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FINANCIAL AID AT SRU



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University

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Paying for college is one of the biggest questions students and families face—and you don't have to navigate it alone. At Slippery Rock University, our Financial Aid team is committed to helping you understand your options and make the most of the resources available to you.

This guide walks you through the financial aid process, from completing the FAFSA and understanding your financial aid offer to exploring scholarships, grants, loans, and important deadlines.

SCHOOL CODE:

003327



**\$8.0
MILLION+**

dollars awarded in
scholarships

91%

of students receive
financial assistance



TUITION DISCOUNT

for out-of-state students
with a 3.0+ cumulative
high school GPA



QUESTIONS? WE'RE HERE TO HELP.

Our Financial Aid team is ready to help you navigate the financial aid process.

724.738.2044 • financial.aid@sru.edu

Walk-in assistance available during office hours. See website for details.

Explore Financial Aid Resources • sru.edu/finaid

NEED ONE-ON-ONE ASSISTANCE?

Schedule a phone or virtual appointment with a member
of our Financial Aid team through our website.



FINANCIAL AID QUICK GUIDE

1. Complete the FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step in applying for financial aid. All students must complete the FAFSA annually.

- Visit www.studentaid.gov to complete the FAFSA.
- If you are unable to complete the FAFSA online, you may request a paper application by calling 800.4.FEDAID.
- Complete the FAFSA in the fall of the year prior to enrollment. We strongly recommend you file before **March 15** to receive early aid information. Pennsylvania residents must complete the FAFSA before **May 1** for Pennsylvania State Grant consideration.

• **Include SRU's Federal School Code: 003327**

2. Review Your FAFSA Submission Summary

After submitting your FAFSA, you'll receive a FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS) from the U.S. Department of Education. The FSS lists the information you reported on the FAFSA and reflects your Student Aid Index (SAI).

If you provided an email address, you'll receive it electronically within a few days. Otherwise, it will arrive by mail.

- Review your FSS upon receipt and make corrections at www.studentaid.gov, if needed.
- If all information is correct, simply retain the FSS for your records.
- If you do not receive a FAFSA Submission Summary within four weeks, contact the U.S. Department of Education at 800.4.FEDAID.



Note: The U.S. Department of Education may ask SRU to verify the accuracy of your FAFSA data. If selected, SRU may request additional documentation, such as tax information from you and/or your family, before finalizing your financial aid offer.

3. Receive Your Financial Aid Offer

After SRU receives your FAFSA and any required documentation, you will receive notification of your financial aid eligibility, which includes grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study.

- Initial financial aid offers for new first-year students begin in late fall.
- You must be admitted to SRU and have a completed FAFSA on file to receive an offer.
- Your first financial aid offer is sent by mail and email. Future updates are sent by email.



IMPORTANT DEADLINES

Dec. 1 Priority SRU application deadline to be considered for SRU Merit Scholarships

May 1 FAFSA deadline for Pennsylvania State Grant consideration

FINANCIAL AID CORRESPONDENCE DATES

October SRU Merit Scholarship letters are mailed on an ongoing basis as funds are available.

Late Fall First financial aid offer letters sent to incoming freshmen who completed the FAFSA

Mid-May Pennsylvania State Grant offer notices are emailed by Pennsylvania

June Emails sent to students who are missing loan requirements

Not sure you'll qualify for financial aid? Complete the FAFSA anyway. Many scholarships, grants, loans, and work-study opportunities require a FAFSA on file, regardless of income.

OPTIONS DESIGNED FOR YOU

Paying for college looks different for every family. At Slippery Rock University, we offer a variety of financial aid resources, payment options, and online tools to help make your education as affordable and manageable as possible.

- MySRU is your student portal for viewing your financial aid offer, paying your bill, registering for classes, and accessing important campus resources.
- Flexible payment plans are available to help you spread the cost of your semester over multiple payments.

DIRECT COST OF ATTENDANCE

Yearly cost for undergraduate students, 2026-2027, based on 15 credits	PA Resident	Non-PA Resident with a 3.0+ GPA	Non-PA Resident without a 3.0 GPA
Tuition/Fees	\$11,388	\$15,847	\$20,015
Housing and meals (triple residential studio)	\$9,516	\$9,516	\$9,516
Housing and meals (double traditional hall)	\$7,328	\$7,328	\$7,328
Total (residential suite)	\$20,904	\$25,363	\$29,531
Total (traditional hall)	\$18,716	\$23,175	\$27,343

*Charges subject to change

More than \$6.0 million in scholarships awarded in 2025-26.

- Tuition/fees as seen above are based on 15 credits. Tuition is a flat rate from 12-18 credits; the Student Life fee is based per credit, so there is a \$6 increase for each extra credit of enrollment.
- Housing and meal costs as seen above include a room in a residence hall and a meal plan.
 - A room in the residential suites is based on the Triple Studio, one of the most common room types for first-year students.
 - A room in the traditional hall is based on a Double Room.
 - For more information about housing, go to sru.edu/housing.
 - The meal plan is based on 14 meals per week. For more information about dining, go to sru.edu/dining.

Learn more about financial aid, scholarships, and important deadlines at sru.edu/finaid.



FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Q: How do I start applying for financial aid?

A: Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.studentaid.gov. Once you’ve submitted your FAFSA, SRU will use the information to determine your eligibility for federal and state aid. You can also explore additional scholarship opportunities at sru.edu/scholarships.

Q: How is financial aid awarded to students?

A: Financial aid eligibility is based on a variety of factors, including federal and state program requirements and your demonstrated financial need. A student’s financial need is based on a simple formula:

$$\begin{array}{r} \text{Cost of Attendance} \\ - \text{Student Aid Index} \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Financial Need

Cost of attendance (COA) represents an estimate of direct and indirect costs for a student for one academic year. Direct educational costs typically include tuition, fees, housing, and food. Indirect costs can vary substantially by student and include items that are not directly billed by the University, such as books, miscellaneous spending, and travel to/from school. The COA is based in part on enrollment and in-state/out-of-state status.

Q: When will I find out if I am eligible for scholarships?

A: Notification of scholarships based on your admission application are mailed beginning in October.

Q: What if my parents are not helping me with college expenses?

A: Students who are under the age of 24 are still required to report their parents’ information on the FAFSA unless they are considered “independent” based on the

questions on the FAFSA. If you are not in contact with your parents, please notify the Office of Financial Aid. If you are not considered independent, but still need additional ways to finance your education, credit-based student loans are available at sru.edu/loans.

Q: I received a PA State Grant Form from PHEAA. Do I need to complete it?

A: Yes. When Pennsylvania residents complete the state information at the end of the FAFSA, their results are sent to the Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency (PHEAA). However, PHEAA does require additional information to determine your Pennsylvania State Grant eligibility.

Q: What if my family’s income has recently changed?

A: We can review special circumstances such as loss of income, reduction in benefits, recent divorce, and medical expenses. After filing the FAFSA, contact our office for guidance in reporting these changes on a separate form.

Q: How will I know what I am eligible for?

A: Once you submit your FAFSA and complete any other requested documentation, SRU will send your financial aid offer beginning in late fall. Your initial offer will be sent by mail and email, and any updates will be communicated by email.

Q: What if I have questions about my financial aid offer?

A: Our Financial Aid Office is here to help. Whether you have questions about your offer, FAFSA, verification, or next steps, contact us by phone, email, or schedule an appointment with a financial aid counselor.

FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES

As an SRU student, you'll have a wide range of financial aid opportunities available. Explore the categories of aid here and learn about specific SRU scholarships and grants at sru.edu/financialaid.

Scholarships

SRU offers a variety of scholarships based on factors such as academic merit, athletic performance, leadership and community involvement, and financial need. When you apply for admission to SRU, you will be automatically considered for most scholarships based upon your admissions application.

SRU first-year scholarships are awarded in the following ways:

- Complete your SRU admissions application by the **Dec. 1** priority deadline to be automatically considered for merit scholarships based on GPA. Scholarship offer letters will be communicated to selected recipients starting in October and will continue while funds are available.
- Athletic scholarships are available to outstanding student athletes. Contact coaches in your sport of interest for more information.
- SRU is a proud Pittsburgh Promise Preferred College Partner.
- You are also encouraged to seek scholarship opportunities from private sources, including employers, community organizations, and other agencies. You can search for national, regional, and local scholarships at sru.edu/scholarships.

SRU also has a few scholarships that require an application. All are listed on sru.edu/scholarships under the First-Year Scholarships tab.

Grants

Grants are need-based financial aid that do not need to be repaid. Eligible students may qualify for grants from government agencies at the state and federal levels and from private organizations.

Common grants that eligible undergraduate students may qualify for include:

- Federal Pell Grant.
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant.
- Pennsylvania State Grant (and other state grants for out-of-state residents).



Work Study

Federal Work-Study provides eligible students with part-time, on-campus employment opportunities while enrolled at SRU. Students earn a paycheck for hours worked, helping offset educational expenses while gaining valuable professional experience. Students must indicate interest in work study on the FAFSA to be considered. Student employment opportunities can be found at sru.joinhandshake.com/login.

Loans

Loans can help bridge the gap between financial aid and the remaining cost of attendance. Unlike grants and scholarships, loans must be repaid. Detailed information about loan options is available at sru.edu/loans.

Federal Direct Loan

This loan is limited to \$5,500 for dependent freshmen with increasing limits in subsequent years. The loan may be divided into two portions, subsidized and unsubsidized, based on a student's financial need as determined by the results of the FAFSA. The loan will accrue interest while enrolled in school on any unsubsidized portions of the loan. The student is the borrower of the loan and is responsible for repayment of the loan. Repayment of principal begins six months after the student graduates or is enrolled less than half-time. If a parent is denied a Federal PLUS loan, the unsubsidized limit may be increased by an additional \$4,000 for a first-year student.

- Eligibility is determined through the FAFSA.
- You will be notified of your eligibility via your financial aid offer.
- Beginning in June, SRU will email instructions for completing entrance counseling and the Master Promissory Note. For those who have not yet completed those steps, we encourage immediate action.

Federal Plus Loan

The Federal Direct PLUS Loan is a credit-based loan available to parents of dependent undergraduate students. Parents may borrow up to the student's remaining cost of attendance after other financial aid is applied. During the application process, parents can choose to begin repaying when the students begin school or to have payments deferred until after graduation.

Private/Alternative Loans

These are credit-based loans from private lenders or foundations. Interest rates may be variable or fixed. Usually, the student is the borrower, but a co-signer is typically required.



HOUSING RATES & DINING PLAN COSTS: 2026-2027

University Suites	Semester	Academic Year
Triple Studio	\$2,873	\$5,746
Triple Suite	\$3,193	\$6,386
Double Studio	\$3,831	\$7,662
Double Suite	\$4,257	\$8,514

Traditional Style Rooms	Semester	Academic Year
Triple Occupancy	\$1,603	\$3,206
Double Occupancy	\$1,779	\$3,558

Residential Student Meal Plans	Semester	Academic Year
Weekly 19 meals/\$250 Flex	\$2,001	\$4,002
Weekly 14 meals/\$350 Flex	\$1,885	\$3,770
Weekly 10 meals/\$350 Flex	\$1,548	\$3,096
Semester 175 meals/\$350 Flex	\$1,633	\$3,266

Off-Campus Meal Plans	Semester	Academic Year
Weekly 7 meals/\$100 Flex	\$944	\$1,888
Semester 75 meals/\$100 Flex	\$670	\$1,340

**Off campus/commuter students can also choose any residential student meal plan.*





FINANCIAL AID OFFICE

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Slippery Rock University is a comprehensive institution offering a broad array of undergraduate and graduate programs. Located in the rolling hills of western Pennsylvania, the 660-acre campus is less than an hour north of Pittsburgh, near the intersection of I-79 and I-80. The borough of Slippery Rock is a safe, friendly community surrounded by beautiful farmlands, forests and lakes.

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