FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

Financing your education is a big decision, that’s why we are here to help you through every step of the process. UMass Global’s One Stop specialists understand the financial aid process and can guide you. The Understanding Financial Aid booklet is a resource that you can use on your own or review during your Fund Your Education (FYE) appointment with your campus. Below you will find descriptions of federal financial aid.

Federal Pell Grant
• For low-income students based on need
• Available to undergraduate students

Federal Supplemental Grant
• Available to undergraduate students with Federal Pell Grant eligibility
• Based on available school funds

TEACH Grant
• Provides funds to students wishing to teach in low-income areas
• Initial Counseling and Agreement to Serve are both required through Department of Education
• Agree to teach for at least 4 years full-time
Federal Direct Stafford Loan
• Available to graduate, undergraduate and teaching credential students
• Award amount varies by academic level
  www.studentaid.gov

Federal PLUS Loans
• Available to graduate students and parents of dependent undergraduate students
• Amount determined by cost of attendance minus other financial aid
  www.studentaid.gov

Cal Grant - DEADLINE MARCH 2nd
• Student is not required to pay back grant funds
• Available to undergraduate students and teaching credential students who received Cal Grants as undergraduates
  www.csac.ca.gov/cal-grants

Yellow Ribbon Scholarships
• Combined with VA benefits, may pay full tuition
  www.yellowribbon.mil
The Enrollment Process

01. Apply for admission
02. Submit all transfer paperwork including transcripts
03. Complete academic advising and develop an education plan
04. Student registration complete

The Financial Aid Process

01. Complete the FAFSA
02. Provide any additional financial aid documentation, if requested
03. Award notification from UMass Global
04. If awarded a loan, complete loan entrance counseling and a master promissory note at www.studentaid.gov
05. Contact your One Stop specialist for additional financial aid information

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER
STUDENT MILESTONES
We are among **THE BEST** this year and every year.**

**provider of TEACHING CREDENTIALS**

among private/independent universities in California**

**Awards were given to Brandman University, which is now UMass Global.**
YOUR FINANCIAL AID AWARD

Once the UMass Global Financial Aid Office receives your FAFSA, it will be processed and eligibility will be determined. You may be required to supply additional documents for review. The Financial Aid Office will notify you of your award notice; which may include multiple resources.

- **Grants and university scholarships**
  Money that does not need to be repaid if you successfully pass the course

- **Loans**
  Money that must be repaid, with generally lower rates and terms designed for students, backed by the government
FAQ

How do I apply for financial aid?
Complete the FAFSA—Free Application for Federal Student Aid to determine your eligibility.

Apply at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

How can I reduce my student loans?
Contact your local One Stop specialist to reduce your loan funding.

How do my employee benefits cover tuition at UMass Global?
Check with your HR/Benefits department.

Am I eligible for military benefits?
Eligible active duty, veterans and family members are entitled to tuition assistance and education benefits including the GI Bill. UMass Global offers reduced tuition rates for military students.

Where can I find scholarship applications?
Search external networks and organizations for scholarship opportunities.

Scholarships may also be found at the following third-party sites:

www.fastweb.com
www.bigfuture.collegeboard.org
www.finaid.org/scholarships

One Stop Specialist - Here to Help
We want to be a partner in your success. Please ask one of our One Stop specialists about any financial assistance you need or questions you may have. Connect with one at any UMass Global campus or by calling or visiting UMassGlobal.edu.
Gather Documents

The FAFSA asks for information about yourself, spouse, parents and dependents (as applicable). Depending on your circumstances, you might need the following documents:

- Social Security numbers
- Driver’s license number—Non-US citizens should provide an Alien Registration Number (official name)
- Tax returns or federal tax information, including IRS W-2 forms
- Records of untaxed income, such as child support, interest income and veterans noneducation benefits
- Banking information including cash
Tips and Reminders

Contact a One Stop specialist for questions about:

• Instructional versus **non-instructional costs** for your program
  - Tuition
  - Books
  - Supplies
  - Rent

• Financial Aid **verification process**. (The federal government selects about 30% of applicants to undergo further verification.) Those selected will be required to submit additional documents.

• **Academic progress** and how it affects financial aid.

To help avoid delaying or jeopardizing financial aid, please respond promptly to any requests for additional information.

**IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

- **FAFSA** opens for the upcoming year
- **CAL Grant** annual deadline

**ONLINE APPLICATION**

- Create an FSA ID online at: https://fsaid.ed.gov
- UMass Global’s Federal School Code for the FAFSA is: 041618
The University of Massachusetts Global (UMass Global), a nonprofit affiliate of the UMass system, is fully accredited by the WASC Senior College and University Commission (WSCUC). UMass Global (formerly Brandman University) offers nationally recognized academic programs for the nontraditional learner fully online, on ground at more than 25 campuses throughout California and Washington and through UMass Global MyPath, its self-paced online competency-based education. For additional information, visit http://www.umassglobal.edu.