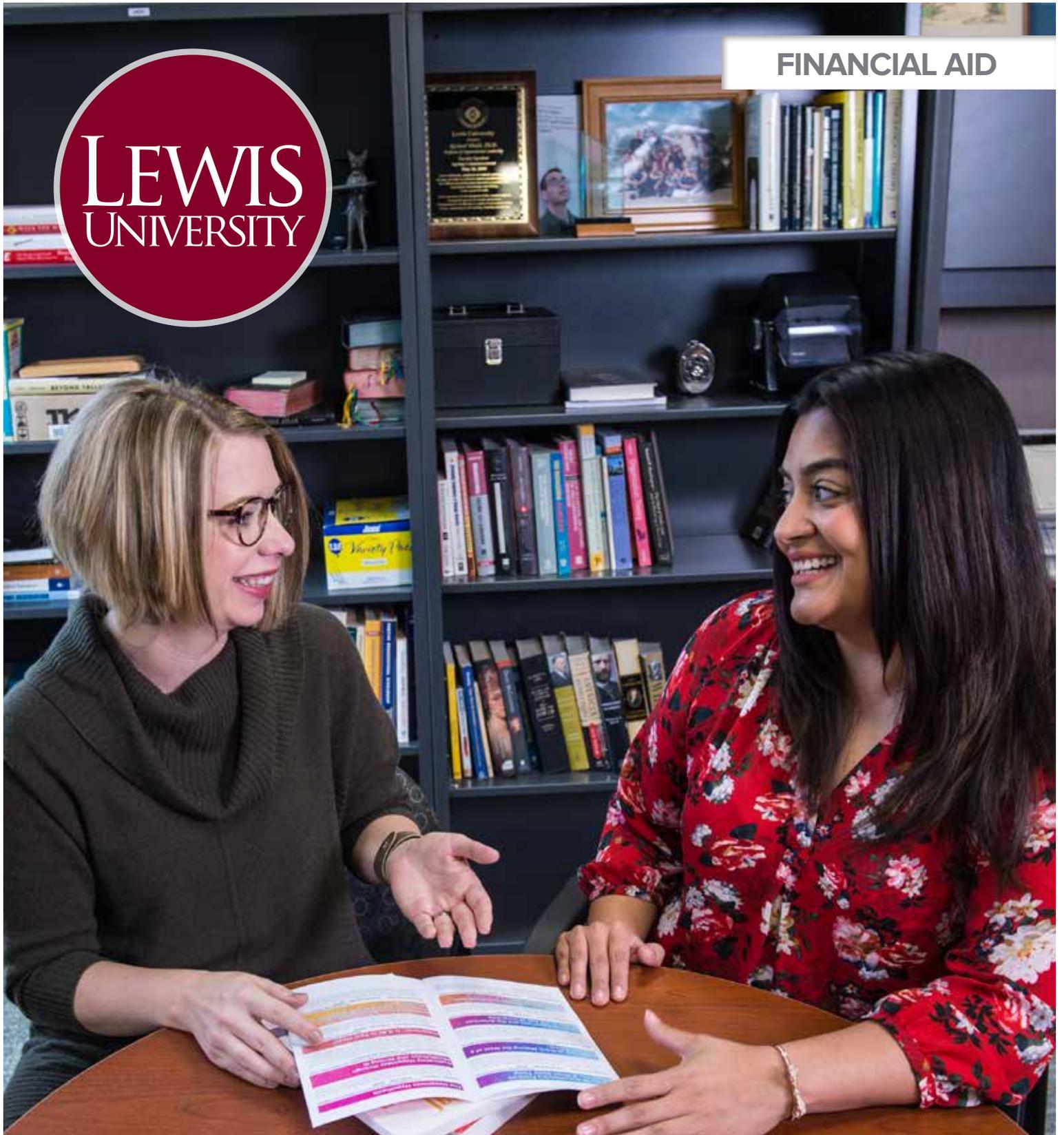


FINANCIAL AID



FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES

for Graduate and Adult Accelerated Students



*meeting
your
financial
needs*

Applying for financial aid doesn't have to be confusing and it's free!

Follow the steps below.

- 1 Submit your Application for Admission to Lewis University at lewisu.edu/apply.**
- 2 Create an FSA ID.**
Students and borrowers should create an FSA ID, made up of a username and password, to submit their Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) online and to access U.S. Department of Education websites. Your FSA ID is used to confirm your identity and electronically sign your federal student aid documents. To create an FSA ID, visit StudentAid.gov/fsaid.
- 3 Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) starting October 1st.**
Use the Data Retrieval Tool to link federal tax information directly from the IRS to the FAFSA. The Data Retrieval Tool is the easiest way to meet the verification requirements and is highly recommended. Lewis University's School Code is 001707.
- 4 Financial Aid will be awarded on the *myLEWIS* student portal.**
Awards are accessible at mylewis.lewisu.edu.

An email will be sent when financial aid is awarded, prompting students to login to the *myLEWIS* student portal and finalize awards.

lewisu.edu/finaid

Who is eligible for federal student aid?

Financial assistance is available to students who:

- Are a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen
- Have a valid Social Security Number
- Are registered with Selective Service if you're a male between the ages of 18 and 25
- Are enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an eligible degree or certificate program
- Are enrolled at least half-time (6 credit hours for undergraduates and 3 credit hours for graduate students)
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress in college, career school, or graduate school
- Sign the certification statement on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) stating that you are not in default on a federal student loan and do not owe money on a federal student grant and you will use federal student aid only for educational purposes.
- Show you're qualified to obtain a college or career school education by having a high school diploma or a General Educational Development (GED) certificate or a state-recognized equivalent; or completing a high-school education in a homeschool setting approved under state law.



Financial Aid Options

Undergraduate Degrees

1st Bachelor's Degree Student

Students who are pursuing their first bachelor's degree are eligible for financial assistance from federal and state programs. State of Illinois programs, such as the Monetary Award Program (MAP) have limited funding. Therefore, applying early (October of the previous year) is the best way to ensure consideration for this grant.

2nd Bachelor's Degree Student

Students who have already earned a bachelor's degree will not qualify for state and federal grant programs. Federal subsidized and unsubsidized loans are available. Other tuition assistance may come in the form of employer reimbursement, tuition discounts, veterans benefits and outside scholarships.

Graduate Degrees

Students pursuing graduate degrees are usually only eligible for an unsubsidized loan. Other tuition assistance may come in the form of employer reimbursement, tuition discounts, graduate assistantships or outside scholarships.

If you borrowed federal loans previously, you can check your loan eligibility at www.nslds.gov. The aggregate (lifetime) loan limit for dependent undergraduate students is \$31,000, for independent undergraduate students it is \$57,500 and for graduate students it is \$138,500.

Tuition Discount Opportunities

Check out the different options available to help with your tuition.

Lewis University is proud to offer discounts on tuition through its partnership programs. Partners include those in the private sector, not-for-profit, institutions and government.

The tuition discount can be applied to most undergraduate, graduate, and adult undergraduate programs.*

20% Tuition Discount for Lewis University Alumni

Lewis University alumni qualify for a 20% tuition discount when admitted into an eligible graduate degree, doctoral degree, second bachelor's degree or credit-bearing certificate program. In addition, the 20% alumni discount has now been expanded to include graduate-level credit-bearing courses. Even if you're just looking to sharpen your skills or take a couple of courses that will let you stay competitive in a changing business world, you can come back as a graduate-level Student-at-Large and potentially qualify for a tuition discount. Please review the eligibility guidelines below as certain exclusions apply.* Contact an admissions counselor for more details.

Veterans Benefits

Lewis University is proud to be a Yellow Ribbon school and recognized by GI Jobs as a Military friendly school.

Lewis accepts all VA programs and Military Tuition Assistance. Aviation Flight costs are typically covered. Zero application fee for military.

Graduate Assistantships

Lewis University offers a variety of graduate assistantships within various departments across campus. Graduate assistants provide services to the University while simultaneously enhancing their learning and career development. The role of a graduate assistant is determined by the specific needs of the department. In exchange for their work, graduate assistants receive a tuition waiver. Other benefits may apply depending on the position. Open positions and requirements can be accessed on the Employment section of the Human Resources website at lewisu.edu/hr.

Scholarships

We encourage you to speak with your employer and local businesses in your community about scholarship possibilities. Education and nursing programs have additional scholarship opportunities based on areas of professional interest and we encourage you to speak with your Enrollment Representative about these opportunities. The Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) offers scholarship searches at collegezone.com.



Employer Reimbursement

Lewis University offers a 6-week deferred billing option for students utilizing tuition assistance offered by their employers. This allows students time to submit their grades and receive their reimbursement to pay their tuition.

Billing and Payments

You will have access to a student account center that will offer the following features:

- **Account Summary Data** – available 24/7 with updates, including financial aid
- **Account Activity** - also available 24/7
- **Statements** – view account statement and options to pay your bill including enroll in a payment plan, or make payment by check, EFT, or credit card
- **Ability to Share Account Access** – for additional sponsors to assist managing your account
- **Direct Access** – through lewisu.afford.com for authorized participants

**In situations where an applicant is eligible for more than one discount or scholarship, the higher level discount or scholarship will apply. Discount does not apply to the MS in Occupational Therapy, MS in Speech-Language Pathology and certain 100% online graduate programs. Discount does not apply to already discounted programs, including Teacher Endorsement Programs, RN-BSN and the undergraduate degree in Criminal Justice online or in partnership with Moraine Valley Community College or College of DuPage. Please verify program eligibility with your Admissions Counselor.*

Campus Locations

Lewis Main Campus

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Romeoville, IL 60446
(815) 836-5610

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Oak Brook, Illinois 60523
(630) 573-1740

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