

# 2024-2025 Undergraduate Financial Aid Offer Guide

## **Financial Aid Offer Instructions**

Please review your financial aid offer and all instructions carefully. The financial aid offer guide will help you understand and complete the financial aid process at St. Joseph's University, New York. Do not hesitate to contact the Office of Financial Aid directly with any questions.

## FINANCIAL AID OFFER INFORMATION

Please review the enclosed checklist.

- To decline a component of your offer (i.e., student loan or work-study), draw a line completely through the component.
- To reduce a component of your offer (i.e., student loan), draw a line through the amount offered and indicate the reduced amount next to the original amount.
- Sign and return one copy to the Office of Financial Aid in the enclosed return envelope.
- Signed financial aid offers must be received by the Office of Financial Aid prior to the student's last day of enrollment if the student plans to borrow loans.
- New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) grants are estimated. Make sure you have completed the TAP application and indicated the appropriate St. Joseph's University, New York TAP code.
- The financial aid recipient authorizes St. Joseph's University, New York to apply the proceeds of the Pell Grant and any other gift aid to his or her account. This financial aid offer and the account record serve as a receipt.
- The financial aid offer is available only for the term(s) shown on the offer.
- You are required to notify the Office of Financial Aid of any additional funding sources you receive that are not listed in your financial aid offer. This includes, but is not limited to, outside loans, grants, scholarships and employer tuition reimbursement.
- We reserve the right to change your financial aid offer at any time if there are changes in circumstances or if there is a change in funding levels for any of the financial aid programs.
- The continuation of your financial aid from year to year is not automatic. All recipients must reapply annually. April 30 is the priority deadline for continuing students enrolled at St. Joseph's University, New York.
- Please read the enclosed policies regarding satisfactory academic progress and withdrawal from the University.

## **IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID NUMBERS AND WEBSITES**

| St. Joseph's University, New York Office of Financial Aid             |
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| Brooklyn Campus   |
| Fax   |
| Long Island Campus  |
| Fax   |
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| Federal student aid processor   |
| FAFSA on the Web  |
| Federal Student Aid ID website  |
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| New York State Higher Education Services Corporation                  |
| (NYSHESC)   |
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| NYSHESC TAP Codes   |
| Brooklyn Campus   |
| Long Island Campus/semester student                                   |
| Online Campus   |
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| Payment Plans   |
| St. Joseph's University, New York participates in a monthly budgeting |
| program. Students may elect to use this service for a nominal         |
| enrollment fee.   |
| Nelnet Campus Commerce . 800.609.8506/mycollegepaymentplan.com        |
| Tenice Campus Commerce: 000.007.0700/                                 |
| IRS/copies of tax transcripts800.908.9946/ <u>irs.gov</u>             |
| Selective Service   |
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| Office of the Registrar   |
| Brooklyn Campus   |
| Long Island Campus  |
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| Office of the Bursar  |
| Brooklyn Campus   |
| Long Island Campus  |
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| Office of Student Involvement and Leadership                          |
| Brooklyn Campus   |
| Long Island Campus  |
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| Master Promissory Note (MPN)/   |
|   |
| entrance counseling   |



## **Loan Instructions and Information**

## A NOTE ABOUT LOANS

An education loan is a type of financial aid that requires repayment with interest. It is rare for grants, scholarships and other forms of gift aid to cover the entire cost of a college education. Many students find that they will need to finance some part of their education. There are three types of education loans: federal direct student loans, federal direct parent loans (i.e., PLUS loans) and private student loans (also known as alternative loans). The federal loan programs offer lower, fixed interest rates, whereas private or alternative loans could have higher, variable or fixed interest rates. For detailed information on loan options, call or visit the Office of Financial Aid.

## Fixed Interest Rates for Federal Loan Programs for the 2023-2024 Academic Year

| Federal Direct Subsidized Loan   | 5.50 percent |
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| Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan | 5.50 percent |
| Federal Direct PLUS Loan         | 8.05 percent |

#### **ORIGINATION FEES**

Direct Subsidized, Unsubsidized and PLUS loans have origination fees. The fee will vary depending on the disbursement date of your loan. Contact the Office of Financial Aid for more information.

## FIRST-TIME FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS AT ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK

- Sign and return one copy of your offer with any necessary changes to the Office of Financial Aid.
- Complete Loan Entrance Counseling at <u>studentaid.gov</u>.
- Complete Master Promissory Note (MPN) at <u>studentaid.gov</u>.
   Select Master Promissory Note (MPN), and then select I'm an Undergraduate Student. You will need your FSA ID to log in and complete the MPN. Follow the instructions and be sure to complete all steps of the MPN process.

**Note:** When completing the entrance counseling and/or MPN online, only the Brooklyn Campus appears as a choice. Select this regardless of which campus you attend.

# CONTINUING FEDERAL STUDENT LOAN BORROWERS AT ST. JOSEPH'S UNIVERSITY, NEW YORK

- Log in to the MySJNY student portal. Select self-service, then select financial aid. Select the appropriate academic year and review, accept and sign your financial aid offer.
- If you've already done entrance counseling and have a valid MPN on file at **studentaid.gov**, you do not need to complete again.

## FIRST-TIME PARENT PLUS LOAN BORROWERS

- Parent PLUS loans may be available to the parents of dependent undergraduate students. The maximum loan amount is the total cost of attendance minus any other financial aid.
- On or after May 1, 2024: Complete the PLUS request process, including the credit decision at <u>studentaid.gov</u>. The parent who wishes to borrow a PLUS loan will need an FSA ID to log in and complete the credit check/ MPN process. Select Apply for a Parent PLUS Loan.
- Complete the MPN at <u>studentaid.gov</u>. Select Master Promissory Note (MPN), and then select I'm a Parent of an Undergraduate Student. You will need an FSA ID as a parent to log in and complete the MPN. Follow the instructions and be sure to complete all of the steps of the MPN process.
- A credit check will be performed by the U.S. Department of Education.
   You will receive written notification of your credit check results.
- If your credit is not approved, you are applying with an endorser or you are appealing your credit decision, please contact the Office of Financial Aid.

**Note:** When completing the MPN online, only the Brooklyn Campus appears as a choice. Select this regardless of which campus you are attending.

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- If your credit is not approved, you are applying with an endorser or you are appealing your credit decision, please contact the Office of Financial Aid.
- If as a parent you already have a valid MPN on file with <u>studentaid.gov</u>, no further action is needed once you have completed the credit check process.



## 2024-2025 Undergraduate Cost of Attendance

The estimated costs for the 2024-2025 academic year are listed below. An online bill will be generated each semester after registration. The amounts listed for personal expenses, books and supplies, transportation and living expenses are only estimates and will vary for each student. These expenses will not be billed by the University, and will not be paid directly to the University.

\*Please note that all amounts are estimated and are subject to change.

## **FULL-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS**

# Annual Direct Costs (payable to St. Joseph's University, New York):

| Estimated full-time flat-rate tuition (12-18 credits) \$35,516 |
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| University fee   |
| Parking fee (Long Island Campus only)                          |
| Student activity fee   |
| Technology fee   |
| Special fees (per lab course)                                  |
| First-Year Orientation fee (if applicable)\$150                |
| Transfer Orientation fee (if applicable)                       |
| Graduation fee (if applicable)                                 |
| Nursing fee (juniors and seniors)\$3,800                       |
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## **Annual Indirect Costs (estimated):**

| Loan fees   |  |
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| Books and supplies\$1,000                                   |  |
| Personal expenses   |  |
| Transportation  |  |
| Dependent living expense (housing and meals)                |  |
| Independent living expense (housing and meals) $\$10,\!000$ |  |

## PART-TIME UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS

# Annual Direct Costs (payable to St. Joseph's University, New York):

| Estimated per-credit tuition rate (1-11 credits)\$1,150 |
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| University fee (1-7 credits)                            |
| University fee (8-11 credits)                           |
| Parking fee (Long Island Campus only)                   |
| Student activity fee (1-11 credits)\$70                 |
| Technology fee (1-7 credits)                            |
| Technology fee (8-11 credits)                           |
| Special fees (per lab course)                           |
| Graduation fee (if applicable)                          |
| Nursing fee (juniors and seniors per course)\$475       |
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## **Annual Indirect Costs (estimated):**

| Loan fees   |
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| Books and supplies                                      |
| Personal expenses                                       |
| Transportation  |
| Dependent living expense (housing and meals) \$5,000    |
| Independent living expense (housing and meals) \$10,000 |

## **UNDERGRADUATE ONLINE PROGRAMS**

# Annual Direct Costs (payable to St. Joseph's University, New York):

| Estimated per-credit tuition\$7   | 75 |
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| University fee (per semester)\$   | 77 |
| Technology fee (per semester)\$   | 87 |
| Administrative fee (per semester) | 49 |
| Special fees (per lab course)     | 50 |
| Graduation fee (if applicable)    | 00 |

## **Annual Indirect Costs (estimated):**

| Loan fees   |
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| Books and supplies                                      |
| Personal expenses                                       |
| Dependent living expense (housing and meals)            |
| Independent living expense (housing and meals) \$10,000 |

**Special circumstances:** If your financial situation has changed drastically, you may ask the Office of Financial Aid to review your eligibility. Some examples of special circumstances are involuntary loss of employment and recent separation or divorce. A letter of explanation and additional documentation will be requested. Contact the Office of Financial Aid directly for more information.

**Verification:** Each year a certain percentage of students are selected for a process known as verification. We may ask you to submit various documents, such as copies of tax return transcripts, to our office. If your application is selected for verification, you may not receive any federal or university financial aid until all requested documents have been received and all information has been verified.



## Withdrawal and Satisfactory Academic Progress Policies

## WITHDRAWAL FROM THE UNIVERSITY (RETURN OF TITLE IV FUNDS)

All students should consult with a financial aid counselor in the Office of Financial Aid before changing enrollment status or withdrawing from the university. Any changes may affect financial aid eligibility.

Federal financial aid is awarded to a student under the assumption that the student will attend school for the entire semester for which the aid is awarded. When a student withdraws from the university (officially or unofficially), he or she may no longer be eligible for the full amount of federal aid originally awarded. If a federal financial aid recipient withdraws after beginning classes and before the 60 percent point in the term, the amount of federal grant and/or loan assistance earned by the student must be determined. If the amount disbursed to the student is greater than the amount the student earned, unearned funds must be returned to the federal government by the university. If the amount disbursed to the student is less than the amount the student earned, and for which the student is otherwise eligible, the student may be entitled to a postwithdrawal disbursement. It is important to note that the amount of federal aid earned by the student is determined by the percentage of term completion (number of days in the semester divided into the number of days the student attended), and is not related to the university tuition refund policy. Scheduled breaks of five or more consecutive days are excluded from the number of days in the payment period. In the event that funds need to be returned, the student may find an outstanding balance on his/her account. The student is responsible for any outstanding balances owed to the university when funds are returned. Funds that the institution must return to the federal government will be returned no later than 45 days after the date of withdrawal determination.

Courses that do not span the entire length of the regular semester are considered to be modules. A student who is enrolled in module courses is not considered to have withdrawn for R2T4 purposes if the student completes one module that includes 49% or more of the number of days in the payment period. A student is not considered to have withdrawn if he or she submits in writing the intent to enroll in a later module course within the same semester. If the student does not begin attendance in the later module, the student is then considered withdrawn and a R2T4 calculation will be performed. Scheduled breaks of five or more consecutive days and all days between modules are excluded from the number of days in the payment period.

Title IV funds that are subject to recalculation in the event of a withdrawal from the university are (returned in this order): Unsubsidized Federal Direct Stafford Loans, Subsidized Federal Direct Stafford Loans, Federal Direct PLUS Loans, Federal Pell Grants, Iraq & Afghanistan Service Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG) and TEACH Grants (St. Joseph's does not currently participate in the TEACH Grant).

## SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS POLICY FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENTS

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is defined as proceeding toward successful completion of degree requirements. The Office of Financial Aid is required by federal regulation to determine whether a student is meeting the requirements. SAP for federal aid recipients is reviewed and determined at the conclusion of each semester. Students enrolled in certificate programs are evaluated at the midpoint of their program.

This policy pertains only to recipients of federal student aid, including Pell Grant, SEOG, subsidized and unsubsidized Federal Student Loans and PLUS Loans. Recipients of institutional scholarships or grants must meet the eligibility requirements of the respective program.

The New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP), as well as other state-sponsored programs, has specific progress policies. Please review the Office of Financial Aid page on our website and in the course catalog for more information.

## Requirements

- Maximum number of hours to complete the degree program:
   Undergraduate students are no longer eligible to receive federal financial aid once they have attempted 150 percent of the credits required to complete the degree. Graduate students must complete the program within five calendar years of the start term.
- Undergraduate students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative GPA and graduate students must maintain a 3.0.
- Students must successfully complete at least 75 percent of the total cumulative hours attempted.

This policy includes all coursework attempted at St. Joseph's University, New York, as well as transfer credits that are applicable to a student's program. All coursework attempted, including any dropped, repeated or remedial courses or withdrawals recorded on the St. Joseph's University, New York transcript at the time of the progress check, are considered.

The following grades indicate successful completion of a course: A, B, C, D and P (based on academic policy).

The following grades indicate that a course was not successfully completed: F, I, AB, WD, WF, WU, FN and NC, or a course for which a grade was not entered (based on academic policy).

Audit courses are not counted in the total hours attempted for any semester or as successful completion of a course. Independent study, correspondence and extension courses may count toward successful completion of hours attempted if they are completed by the last day of the semester. Transfer coursework must be reflected on the St. Joseph's University, New York transcript to be considered for purposes of financial aid eligibility.

## **Failure to Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress**

A student who exceeds the maximum number of hours allowed for degree completion will have their eligibility for federal financial aid suspended. A student may appeal this decision if the reason for the excessive hours can be adequately documented. Contact the Office of Financial Aid for more information on appeals.

A student who either fails to achieve the required cumulative GPA, or to complete at least 75 percent of the total hours attempted, will be placed on warning for the following semester. A student may receive federal financial aid while on warning. At the end of the warning period, if a student is meeting all SAP requirements, he or she will regain unconditional eligibility for federal financial aid programs. If at the end of the warning period a student has not met the requirements, his or her eligibility for federal financial aid will be suspended. Students are entitled to appeal the suspension of federal financial aid. Contact the Office of Financial Aid for more information on appeals.

## **Available Financial Aid**

## **INSTITUTIONAL PROGRAMS**

#### **Scholarships and Grants**

St. Joseph's University, New York offers a variety of scholarships and grants to students based on different criteria. Institutional scholarships and grants will be credited to the student's account each semester upon completion of all required documentation. Please visit the Office of Financial Aid's website for more information.

## **Campus Employment**

Students placed in campus employment jobs earn a monthly paycheck for work performed. Interested students should contact the Office of Financial Aid for more information.

#### **NEW YORK STATE PROGRAMS**

## **Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)**

TAP is administered by New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC) and is available to full-time matriculated undergraduate students who are residents of New York state. To be considered full time, a student must be enrolled in a minimum of 12 credits per semester, or 8 credits per trimester in the Weekend College program. TAP awards range from \$500 to \$5,665 annually.

## **Part-Time TAP**

Part-Time TAP is available to part-time matriculated undergraduate students who are residents of New York state. To be considered, a student must be enrolled in 6-11 credits per semester, or 4-7 credits per trimester.

For more information and to apply online, please visit <a href="hesc.ny.gov">hesc.ny.gov</a>. TAP awards will be credited to the student's account after the student is placed on a roster by HESC and all eligibility, including State Satisfactory Academic Progress and Pursuit of Program, has been verified.

## Aid for Part-Time Study (APTS)

APTS is available to part-time matriculated undergraduate students who reside in New York state. Applications are available in the Office of Financial Aid and on our website. Applications must be submitted with a signed copy of the student's (and spouse's or parent's, if applicable) New York state income tax return by the last day of the add/drop period of the semester.

Visit **hesc.ny.gov** for more information on these and other state programs.

## **FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

## **Federal Pell Grant**

This grant is available to matriculated undergraduate students who have NOT already earned a bachelor's degree. Eligibility is based on Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the FAFSA application and the student's enrollment status. Full-time awards for 2023-2024 range from \$767 to \$7,395 annually. To apply, file a FAFSA application. The amount of Pell Grant funds you may receive over your lifetime is limited by a new federal law to be the equivalent of six full-time years of funding.

## Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

FSEOG is awarded to eligible undergraduate students who demonstrate exceptional financial need. At St. Joseph's University, New York, a student must be Pell eligible and have a zero Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from the FAFSA to qualify. Awards can range from \$200 to \$4,000 annually. The 2023-2024 academic year amounts at St. Joseph's University, New York range from \$500 to \$1,000 due to limited funding. FSEOG is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. To apply, file a FAFSA application.

## Federal Work Study (FWS)

FWS is offered through the federal campus-based aid program and provides employment opportunities to eligible students. Actual award amounts are based on the student's financial need, pay-rate, amount of contracted hours and funding availability. FWS funds are received in the form of a monthly paycheck for hours worked. FWS funds are limited and positions are filled on a first-come, first-served basis. An offer of Federal Work Study on an award letter does not guarantee position availability. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid for job availability and more information.

#### **Federal Direct Subsidized Loan**

A Direct Subsidized Loan is awarded to matriculated undergraduate students enrolled at least half-time (six credits per semester). Students must have financial need to qualify. No interest accrues on this loan while the student is enrolled for at least six credits per semester. Repayment begins six months after leaving school or dropping below half time. Loans have annual limits based on grade level, and aggregate lifetime limits. To determine eligibility, file the FAFSA. First-time borrowers must complete an entrance counseling session and an MPN.

## **Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan**

A Direct Unsubsidized Loan is awarded to matriculated undergraduate and graduate students who are enrolled at least half time (six credits per semester). Financial need is not a requirement. Interest begins accruing when the loan is disbursed. Repayment begins six months after leaving school or dropping below half time. Loans have annual limits based on grade level and aggregate lifetime limits. To determine eligibility, file the FAFSA. First-time borrowers will be required to complete an entrance counseling session and an MPN.

## **Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan**

This is a credit-based loan available to the parents of dependent undergraduate students enrolled at least half-time (six credits per semester). The annual loan limit is the student's cost of attendance minus any other financial aid. To determine eligibility, file the FAFSA. The parent who wishes to borrow will need to complete a credit check and an MPN.



