

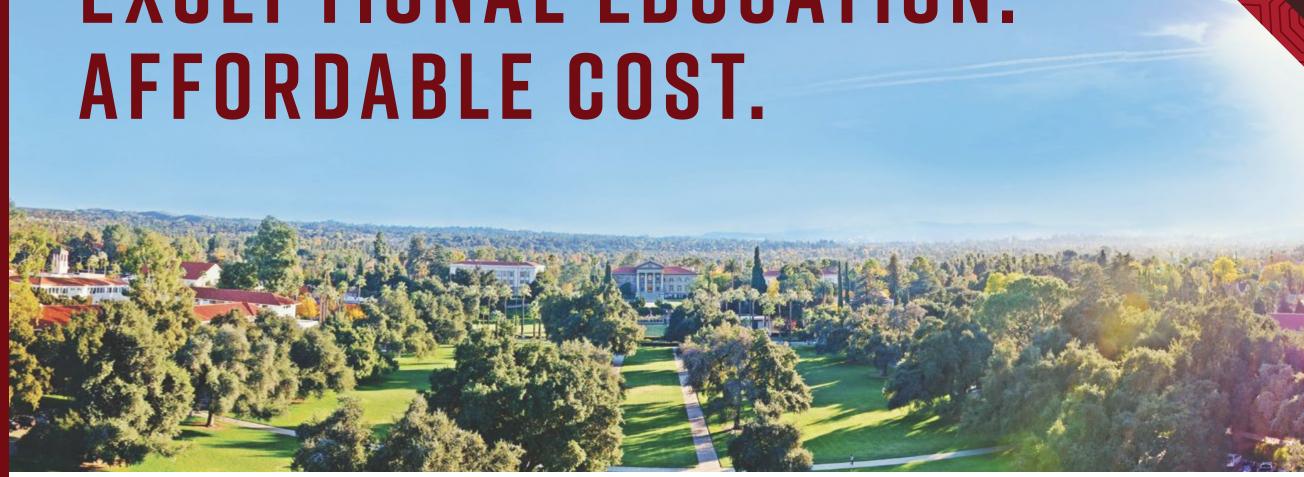
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# **EXCEPTIONAL EDUCATION.** AFFORDABLE COST.





MORE THAN 0%

of recent grads EMPLOYED or pursing an ADVANCED DEGREE one year after graduation

84% received helpful career advice

# THE REDLANDS PROMISE

## **FULL TUITION GUARANTEE**

As an admitted high school senior from **California** with a 3.5 GPA or higher and a family income of less than \$135,900, you'll have your full first year of tuition covered in 2025-26 \*Income eligibility subject to change by state.

# **\$17.5K TUITION GUARANTEE**

# WE GUARANTEE YOU'LL GRADUATE IN FOUR YEARS OR LESS



As an admitted high school senior from California with a family income less than \$300,000, you'll pay no more than \$17.5K for tuition in 2025-26, the average tuition cost of local UC campuses.

#### \$25K IN '25

As an **out-of-state** admitted high school senior you'll pay \$25K or less for tuition in 2025-26.



# **IMPORTANT DATES 2025**

#### EARLY MAY

Student borrowers will receive an email with instructions to complete the Federal Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) and entrance counseling online

#### **MAY 15**

All verification and missing information documents must be submitted to allow sufficient time for processing before billing due date

#### **JUNE 13**

Students must sign the Federal Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) and complete entrance counseling by this date for loan funds to show as a credit on the July e-statement

#### EARLY JULY

The University issues the first billing e-statement for the fall semester on the Student Self-Service Portal: students will be notified via their Redlands email.

#### **JULY 25**

All supplemental loans for fall semester must be applied for and approved by the lender by this date in order to allow sufficient time for processing before billing due date

### **AUGUST 15**

Fall semester charges are due; late fees are assessed to past due balances

#### **SEPTEMBER 3**

Fall semester begins

#### MID NOVEMBER

The University issues the first billing e-statement for the spring semester on the Student Self-Service Portal: students will be notified via their Redlands email.

#### EARLY DECEMBER

All supplemental loans for spring semester must be applied for and approved by the lender in order to allow sufficient time for processing before billing due date

#### MID DECEMBER

Spring semester charges are due; late fees are assessed to past due balances

### DATES AND REQUIREMENTS **ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

Please be sure to review all University correspondence sent to your Redlands email for additional requirements and deadlines. Updated deadlines can be found at: www.redlands.edu/admissions-and-aid/ first-year/apply-for-financial-aid

## **FINANCIAL AID JOURNEY CHECKLIST**

#### □ FILL OUT FAFSA

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and include our school code: 001322. Available December 2024

#### □ SUBMIT MISSING INFORMATION

If applicable, you'll be notified via email.

#### □ RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID **OFFER LETTER**

#### □ SUBMIT YOUR DEPOSIT BY MAY 1

#### □ ACCEPT YOUR FINANCIAL AID

Complete loan documentsinstructions for electronic process will be emailed in May.

#### □ BILLING FOR FALL 2025

You will be notified via email early July.

□ FALL 2025 BALANCE DUE August 15

#### □ CLASSES START IN SEPTEMBER

Must be enrolled in 12+ units.

#### □ STUDENT ACCOUNT CREDITS REFUNDED

If you have a credit, a refund will be sent 1-2 weeks after classes start.

#### □ REAPPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID BY MARCH 2

For information on financial aid in subsequent years, see page 9.

For questions concerning your student account, financial aid, bills, fees, or other expenses, email Student Financial Services at sfs@redlands.edu





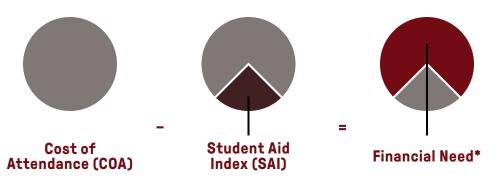
# FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY

# **AFFORDING A REDLANDS EDUCATION**

Student eligibility for various types of financial aid at the University of Redlands is determined based on the following criteria:

- → **Merit Based:** Determined by a holistic review of the student's admissions application. Some factors considered: Academic GPA, participation in extracurricular activities or organizations, and test scores (if applicable). No FAFSA required.
- → **Need-Based:** Determined by your family's financial information; requires submission of a FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application.

Your eligibility for federal and university need-based aid is based on two factors: the Cost of Attendance (COA) and your Student Aid Index (SAI).



Includes tuition, fees, housing, meals, books and supplies, transportation, and personal expenses

Determined by data submitted on the FAFSA

Your SAI is subtracted from the COA

\*While you and your parents have the primary responsibility for paying for college, financial aid can help bridge the gap between the total cost and your ability to pay out of pocket. University of Redlands endeavors to meet 100% of financial need, however this is not possible in all cases. Outside funding sources are available to assist families with meeting all financial need. For more information on outside funding sources, see "Outside Scholarships" on page 6.

# **ESTIMATING YOUR BILL**

CHARGES	FALL SEMESTER	SPRING SEMESTER	ANNUAL Total
Tuition	\$30,966	\$30,966	\$61,932
Associated Students of the University of Redlands (ASUR) Fee	\$175	\$175	\$350
Housing*	\$6,524	\$6,524	\$13,048
Meal Plan*	\$2,853	\$2,853	\$5,706
Wellness Fee	\$50	\$50	\$100
New Student Fee (first-time U of R students only)	\$300	\$0	\$300
Total Costs	\$40,868	\$40,568	\$81,436
FINANCIAL AID			
University Merit or Talent Awards			\$
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Total Financial Aid
Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan**
Subsidized Federal Direct Loan**
Redlands Loan
Outside Funding
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (
Federal Pell Grant
Cal Grant
On Campus Grant
University Grant

#### TOTAL BALANCE DUE

\* Rate listed is an estimated cost for a double occupancy room and All Access meal plan for fall and spring term. Final prices for room and meal plan subject to change. \*\* Multiply by .989 to account for fees.

# **OTHER INDIRECT COSTS**

When planning your finances each year, you will want to account for additional indirect costs including books (approximately \$825 - \$1,000 per semester), health insurance (approximately \$1,750 per year) and other miscellaneous personal costs. These costs are not included in the billing estimate because they vary per student and are not billed by the University.

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# FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

## GRANTS

University Grants are awarded to qualified undergraduates who meet all filing deadlines. Awards are based on financial need, academic standing, availability of funds, and/or academic achievement. University grants go toward tuition expenses only. University grant eligibility is determined by University policy and the student's financial need and is subject to change. See "Reapplying for Financial Aid" on page 9 for additional information.

On Campus Grants are awarded to qualified undergraduates who meet all filing deadlines. Awards are based on financial need and residential status. Students must live in University housing to qualify for the On Campus Grant. On Campus Grant eligibility is determined by University policy and the student's financial need and is subject to change. See "Reapplying for Financial Aid" on page 9 for additional information.

Federal Pell Grants are based on financial need and are awarded to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's degree. When you file a FAFSA, you are automatically considered for a Pell Grant.

**Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)** are awarded to Pell-eligible undergraduate students who demonstrate exceptional financial

need. Funds in this program are limited. Cal Grants are funded by the State of California and are administered by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC). Awards are based on financial need and grade point average. When you file a

FAFSA or Dream Application and a California GPA Verification form by March 2, you are automatically considered for a Cal Grant. CSAC makes all final Cal Grant decisions. Check your eligibility status online at http://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov.

# **SCHOLARSHIPS**

University merit and talent scholarships are awarded to incoming students based on merit and/or talent. All entering students are considered for merit scholarships. Talent scholarships require submission of supplemental materials via admissions portal. These scholarships are available regardless of financial need.

#### **MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Achievement Awards are granted by the Office of Admissions to incoming students who have superior academic records and who have demonstrated an extraordinary degree of leadership and accomplishment in school or community activities. To renew the award, students must maintain a cumulative GPA of 3.0 at the end of their sophomore year.

#### **TALENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

Art Awards are determined by departmental review of sample slides of student work.

**Creative Writing Awards** are determined by departmental review of student portfolios containing various examples of short stories, essays, and literary iournalism.

Esports Awards are determined by departmental review of student performance and contribution to the team.

Music Awards are determined by departmental review based on

auditions and the separate music application.

**Theatre Awards** are determined by departmental review of the University admission essay and theatre résumé.

\*Please note that you must major in the departments listed above if selected for the scholarship.

#### **OUTSIDE SCHOLARSHIPS**

Outside scholarships are available from a number of benefactors and are very helpful in assisting students in paying for educational expenses. Because scholarships are given by a variety of sponsors, terms and conditions vary. Students who are aware they will be receiving an outside scholarship are responsible for communicating this information directly to Student Financial Services.

#### **VETERANS BENEFITS**

University of Redlands has been designated by the Department of Veterans Affairs as one of the qualified institutions that veterans may attend and receive benefits. The Office of Military and Veteran Services at the University of Redlands can answer your questions and assist you in applying for your military and veteran education benefits. The determination of eligibility for benefits is performed solely by the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, and any questions regarding eligibility should be directed to a local or regional office of the Department of Veterans Affairs or by calling the National VA Education Hotline, 888-442-4551. The Office of Military and Veteran Services can be contacted at 909-748-8478 or military@redlands.edu.

# 90%

# WORK AWARDS

University of Redlands offers a robust work-study program. To participate, students must first be awarded either a University or Federal Work-Study Award as part of a financial aid package. In addition to financial assistance, the work-study program provides students with practical skills and opportunities for personal and career growth. While jobs are not guaranteed, there are many opportunities on and off campus. Students are permitted to work up to 10 hours per week and have an estimated Work Award limit of \$4,500. Students with on-campus employment receive a paycheck biweekly, and student employees working off campus are paid according to employer's schedule.

## LOANS

#### **REDLANDS LOAN**

Interest Rate: 5%, subsidized while enrolled at Redlands.

Fees: none.

**Repayment:** Begins six months after the student is no longer registered as an undergraduate student at University of Redlands.

**Source:** University of Redlands; funding is limited.

Eligibility: Demonstrated financial need, institutional awarding policy.

Next Steps: Complete the online entrance interview and e-sign the Master Promissory Note (MPN)

and Truth in Lending Act (TILA). Instructions will be sent to the student's University email address in June.

#### FEDERAL DIRECT STUDENT LOAN Types:

- is paid in full.

Interest Rate: Loan interest rates are determined by federal law and are fixed for the life of the loan. Loans disbursed between July 1, 2024 and June 30, 2025 have an interest rate of 6.53%.

**Fees:** Origination fees are determined by federal law. The origination fee is 1.057% for loans disbursed before September 30, 2025.

**Repayment:** Repayment of Federal Direct Student Loans begins six months after a student graduates, withdraws, leaves school, or drops below half-time. To learn about loan repayment options or to work out your federal loan monthly

payment, go to **studentaid.gov**/ manage-loans/repayment/plans. Source: U.S. Department of Education loan limits apply;

# **MORE THAN** of undergraduate students **received** some form of financial assistance during the 2024–2025 academic year



→ **Subsidized:** The federal government pays the interest on the loan until the student graduates (or is no longer enrolled in six or more units) and during the grace period.

→ **Unsubsidized:** Interest begins to accrue with the first disbursement until the loan

see www.redlands.edu/sfs/direct

Eligibility: All Title IV-eligible (federal funding-eligible) undergraduate students.

**Next Steps:** Federal regulations require that first-time borrowers fill out the Federal Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) and complete entrance counseling to better understand the terms and conditions of the loan, as well as the borrower's rights and responsibilities. You can complete these requirements online at studentaid.gov/mpn.

#### ADDITIONAL LOAN OPTIONS

For more information on additional financing options through the Direct PLUS Loan and alternative loan programs, see the enclosed publication, "Paying Your Balance: Your Guide to Payment Options."

46% of undergrad students are first generation college students 2

NCAA Division III athletics teams in the SCIAC plus e-sports

# FINANCIAL AID POLICIES WWW.REDLANDS.EDU/SFS/POLICIES

#### **ENROLLMENT POLICY**

Students applying for financial aid are expected to be enrolled full-time (12 units or more) each semester during the academic year. Students enrolled less than full-time must notify Student Financial Services. Institutional aid is reserved for full-time students only. Federal and state aid may be received by students enrolled less than full-time but will be prorated according to actual enrollment status.

#### WITHDRAWAL POLICY

If you withdraw from the University of Redlands during a semester, a review of your financial aid and charges will be completed. A calculation of "earned" versus "unearned" federal aid must be determined, based on how much time has elapsed in the term. If you receive federal, state, or institutional financial aid, that aid may be reduced as a result of your withdrawal.

#### SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC **PROGRESS (SAP) POLICY**

Federal regulations require that colleges and universities evaluate satisfactory academic progress (SAP) at least once annually to determine your eligibility to receive financial assistance. SAP standards are defined using both quantitative and qualitative measures as well as a maximum time frame.

**Evaluation periods.** Student Financial Services monitors SAP after each term. Your entire academic history is considered when determining SAP statusnot just semesters in which you receive financial aid.

Quantitative measure. As a fulltime undergraduate student, you must complete a minimum of 12 credits Fall and Spring semesters (24 credits per year).

Qualitative measure. You must achieve a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA (or its equivalent for Johnston students). Please note that merit and talent scholarships carry higher GPA requirements (typically 3.0).

#### VERIFICATION

Some students who complete a FAFSA are selected for verification by the Department of Education, which requires additional documentation to support the information entered on the FAFSA. If your FAFSA is selected, Student Financial Services will let you know what documents need to be submitted. Failure to complete the required verification process will result in the postponement or cancellation of all nonmerit financial assistance. If verification is not completed by the bill due date, students must arrange for alternative means to pay for full semester charges until the verification process can be completed and eligibility has been determined.

#### SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

Your financial aid award is based on the information provided by you and/or your parents at the time the FAFSA was filed. We are aware that. in certain cases, the information listed on the FAFSA may not accurately represent your family's current financial circumstances.

Some examples of changes in circumstance that may warrant a Special Circumstance Appeal are:

- $\rightarrow$  loss or change of job
- → reduction in work hours
- $\rightarrow$  disability or illness
- → legal separation or divorce
- $\rightarrow$  death of a family member

Other circumstances, although affecting a family's financial ability to contribute, cannot be used to change eligibility. Some of these are:

- → Excessive consumer/credit card debt
- $\rightarrow$  Costs of private elementary/ high school tuition
- $\rightarrow$  Prenuptial agreements stating that a stepparent is not responsible for a stepchild's education. Federal regulations do not recognize prenuptial agreements. If remarried, information for both the parent and stepparent must be reported.
- → Parents' refusal to contribute toward their child's education. If the child has been determined to be dependent, the parental contribution calculation for all dependent students measures parents' ability, not their willingness, to contribute toward the student's educational expenses.

For more information and to access the form visit **www.redlands.edu**/ admissions-and-aid/studentfinancial-services/financial-forms.

Requests are reviewed by a financial aid committee, who may adjust your eligibility for aid.

#### **REAPPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID**

Students receiving a University grant or other federal and state financial assistance MUST reapply for financial aid by completing an eligible FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application each year by March 2nd. It is the student's responsibility to reapply on time each year, listing the University of Redlands school code (001322). Applications are available online after October 1 each year. Financial aid eligibility is reevaluated each year based on the family's current financial circumstances. If financial circumstances remain the same, students can expect a similar level of grant assistance from the University. The following factors, however, can lead to a change in eligibility and, subsequently, a change to the financial aid award package:

- $\rightarrow$  If you submit applications or requested documents after the published deadlines, sufficient funds may not be available to consider you for University financial aid.
- $\rightarrow$  If there is a change in your family's financial circumstances, including a change in the number of dependent siblings in college.
- $\rightarrow$  If we discover information about your circumstance that was not taken into account in previous years.
- $\rightarrow$  If there is a change in federal or state law or in University policy.
- $\rightarrow$  If you fail to continue to meet all general eligibility requirements.

#### DO I HAVE TO REAPPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID EVERY YEAR?

Yes! Student Financial Services depends on the timely completion of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application so that we may award you aid for each academic year. The deadline for receipt of your application each year is March 2. You may complete your FAFSA online at www.studentaid.gov beginning October 1. The California Dream Application may be completed at **dream.csac.ca.gov**.

#### **HOW DO I PAY FOR MY TEXTBOOKS?**

Students who wish to pay for textbooks with financial aid may apply for loans in excess of their tuition and fees to cover the cost. Please keep in mind that refunds of credit balances are not available until the first week of each semester or as soon as we are in receipt of the funds so students may need to make arrangements to pay for their books while they wait for their credit to be refunded to them.

#### CAN YOU RELEASE MY STUDENT INFORMATION TO MY PARENTS?

Our office takes great care to safeguard your personal information in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA). We do not release protected personal information unless specifically authorized to do so. All students who wish to have their information accessible to parents or other designated persons should complete the Authorization for Release of Information form each year at www.redlands.edu/offices-directory/offices/registrars-office/ ferpa. Questions regarding this process should be directed to the Office of the Registrar at 909-748-8019.

If the amount of your financial aid exceeds your total charges, you will have a credit on your account. This credit will be mailed to your campus mailbox or preferred mailing address within 14 days of the disbursement of your federal financial aid funds. If the credit is due to a Direct PLUS Loan, the check will be sent to the person indicated on the PLUS application (student or borrower). If the student holds a U.S. savings or checking account, direct deposit may be set up through **my.redlands.edu**.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

#### WILL MY FINANCIAL AID AWARD CHANGE IN SUBSEQUENT YEARS?

If financial circumstances remain the same, students can expect a similar level of grant assistance from the University. For additional information please review REAPPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID above or at www.redlands.edu/sfs/policies.

#### HOW WILL MY FINANCIAL AID PACKAGE BE AFFECTED IF I LIVE/ MOVE OFF CAMPUS?

If you are awarded an On Campus Grant in your financial aid package and choose to move off campus, you will no longer qualify for that award.

The University partners with Barnes and Noble on campus to provide students with a low cost option for required textbooks. All students are billed up front for the Bulldog Bundle service. Students may choose to opt out by the deadline if they prefer to buy their own textbooks. Students may also choose to purchase textbooks directly with the bookstore or other retailers, and will pay those costs out of pocket.

#### I HAVE A CREDIT ON MY STUDENT ACCOUNT. WHEN WILL I **RECEIVE THE FUNDS?**



# RESOURCES

# **UNIVERSITY OF REDLANDS**

#### **STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES**

#### 909-748-8047

For questions concerning your student account, financial aid, monthly bills, fees, or other expenses.

#### **OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS**

**909-748-8074** For questions concerning your admissions application.

#### STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

**909-748-8240** For questions regarding on- and off-campus employment.

#### **OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR**

#### 909-748-8019

For questions from returning students concerning your class schedule, add/drop issues, or transfer credits.

#### STUDENT AFFAIRS

#### 909-748-8053

For questions concerning residence halls, meal plans or moving off campus, or to request a withdrawal or leave of absence.

# **STATE AND FEDERAL**

## FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

**800-4-FEDAID | www.studentaid.gov** Submit your Free Application for Federal Student Aid online.

#### **CALIFORNIA STUDENT AID COMMISSION (CSAC)**

**888-CA-GRANT | https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov** Organization providing information and oversight for the Cal Grant Program. CSAC customer service for students.

#### FEDERAL STUDENT AID: STUDENT LOAN OMBUDSMAN 877-557-2575 | www.studentaid.gov

The ombudsman helps resolve student disputes and solve other problems with the federal student loans program.

#### NATIONAL STUDENT LOAN DATA SYSTEM (NSLDS) 800-4-FEDAID | www.studentaid.gov

Review the history of all of your federal student loans. You will need the FSA ID/password that you created to complete your FAFSA.

#### **U.S. DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

#### www.ed.gov

Comprehensive information regarding federal student aid programs and other educational materials.

#### **CONNECT WITH STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES**

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Prepare to advance yourself professionally and lift up your entire community with 70+ careerrelevant programs and our unique approach to learning in and outside the classroom.

