Financial Aid 101 for Fertitta Full-Time MBA Students
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Cost of Attendance (COA): maximum financial aid eligibility in a given academic year, including Stern tuition and fees and personal living expenses such as room and board, books and supplies, transportation, and loan fees

Federal Student Loans (U.S. citizens and permanent residents only)

1) Complete the 2018-2019 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This FAFSA will be used to package loans for the Summer 2018, Fall 2018 and Spring 2019 semesters
   - You will need your 2016 tax return and W2 forms
   - NYU’s FAFSA code is 002785
   - NYU receives your FAFSA electronically within 3-5 business days
   - You must file a new FAFSA every year to continue to be eligible for federal loans. The 2019-2020 FAFSA will be used to package loans for the Fall 2019 and Spring 2020 semesters

2) Financial Aid Package
   - Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan
     - $10,250 per semester (summer, fall, spring); $30,750 total
     - No credit check required
     - Origination fee = 1.069%
     - Interest rate = TBD. Currently fixed at 6%* (begins to accrue after loan disbursement)
     - 6 month grace period before loans enter repayment
   - Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan
     - Up to the maximum COA
     - Approval is contingent upon a credit check
     - Origination fee = 4.276%
     - Interest rate = TBD. Currently fixed at 7%* (begins to accrue after loan disbursement)
     - 6 month deferment period before loans enter repayment

Private Student Loans

- Loans from a bank, credit union, state agency, etc.
- Interest rates may be fixed or variable
- Terms and conditions vary by lender and student’s credit score
- Tip: Apply for private loans within a 14 day window to avoid adverse effect on credit

*Effective for federal loans disbursed between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018
Financial Aid Award Notice

- You will receive an email with your financial aid award notice approximately 3-4 weeks prior to payment deadline
- Tip: You can always reduce or decline federal loans you’re offered
  1) Sign into NYU Albert using your NetID and password
  2) Click STUDENT CENTER
  3) Click Accept/Decline Awards
  4) Select academic year, 2019
  5) You may accept, reduce, or decline your federal loans
  6) Click SUBMIT to finalize your selection

Required Documents – Federal Loans ONLY

- Secure your federal loans for disbursement at www.studentloans.gov
  1) Login using your FSAID and password (same used in completing your FAFSA)
  2) Select the Graduate/Professional Students tab at the bottom of the screen
  3) Electronically sign Loan Agreement for a Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan (MPN)
  4) Electronically sign Loan Agreement for a PLUS Loan (MPN)
  5) Electronically complete Graduate Entrance Counseling

Reducing/Canceling Your Loans

- Federal loan funds can be returned within 120 days of disbursement
- Return of federal loan funds within 120 days of disbursement is considered a return on the principal and no interest is charged
- Complete Return Loan Funds Form on Albert within 110 days of disbursement to allow processing time

Reinstating Your Loans

- Email the Stern Graduate Financial Aid Office
- Loans can be reinstated through the end of the semester
- Consider processing time – contact us 2-3 weeks in advance

Loan Disbursement to Stern Bursar

- Your disbursement date is always after your payment deadline and is approximately 10 days prior to your first class (view your class schedule to determine your disbursement date)

Refunds

- Loan funds exceeding total charges will be refunded by Stern Bursar
- Summer refunds can be expected by late July, Fall refunds by mid-September, Spring refunds by mid-February
- Sign up for Direct Deposit through the NYU Bursar
Donor Awards & Scholarships

- **Donor Awards**
  - First-year students should visit the Admitted Students' Website (ASW) to see all upcoming applications and deadlines
  - Second-year students are automatically considered and do not need to submit an application
  - Awarded based on GPA, as well as donor specific requirements

- **Scholarship Database**
  - A database of scholarships that have been vetted by the Stern Graduate Financial Aid Office. Students should check for updates regularly

- **Scholarship Tools**
  - A list of search engines and resources for students looking for scholarships

- **Yellow Ribbon**
  - Stern will contribute awards of up to $10,000 per academic year to eligible MBA students. The Veterans Administration will match these funds for a total award of up to $20,000 per year. Contact David Gordon (Stern Registrar) if you would like more information

Teaching & Graduate Fellowships

- Opportunity to receive untaxed tuition remission or a paycheck based on hours worked
- Teaching fellows work in an academic setting; Graduate fellows work in an administrative setting; Graders and tutors assist faculty
- To qualify: complete 9 credits at Stern, maintain a GPA of at least 3.0, and be enrolled during the semester of appointment
- Tuition Remission counts towards the COA, thus loans may be adjusted to reduce loan debt
- View available positions and applications at the [Student Jobs site](#)

Company Sponsorship & Reimbursement

- **Company Sponsorship**: employers pay student’s tuition directly to the Stern Bursar
  - Considered a form of financial aid and is factored into a student’s COA
  - Student must submit a letter or voucher from their employer to the Stern Bursar every semester

- **Company Reimbursement**: students are reimbursed by their employer (this is a transaction between the student and their employer and does not involve NYU)
  - Not considered a form of financial aid and is not factored into a student’s COA
  - Employers typically pay students after grades have been submitted, so a student will have to make payment by the payment deadline
  - Students may make payments out of pocket and receive a refund or take out student loans and then return the funds once the reimbursement is received
Additional Tips for Veterans

- Review [Resources for Military Veterans](#) on the Stern Graduate Financial Aid Website
- David Gordon, in Records and Registration, is the VA representative at NYU Stern. His office can be reached by email at registrn@stern.nyu.edu or by phone at (212) 998-0660. He will be your point of contact for VA benefits. He provided the following tips for getting started:
  - Students who will be using their VA benefits at Stern need to submit their VA Certificate of Eligibility to David’s attention to get the process started
  - The Post 9/11 GI Bill is the most widely used VA benefit (Note: VA funds are not included in a student’s financial aid)
  - The first summer of enrollment will constitute one academic year, so your entire program provides the potential to utilize three (3) academic years of VA benefits
  - Qualifying students at the 100% level for Post 9/11 Gill Bill benefits will automatically be considered for inclusion in the Yellow Ribbon Program. No application is needed
  - The tuition deposit must be paid upfront and will then be recouped as part of the tuition/fee reported to the VA for payment as part of your actual enrollment for courses