Paying for College

Office of Financial Aid
Financial Aid

• Haven’t applied? It’s not too late!
• Already applied? See Next Steps email (copy below) and Knightweb to be sure all steps have been completed to finalize the financial aid.
Check Knightweb...

- ... to accept or decline financial aid awards
- ... to check *Student Requirements* for items that need to be submitted – verification, student loan documents, work-study, and other possible items
- Emails sent to parent and student about “missing items"
Awards in Knightweb

• Pell Grant – “Estimated” – Our office will update this to “Actual”
• TAP/SUNY Tuition Credit – “Estimated” needs YOUR attention
• Excelsior – will be updated from “Estimated” to “Actual” after your application has been submitted and confirmed by NYS
• Student Loans and Work Study – student must accept or decline each award offer
Federal Direct Student Loan

- Accept or decline loans on Knightweb
- If accepting, complete Federal Direct Student Loan entrance counseling and loan agreement at www.studentaid.gov
Finalizing NYS TAP

- Go to www.hesc.ny.gov to verify you applied for TAP and that your award will be sent to Geneseo (our state code - 0920)
Finalizing the NYS Excelsior Scholarship

• IMPORTANT! Go to www.hesc.ny.gov to submit Excelsior application
• Deadline to apply is **August 31, 2021**
• Once NYSHESEC notifies the student by email to complete the contract, sign in to hesc.ny.gov and follow directions for completing and uploading

**NOTE:** Must enroll in 12 credits per semester and earn 30 credits per year to remain eligible.
The College Bill

- Fall bills will be available in mid July
- SUNY Geneseo uses electronic billing
- The first billing notice will be sent by mail – all other notices will be sent via email
- Students can access the Student Account Center to view and pay the bill (not on Knightweb)
Other Important Information
FERPA

- Family Education Rights and Privacy Act
- Protects the privacy of student’s education records
- Students can give us permission to communicate with others about financial aid or billing account
- To give permission:
  - Go to the Forms section of either the Student Accounts or Financial Aid Offices website
Maintaining Eligibility for Financial Aid

• Coursework must be **required** for the degree program to be eligible for financial aid

• Student must meet satisfactory **academic** criteria to **remain** eligible for aid

• Federal and state criteria differ – visit our website
Geneseo Email

• Students need to check their Geneseo email account regularly
• Email is our primary mode of communication
Ask for Help

If you have questions regarding financial aid, please contact our office.

We are here to help!

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