



## First-Year and Transfer Students Entering Fall 2008

### TIMETABLE AND CHECKLIST

#### Early Decision Applicants

##### October

- 1 – CSS Financial Aid/PROFILE available

##### November

- 30 – CSS Financial Aid/PROFILE deadline

##### Late December

Admission notification mailed

Merit-based scholarship notification mailed

##### January

- 1 – FAFSA available online

##### Mid-January

Financial Aid Award notification mailed

##### February

- 1 – FAFSA application deadline

#### Regular Decision and Transfer Applicants

##### October

- 1 – CSS Financial Aid/PROFILE available

##### January

- 1 – FAFSA available online

##### February

- 1 – FAFSA application deadline

- 1 – CSS Financial Aid/PROFILE deadline

##### Early March

Admission notification mailed

Merit-based scholarship notification mailed

##### Late March

Financial Aid Award notification mailed

A more detailed financial aid timeline is available on our web site:  
[financialaid.syr.edu/enteringtimeline.htm](http://financialaid.syr.edu/enteringtimeline.htm).

### Access to the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship Programs

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship Programs is located on the second floor of Archbold North. The second floor of Archbold North is not accessible by elevator. If you have a mobility impairment that prevents the use of a stairway, please contact our office and we will make arrangements to meet with you at an accessible and convenient location.

### Questions? Contact the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship Programs

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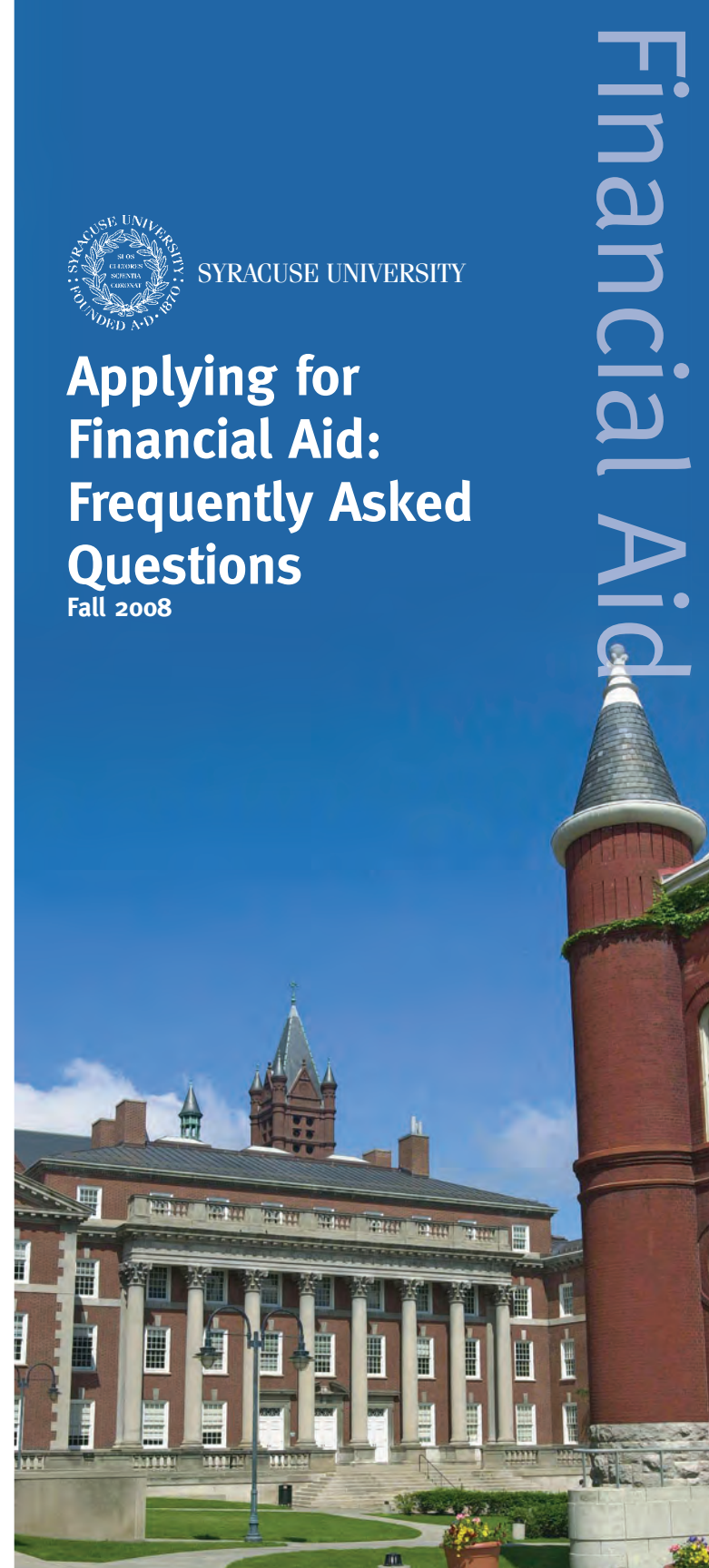
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SYRACUSE UNIVERSITY

## Applying for Financial Aid: Frequently Asked Questions

Fall 2008



Financial Aid

## Office of Financial Aid and Scholarship Programs

Syracuse University offers financial aid in the form of merit-based scholarships, need-based grants, and student employment, as well as student and parent educational loans. Each year, approximately 70 percent of admitted undergraduate students receive financial assistance. Syracuse University awards students financial aid to the extent that funds are available.

### Financial Aid Portfolio

As an applicant to Syracuse University, you will have access via the Internet to a communication tool that our office uses—Financial Aid Portfolio. The portfolio enables you to view your cost of attendance, financial aid status, and determine if we have received financial aid forms or other required documents. If your financial aid application materials are complete, and you have been admitted to Syracuse University, you will be able to view your financial aid on the portfolio beginning in mid-March. Information detailing how to access the portfolio will be sent to you from our office.

### Visit Our Web Site, [financialaid.syr.edu](http://financialaid.syr.edu)

Our web site contains detailed information about financial aid, including applications, deadlines, timelines, policies, and procedures. The loan section provides information on student and parent loans, the application process, and repayment information.

### How do I apply for a merit-based scholarship?

Syracuse University awards merit-based scholarships to eligible students at the time of admission to recognize prior academic achievement. No separate application is necessary. Merit-based scholarships are awarded regardless of financial need.

### Will applying for financial aid affect the admissions decision?

No. Syracuse University is need-blind in its admissions process; therefore, your application for financial aid does not affect the admissions decision in any way.

### What financial aid forms does Syracuse University require?

While you do not have to file for financial aid to receive a merit-based scholarship, all other financial aid is based on need. Two separate application forms are required:

#### **College Scholarship Service (CSS) Financial Aid/PROFILE**

A fee-based online application form, available online at [www.collegeboard.com](http://www.collegeboard.com).

#### **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

A free application, available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

### Should I wait until I am admitted before I apply for financial aid?

No. File the CSS Financial Aid/PROFILE and the FAFSA by the deadlines listed in the chart below. It is important that you submit the completed forms on time, as awards are made on a funds-available basis. Complete the forms using a completed 2007 federal income tax return and W-2 forms. However, if your tax return is not completed before the deadline, use estimated information and file on time.



### When should I file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)?

The 2008-09 FAFSA is available after January 1, 2008, online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and should be completed before February 1, 2008. The U.S. Department of Education has published the *FAFSA on the Web* worksheet, which is the best tool for gathering the information you need to complete the online application. Paper copies of the worksheet are available in your high school guidance office, or may be downloaded from [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

If this is the first time you are filing a FAFSA, both you and a parent need to request a Personal Identification Number (PIN) from the Department of Education online at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) before completing the FAFSA.

### What happens after I file the FAFSA?

After the FAFSA is processed by the Department of Education, you will be notified that your Student Aid Report (SAR) is available, which lists the information you submitted on the FAFSA. You should check the SAR to ensure the information is accurate and complete. If you need to correct your SAR, go to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

### What if I miss the CSS Financial Aid/PROFILE and the FAFSA deadline?

File the forms as soon as possible; our office continues to award financial aid on a funds-available basis.

### What if my family or I have special circumstances?

Special circumstances should be noted in the "Explanations" section of the CSS Financial Aid/PROFILE.

## Applying for Need-Based Financial Aid

Required Applications	How to apply	College Code	Deadlines	Award Notification Dates
CSS Financial Aid/PROFILE	<a href="http://www.collegeboard.com">www.collegeboard.com</a>	2823	February 1, 2008	Late March 2008
FAFSA	<a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a>	002882		