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DUQUESNE UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL PLANNING GUIDE



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Visit duq.edu/Affordability for scholarship ranges and opportunities, a net price calculator, and other resources.



Visit duq.edu/FinAidTV for 24/7 video answers to financial aid questions.

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Schedule a financial planning conversation at duq.edu/fpc.

For additional information on the financial aid programs and services offered through Duquesne University, please contact us:

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DUQUESNE IS CONSISTENTLY PLACED AMONG THE BEST UNIVERSITIES IN THE NATION. WE RATE HIGHEST IN RANKINGS THAT CONSIDER RETURN-ON-INVESTMENT AND IMPACT ON SOCIETY.

We walk alongside every student, with future-focused programs, individualized experiential learning, and mentors eager to champion your aspirations—all to help you grow as a person, a professional, and an ethical decision-maker.

At Duquesne, we view education financing as a partnership that involves a student, family, the University, federal and state agencies, and other organizations to help reduce the overall cost. We are here to assist you in navigating the financial planning process and will work with you to make sure you have every tool at your disposal to manage your investment in a Duquesne education.

Duquesne students are prepared for life after graduation.

In a recent survey...

- 95% of respondents reported that they would be employed full time or continuing their education upon graduation.
- Employers include: Allegheny Health Network, Amazon, BNY Mellon, KDKA, North Allegheny School District, Penn Medicine, PLS Logistics, PNC, PPG and UPMC.
- Graduate and professional programs include Duquesne University as well as Boston University, Carnegie Mellon, Case Western Reserve, Columbia University, Ohio State, and University of Pittsburgh.

Read more about outcomes and career development at duq.edu/Outcomes.

DUQUESNE IS AMONG THE TOP

BEST VALUE SCHOOLS

#115 IN THE U.S.

U.S. News (2026)

#46 in the Nation

for University Earnings Performance Rank

by Washington Monthly (2025)

FINANCIAL AID 101

Your Guide to Understanding Financial Aid

We are proud to offer both financial support to students who need it and academic awards to recognize achievements. Financial aid comes in many forms. Use this as a guide to understanding the types of financial aid available.

Academic-Based Scholarships

Students are awarded academic scholarships based on high school achievement such as grades and test-scores. Eligibility for these awards is evaluated automatically when students apply for admission to the University.

Need-Based Financial Aid (Grants, Loans and Student Employment)

In addition to academic-based scholarships, Duquesne also offers need-based financial aid opportunities (grants, loans and student employment) to eligible applicants. We want you to be considered for as much financial aid as possible. We strongly encourage all families to submit both a FAFSA and CSS Profile to be considered for the maximum federal, state and University financial aid opportunities.

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Completing the FAFSA is necessary for need-based financial aid. The FAFSA typically opens October 1.

Available online at studentaid.gov. Duquesne's Federal School Code is 003258.

CSS Profile

The CSS Profile provides a more complete understanding of a family's financial picture when awarding institutional need-based aid. Duquesne's CSS code is 2196 (cssprofile.collegeboard.org/). Families are encouraged to submit this in addition to the FAFSA in order to be considered for other University scholarships and grants.

TRANSFER STUDENTS

Transfer students are eligible to receive similar financial aid opportunities available to first-year Duquesne students, including academic-based scholarships, PA State Grant Match, need-based financial aid and non need-based aid opportunities.

Transfer students interested in applying for financial aid should follow our standard application procedures and deadlines.

In addition, students should update their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to include Duquesne University (Federal School Code: 003258).

KEY TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

Scholarships

Duquesne University Academic Scholarship

Award is based on academic achievement; amount varies based on a holistic review and strength of the application as well as program of study, cumulative high school GPA and standardized test scores.

Visit duq.edu/Scholarships for details as well as other scholarship opportunities.

Other Scholarships

Spirit of Excellence Scholarship - In the spirit of our founding, commitment to excellence, mission of service, and in alignment with University goals, Duquesne awards exceptional leaders with a full-tuition scholarship.

Spirit of Community Scholarship - An exciting program for students passionate about engaging with their community and expanding their understanding of social justice. Covers 100% of demonstrated financial need.

Spirit of Potential - This scholarship is awarded to up to ten students in partnership with the Crossroads Organization. Students receive up to full tuition.

Rangos Scholarship - This scholarship supports five incoming first-year undergraduate students pursuing any health sciences degree who demonstrate academic excellence, resilience, and a commitment to overcoming adversity and fostering inclusion. The scholarship covers 100% of tuition costs.

National Recognition - Duquesne awards full-tuition scholarships to the highest-ranked National Recognition Program Finalists in each category in the entering first-year class. Using a holistic admissions review, rankings will be determined by GPA, class rank, high school rigor and leadership potential. While the November 15 Early Action deadline is preferred, you may apply by January 15 for

consideration. A separate scholarship application is not required.

Educators of Impact - Scholarships ranging from \$5,000 to \$10,000 per year for eligible first-year students enrolling in our School of Education. This scholarship supports students financially and encourages a strong commitment to education and community service, aligning with Duquesne University's mission and values.

STEM Scholars Program - A full-tuition scholarship for four years of undergraduate study for students pursuing a degree in science, technology, engineering or math (STEM). Opportunity also includes funded summer research experience, assistance with securing funded research, mentoring and specialized academic and career development programming.

Donor Funded Scholarships - Through the generosity of our donors, a number of scholarships are available for new and current students. Eligibility varies and can include academic interest, financial need, leadership experience, community involvement, high school and more.

Micro-Scholarships - Visit Duquesne on RaiseMe to learn more about micro-scholarship opportunities starting freshman year of high school! Micro-scholarships represent the guaranteed minimum amount of scholarship you'll receive if you are admitted to DU. raise.me/edu/duquesne-university

Duquesne is a SAGE Scholars Tuition Rewards member university. Tuition Reward Points can be earned through your workplace benefits, affiliated financial institutions, health insurance providers, or employer. Accumulated Tuition Rewards Points create scholarships for students and result in guaranteed minimum institutional aid.

Pittsburgh Promise - Duquesne is a preferred partner school with the Pittsburgh Promise scholarship fund for Pittsburgh Public School students.
pittsburghpromise.org

Additional Opportunities

Some companies and religious and community organizations award scholarships. Scholarship and selection information can be obtained by contacting them directly. There are also websites for scholarship searches. Caution is advised when using fee-based scholarship searches.

- **The SmartStudent Guide to Financial Aid - finaid.org**
- **College Board - collegeboard.org**
- **FastWeb - fastweb.com**
- **The Pittsburgh Foundation - pittsburghfoundation.org/scholarshipsearch**
- **Appily - appily.com/scholarships**

Need-Based Financial Aid

Federal Pell Grant

A need-based grant offered by the federal government to eligible undergraduate students who complete the FAFSA.

Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG)

A need-based grant awarded to students with exceptional financial need.

Pennsylvania State Grant

A need-based grant awarded to eligible Pennsylvania residents who complete the FAFSA and meet the requirements of the Pennsylvania State Grant. **DU has a PA State Grant matching program** - visit duq.edu/pa-state-grant for details.

After completing the FAFSA, visit pheaa.org and the "PA State Grant Program" section. Be sure to list Duquesne University as your first choice so your PA State Grant information will be sent directly to Duquesne.

Other State Grants

States with reciprocal state grant programs include Ohio, West Virginia, Massachusetts, Delaware, Maine, Vermont and Connecticut.

Duquesne University Grants


A need-based grant offered to full-time undergraduate students who meet need-based eligibility requirements.

Federal Work-Study

- Federal work-study is a need-based financial aid program that provides part-time job opportunities for eligible students. Jobs may be on campus or with an approved off-campus employer.
- Students are assisted with job placement by the Student Employment Office of Human Resources.
- Federal Work-Study is considered financial aid and is therefore a part of the student's financial aid package.
- Students are paid directly based on the hours they work.

Grow PA Scholarship Grant Program

This program helps Pennsylvania resident students pay for school and builds the workforce in PA for in-demand occupations. The Grow PA Grant Program provides grants (maximum award \$5,000 per year) to students who meet qualifying criteria. There are over 460 eligible programs of study that lead to in-demand occupations in a variety of fields. www.pheaa.org/funding-opportunities/grow-pa-scholarship-grant-program

 Visit duq.edu/NPC for a net price calculator that can provide estimated costs.

Get 24/7 video answers to many financial aid questions by visiting duq.edu/FinAidTV

Education Loan Options

Subsidized Federal Direct Loan

This is a federal loan available to undergraduate students with financial need. The federal government pays the interest on the loan while the student is enrolled at least half-time, during the grace period, and during any authorized deferment.

Non Need-Based Loans

Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan

All students are eligible for additional Unsubsidized Direct Loans. Unsubsidized loans range from \$2,000-\$5,500 in the first year.

This is a federal loan available to students regardless of financial need. Interest begins accruing when the loan is disbursed. Students are responsible for interest during enrollment, grace periods, and deferment. If unpaid, the interest is added to the loan balance (capitalized).

Additional Unsubsidized Direct Loan funds are available to independent undergraduates and dependent students whose parents have been denied a Federal PLUS Loan (additional amounts: \$4,000 per academic year for freshmen and sophomores, \$5,000 per academic year for juniors and seniors).

Federal PLUS Loan (Parent Loan)

The PLUS Loan provides a borrowing option for parents of dependent undergraduate students only. Parents can borrow up to \$20,000 per academic year per student, with a total limit of \$65,000 per student. Approval of the loan is based upon a parent's credit worthiness. New applications for PLUS begin in May each year.

Need-Based Financial Aid Alternative Loans

A historical list of lenders our students have used may be found at ELM Select (elmselect.com) searching under Duquesne University.

Duquesne Monthly Payment Plan

The University offers a monthly payment plan administered through the Duquesne Student Accounts Office. Payment plans will automatically be budgeted for the full-term balance. To learn more and enroll, visit duq.edu/Student-Accounts.





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