

2025-26 Financial Aid Application Process for Physician Assistant Students

The 25-26 FAFSA will be available on October 1. You need to complete the 25-26 FAFSA as early as possible providing your own 2022 actual or estimated income in order to be awarded financial aid for the 2025-2026 school year. We encourage you to complete the FAFSA as early as possible.

Steps to Apply for Financial Aid

- **Step 1:** File the **25-26 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at www.studentaid.gov as soon as possible and include your actual income from your 2022 taxes. **Our school code is: 001892**
- **Step 2:** Apply for need-based grants (see below)
- **Step 3:** Your FAFSA will be sent to the University of Iowa and we will begin emailing award letters in the spring.
- **Step 4:** When you receive your award letter in the spring, you will also receive an attachment that lists the next steps that you will need to complete in order to receive loans. (accepting loans, completing online Master Promissory Notes, online Loan Counseling, and setting up direct deposit) We recommend that you complete these steps by early July.
- **Step 5:** If all of the required steps have been completed, your aid will disburse to your student account on the first day of classes in the fall and spring semesters. Your aid will be applied towards your tuition and any excess funds will be deposited into your bank account.

Need-Based Grants

- **If you are younger than 26 years old on the first day of classes in the fall, we will need you to provide us with parental tax information from 2023 in order to determine your eligibility to qualify for need-based grants.** This information is no longer included in the FAFSA, so you will need to provide this on a separate application. There will be an application for need-based aid available on [MyUI](#) in early February. We will send a link to admitted PA students after they have been admitted. These grants are limited, so it is in your best interest to apply as early as possible.
- **If you are 26 or older on the first day of classes in the fall, then you do not need to include parental information to determine your eligibility for need-based grants.** You only need to file the 25-26 FAFSA in order for us to determine if you qualify for need-based grants.

We encourage you to carefully review your expenses and resources and to **borrow only what you will need**. The cost of attendance includes housing, personal and transportation expenses. Actual expenses may be lower than the estimated amounts; therefore, you **may not need to borrow the full amount awarded**. **If you wish to decline or reduce your loans, please contact Chris-Roling@uiowa.edu (319-353-3092) to discuss your wants/needs.**