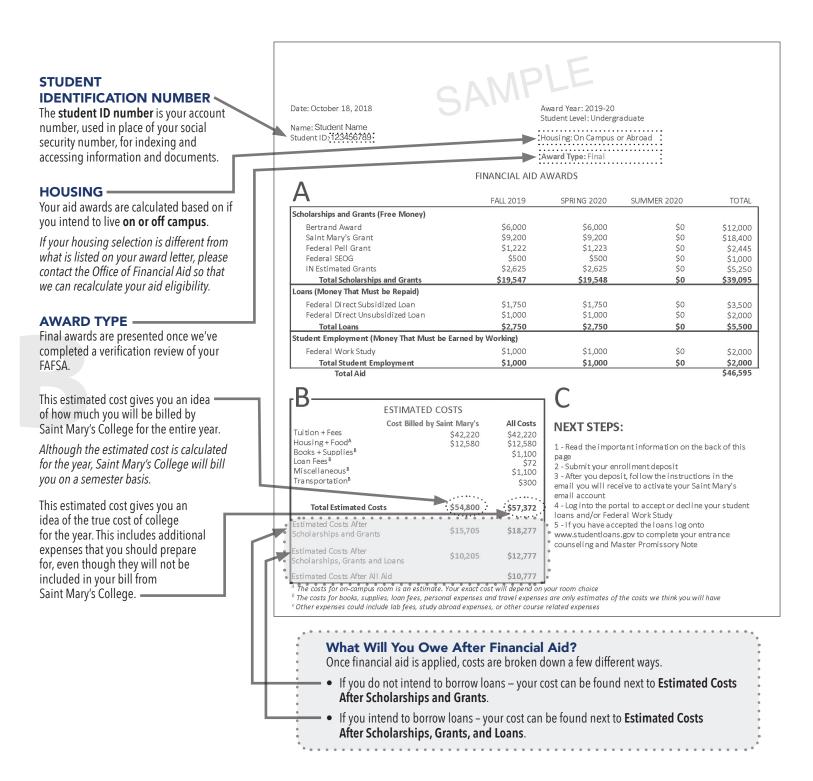


# 2019–20 Financial Aid: Award Letter Guide

A degree from Saint Mary's College is one investment that will reward you for the rest of your life. We understand this can be an exciting and overwhelming time for both students and families. That's why at Saint Mary's College, we give you all the information you need to make an informed decision.



## CONTACT

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Visit: saintmarys.edu/Finaid

#### WHAT TO DO NEXT

- Review your aid offer
  - > Pay attention to the type of aid offered, including whether the awards are loans that must be repaid or grants that are free
  - Review your loan options and consider your ability to repay the loans. Estimate you total debt upon graduation and monthly payment amount (use the Repayment Estimator at studentaid. ed.gov/sa/repay-loans/understand/plans).
- Your award letter is estimated because your application has been selected for a verification review. Submit the following verification documents to our office as soon as possible, but no later than April 1.

- > Verification of parent and student tax data
- Either log onto fafsa.gov and transfer data from the IRS to your FAFSA (for both the student and the parent(s)), or
- Log onto irs.gov and request 2017 Tax Return Transcript(s).
- > Submit a completed Saint Mary's College Verification Statement. You can access this form online at **saintmarys.edu/FinancialAidForms**.
- Note that there are two separate Verification Statement forms one for the student and one for the parent.
- To complete this online form the student and a parent will each need to create an account to use online forms.

#### **DETAILS ABOUT AWARDS**

SAINT MARY'S COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships are available to full-time students during the fall and spring semesters only. Students can receive these scholarships for a maximum of eight semesters. Note that the scholarship amount will remain the same in future years. Each May students must have the cumulative grade point average listed below.

Moreau Presidential Scholarship – 3.00 Presidential Scholarship – 3.00 Dean's Scholarship – 2.80 Madeleva Scholarship – 2.70 Le Mans Award – 2.50 Bertrand Award – 2.50 Brother Andre Award – 2.00

#### **LOANS**

	Interest Rate	Loan Fees
Federal Subsidized Direct Loan	2018–19 rate was 5.045% (2019-20 rate will be determined July 1, 2019)	1.062%
Federal Unsubsidized Direct Loan		

# **FEDERAL WORK STUDY**

An offer of Federal Work Study on your award letter indicates an opportunity to find a job and work the hours necessary to earn the amount indicated. Typically students at Saint Mary's College work 10 hours per week, although the exact number of hours varies depending on student interest, availability and the job requirements. Pay rates range from \$7.25 to \$8 per hour. More information is available at saintmarys.edu/StudentEmployment.

#### **GRANTS**

The following grant funds are awarded to students based on financial need according to their aid applications. These grants are free money that do not need to be repaid. Final eligibility for these grant awards will be determined after the verification process has been completed (if applicable). Eligibility for these grant awards in future years can vary based on funding levels and the student's financial need in future years.

Federal Pell Grant	Saint Mary's Grant
Federal SEOG (Grant)	Holy Cross Grant
Estimated Indiana Grant	

#### **OTHER AWARDS**

The Mother Pauline Award is an award from Saint Mary's College. This award is free money that does not need to be repaid. The Mother Pauline Award is renewable in future years at the same amount. It is not necessary to reapply for this award and no specific grade point average is required in order to renew the award.

# OTHER PAYMENT OPTIONS

# **PARENT PLUS LOAN**

The Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan is available to parents of dependent students who pass a basic credit check. With this loan the maximum amount parents can borrow is the cost of attendance less all other aid the student has been awarded. The Parent PLUS Loan has 4.248% in fees and the 2019–20 interest rate will be determined after July 1, 2019. The 2018–19 interest rate was 7.595%. Information about the Parent PLUS loan can be found at **studentloans.gov**.

## **ALTERNATIVE STUDENT LOAN**

Various lenders offer supplemental loans to college students provided the students are credit worthy or have a credit worthy co-signer. The interest rates and loan terms on these loans, which are commonly referred to as private or alternative loans, can vary quite a bit from lender to lender. Information about lenders our students have used in the past is at saintmarys.edu/Alternative.

# **BILLING INFORMATION**

The Office of Student Accounts emails billing statements to students at their Saint Mary's College email address in mid-July for the Fall Semester and in December for the Spring Semester. If there is a balance due after subtracting the financial aid from the account charges, students must pay their account in full or sign up for the monthly payment plan offered through students Touch Net accounts. For details regarding the Touch Net monthly payment plan, please visit the Office of Student Accounts website at saintmarys.edu/TouchNet.