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Parent Newsletter

ACT Test Dates

February 12, 2010
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For more information on how to prepare your students for college, please visit:

[KnowHow2Go](#)

[CollegeBoard](#)

[FinAid](#)

[FAFSA](#)

[Saving for College](#)

What is Financial Aid?

Financial aid is funds that are used to supplement family and student resources for educational purposes. Financial aid can come in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, or federal work study.

Scholarships

Scholarships are based on individual talent and achievement. They are available from colleges and universities, private companies, as well as state and federal levels. Scholarships usually do not require repayment.

Grants

Grants are awarded on a financial need basis. They come from state and federal funds and do not require repayment. Types of grants include:

- [Federal Pell Grant](#)
- [The Academic Competitiveness Grant \(ACG\)](#)
- [Institutional Grants](#)
- [Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant \(FSEOG\)](#)
- [The National Science & Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant \(National SMART Grant\)](#)
- [Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education Grant \(TEACH Grant\)](#)
- [Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant](#)

Loans

Loans are funds that come from state, federal, and private programs. Loans have eligibility requirements and require repayment upon finishing college. Types of loans include:

- [Direct Stafford Loans \(Subsidized and Unsubsidized\)](#)
- [Plus Loans \(Parent Loans\)](#)

Federal Work-Study

Federal Work-Study (FWS) provides part-time job for undergraduates and graduates with financial need, allowing them to earn money to help pay education expenses. The program encourages community service work and work related to the recipient's course of study. For more information on the FWS program click [here](#).

I want to apply for Financial Aid! Where do I start?

Students and parents who are interested in applying for financial aid must complete the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA). The FAFSA is available each year beginning January 1st and must be renewed each year you wish to receive financial aid.

Items needed for FAFSA

- ✓ Your Social Security Number
- ✓ Your driver's license (if any)
- ✓ Your W-2 Forms and other records of money earned
- ✓ You (and your spouse if you are married) Federal Income Tax Return
- ✓ Your Parents' Federal Income Tax Return (if you are a dependent student)
- ✓ Your 2010 untaxed income records
- ✓ Your current bank statements
- ✓ Your current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, stock, bond and other investment records.
- ✓ Your alien registration or permanent residence card (if you are not a U.S. citizen)

Preparing for College Part II

Beginning January 1st every year, students are able to fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Office of Student Financial Aid provided eight easy steps to applying for financial aid. **

1. Obtain a Federal [PIN](#) (Personal Identification Number)

- The PIN acts as your electronic signature on the FAFSA
- Create your PIN at pin.ed.gov

2. Submit the [FAFSA](#) (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

- FAFSA is available online at fafsa.ed.gov
- The University of Akron's Federal School Code is 003123
- File between January 1 and March 1 to be considered for the maximum amount of aid.
- You can still complete the FAFSA after March 1.

3. You will receive your SAR (Student Aid Report) from the U.S. Department of Education

- The SAR summarizes the information you provided on the FAFSA and indicates your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), which will help determine your need
- If you've made a mistake on your FAFSA, you can make corrections for free at fafsa.ed.gov

4. You will receive your FAFSA information from the U.S. Department of Education

- You will receive notification by mail one UA has received your FAFSA information.

5. Provide required documents

- New students need to complete a [Master Institutional Aid Application](#)
- If you've been selected for verification, return the [requested materials](#).
- Continuing students, who have not been selected for verification, skip to step 6.

6. Aid is awarded

- You will receive an Award notification by mail
- If you have your UANET IS, you may also log in to [ZipLine](#) to review your financial aid online.
- If changes are made to your aid, all updates will be made to [ZipLine](#) only, not by mail.

7. Complete the process

- Accept or decline your aid in [ZipLine](#)
- After accepting your aid:
 - Complete Entrance Counseling
 - Complete the Master Promissory Note

8. Aid is disbursed

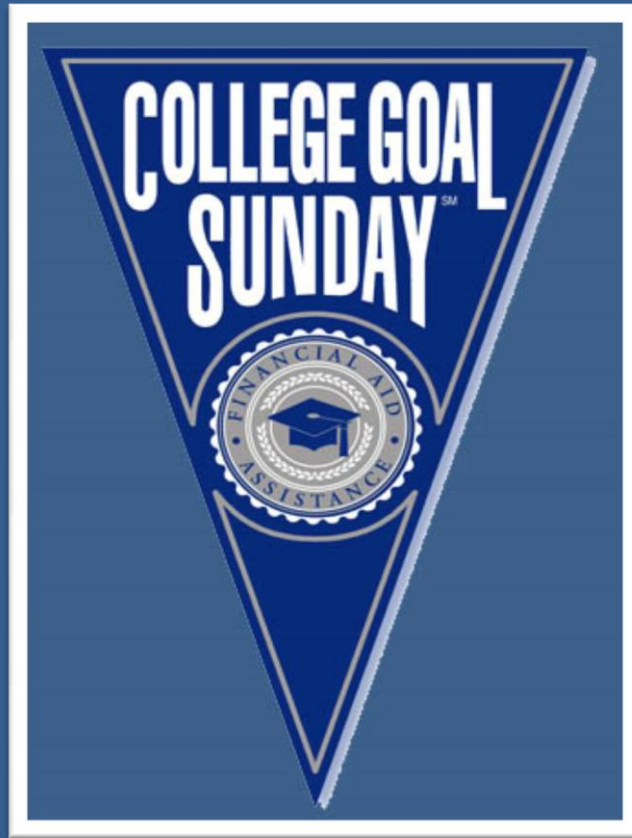
- You can view your student account in [ZipLine](#)'s Finances section

Note: Financial Aid is given annually. You must complete a new FAFSA every year.

FAFSA Website
www.fafsa.ed.gov

***The above information is tailored towards students applying to The University of Akron. For more specific information about the financial aid process at another institution, please contact the institutions financial aid office.**

****The following information is courtesy of The Office of Student Financial Aid. For more information on UA Financial Aid, please click [here](#) to visit the website.**



If you need help filling out the FAFSA or have any questions regarding the financial aid process, then College Goal Sunday is the destination for you!

February 13, 2011
The University of Akron
Simmons Hall

Located on the corner of Buchtel Ave. & College St.

For more information, please visit
www.ohiocollegegoalsunday.org



Pictured Above: Simmons Hall



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About Student Financial Aid:

The Office of Student Financial Aid assists with the financial aid process, offers information on student loans, grants, and scholarships. The office also provides individual counseling for students and families who are experiencing family hardships that will affect their ability to pay for college. The Federal Work Study program is also a part of the financial aid office. If your student has received federal work study in their award packet, you will need to contact the financial aid office or visit the website to search through the listing of federal work study jobs.

Department Spotlight: Summit College

Location: The Polsky Building
Dean: Stan Silverman
Website: sc.uakron.edu



About Summit College:

The University of Akron's Summit College offers opportunities for success and achievement to students throughout their educational and professional journey. Summit College is home to the Police Academy, the Cisco Networking Academy, the Center for Emergency Management and Homeland Security, Policy Research, the Akron Area College Tech Prep Consortium, and the Training Center for Fire and Hazardous Materials.

We offer 45 Associate Degree programs, 25 technical certificates programs and 11 Bachelor degree programs in Allied Health Technology, Business Technology, Engineering and Science Technology, and Public Service Technology. Additional pathways for student success are always being developed. New initiatives in Criminal Justice, Respiratory Therapy, and Industrial Computer Applications have emerged as Summit College continues to be responsive to the changing demands of the market by providing students with the tools needed for advanced educational opportunities while providing them with employable and promotable skills.

Upcoming Events and Deadlines Spring 2011

Below are a list of upcoming Tech Prep and University of Akron events and deadlines. For more information, please click on the link to be directed to the site.

February

February 1

Final [Honors College](#) admissions/scholarship deadline

February 13

[College Goal Sunday](#)

Simmons Hall

March

March 1

[FAFSA](#) submissions deadline for priority awarding of federal student aid

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Admission deadline to be considered for all general academic scholarships

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Credit Banking Notification Deadline

(For students wishing to access and/or attempt to transfer Tech Prep credits to another institution)

March 14-20

UA Spring Break

March 14-27

OGT Testing

March 15

[Northeast Ohio Tech Prep Showcase](#)

The Northeast Ohio Tech Prep Showcase will be held on March 15, 2011 at Cuyahoga Community College (Tri-C). For more information please contact Monica Mason.
