

FINANCIAL AID FOR GRADUATE STUDENTS STARTING **SUMMER 2026**

Step 1: Register for summer courses

Summer course registration begins in February 2026. Financial Aid will notify you via AU email regarding your summer financial aid eligibility after you register.

Step 2: File/Update FAFSAs

The 25-26 FAFSA is used for the summer semester, whereas the 26-27 FAFSA is used for the upcoming Fall 2026 and Spring 2027 semesters. Log on to fafsa.gov to file.

You may file the 26-27 FAFSA beginning in October 2025.

If you have already filed the 25-26 FAFSA as an undergraduate student, update the questions listed below and submit the updated FAFSA on April 1, 2026.

FAFSA Question	FAFSA Answer
When the student begins the 2025-26 school year, what will their college grade level be?	Master's, doctorate, or graduate certificate program (MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, EdD, etc.)

Step 3: Complete Financial Aid Checklists

Review your Financial Aid Checklists on your [Self-Service](#) account for items marked as "Action Needed" and complete these steps. Make sure to complete requests for both summer and 26-27 aid.

Financial Aid Eligibility

- No grants available
- Annual Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan Limit is \$20,500
 - If you borrowed \$7,500 as an undergraduate student during the fall and spring semesters, you could have up to \$13,000 left for the following summer semester ($\$20,500 - \$7,500 = \$13,000$) depending on your Cost of Attendance
- If additional aid is needed, inquire with the Office of Financial Aid for other options

Questions?

Contact the Office of Financial Aid at 630-844-6190 or finaid@aurora.edu.