

Applying for Financial Aid at Eden Theological Seminary

2020-21 Academic Year

Welcome to Eden Theological Seminary!

The following information is provided to **ALL students** as a guide to help you as you apply for Financial Aid which includes the following: *Scholarships, Grants and Federal Direct Loans*. Students may wish to apply for all of the following options or choose those that best fit their needs. If you have questions about how to get the most out of the Financial Aid process, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

Eden Scholarship Eligibility Criteria:

- ✓ Must be enrolled as a FT student in a Master degree program;
- ✓ OR be admitted into the program for the year they are applying by the Scholarship application due date;
- ✓ Must complete the Free Application for Student Aid (FAFSA), and
- ✓ Must complete the Scholarship Application and return it by the application due date – April 30, 2021.
- ✓ Must meet minimum criteria requirements for each Scholarship as indicated on Application.

Applying for Grants:

1. Students are encouraged to seek external grants through organizations.
2. The Financial Aid Office has various grant opportunities that are posted in the Brightspace HUB in the Financial Aid Portal.
3. **Beginning in late fall and throughout the year** grant applications will be announced via the Brightspace Community HUB for denominational partners.
4. For more detailed information students are encouraged to make an appointment with the Financial Aid Office to discuss their options.

Applying for a Federal Direct Loan:

NEW Students ONLY...

1. **Complete the 2020-2021 Application for Federal Direct Loans** and email to FinancialAid@eden.edu;
2. **Complete a Free Application for Student Aid** known as the FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>;
3. **Complete Entrance Counseling Interview** at <https://studentaid.gov/app/counselingInstructions.action?counselingType=entrance>, and
4. **Complete a *Master Promissory Note (MPN)** at <https://studentaid.gov/mpn/> (Please choose the MPN for subsidized/unsubsidized loans). **Eden's School Code is G02462.**
**If you have been informed that you have utilized all the aggregated graduate unsubsidized loan funds (\$73,000+), please contact the Financial Aid office.*
5. **Login to the Virtual Financial Aid Student Portal at the following URL address:** <https://eden.campusivy.com/Apps/Core/Account/Login>. **If you are a first-time user, complete the Student Registration prior to login.** Utilize this portal to track your loan progress and complete additional documents and respond to request for CampusIvy VFAO.

Returning Students ONLY...

1. **Login to the Virtual Financial Aid Student Portal at the following URL address:**

<https://eden.campusivy.com/Apps/Core/Account/Login>. Utilize this portal to track your loan progress and complete additional documents;

2. Complete a **Free Application for Student Aid** known as the FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. **Please complete the 2020-2021 Academic Year for Spring 2021 enrollment and the 2021-2022 for the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 academic Year. Eden's School Code is G02462.**

**If you have been informed that you have utilized all the aggregated graduate unsubsidized loan funds (\$73,000+), please contact the Financial Aid office.*

VERY IMPORTANT... For students applying for Federal Direct Loans

Please continue to monitor the Virtual Financial Aid Student Portal, your email and text messages to keep abreast of any documents needed prior to the disbursement of your loans.

ALL STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING DOCUMENTS ELECTRONICALLY in the Campus Ivy Virtual Financial Aid Student portal to receive their disbursement. *Please note:* You are only required to complete these documents once every academic year:

(1) Credit Balance Authorization form. The *Credit Balance Authorization* form is signed once a year – normally in the Fall. This document notifies the accounting department of your request for management of your funds in excess of your Student Account balance.

(2) Funding Estimate: The *Funding Estimate* or Award Letter is the statement of your acceptance of funding for the 2020-2021 academic year. You must sign this document to receive your award disbursement.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

November 2020 – FAFSA application is opened for all students

February 17, 2021 – Scholarship Application Opens

April 30, 2021 – Scholarship Application Due Date*

June 15, 2021 – Scholarship Awards Announced

August 30, 2021 – Scholarship Acceptance Due to Financial Aid

August 30, 2021 – First Day of Fall Classes

September 17, 2021 – Requirements for Scholarship must be met by Fall 2021 Add/Drop Date

**Please note: A student must be admitted into a degree program by the Scholarship Application due date to qualify.*

Should you have questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office at email FinancialAid@eden.edu.

Thank you,

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