Individual Student Situations

What is college?

Any postsecondary education (after high school)

- Technical college
- Community college
- University

Types:

- Certificates and other credentials
- Associate degrees
- Bachelor's degrees
- Graduate and professional degrees

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Certificates and other Credentials

1 year or more (depending on program)

Provides preparation for specific jobs and careers. Programs can typically be completed in a few weeks to a little over a year of full-time attendance. Many certificates build into and count toward associate degrees.

Examples:
- Certificates of Proficiency
- Certificates of Completion
- Apprenticeships
- Licenses
- Professional Certifications

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Associate Degrees

2 years

Provides preparation for employment or a bachelor's degree. Programs can typically be completed in two years of full-time attendance.

Examples:*
- Associate of Applied Science
- Associate of Science
- Associate of Arts

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Bachelor's Degrees

4 years

Provides a well-rounded education for success in a career or for graduate study. Programs can typically be completed in four years of full-time attendance.

Examples:
- Bachelor of Science
- Bachelor of Arts
- Bachelor of Applied Science
- Professional Bachelor's Degree

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Graduate and Professional Degrees and Credentials

Typically 1-6 years beyond a bachelor's degree

Provides advanced preparation in a variety of careers that require education beyond a bachelor's degree. Programs can typically be completed in one to six years of full-time attendance, depending on the field of study.

Examples:
- Master's degrees
- Doctoral degrees
- Graduate Certificates
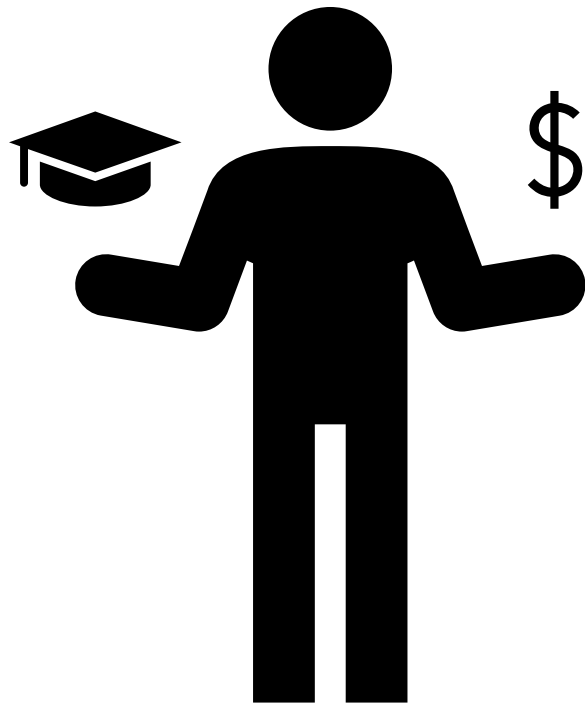
2023-2024 FACTS-AT-A-GLANCE

UTAH SYSTEM OF HIGHER EDUCATION

Institutions	Application Fee	2023-2024 Tuition & Fees	Admissions Requirements	Certificates & Degrees Available	Fall Admissions Deadline	Scholarship Application Deadline	Financial Aid Deadline	1-year Avg. On-Campus Housing & Meal Plan
Bridgerland Tech College	Application fee: $0 Enrollment fee: $0	$95/credit + fees (vary by program)	High school diploma or recognized equivalent btech.edu/students/enrollment	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	None	N/A
Brigham Young University	$35	Church member: $6,496 Non-member: $12,992	Letters of recommendation, ecclesiastical endorsement, essays, GPA, high school or college transcripts. ACT/SAT optional. enrollment.byu.edu/applying	Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Priority: Nov. 1, 2023 Final: Dec. 15, 2023	Dec. 15, 2023	For need-based scholarships Jan. 20, 2023	Housing: $4,720 Meal Plan: $5,000
BYU-Pathway	$0	$81/credit	Does NOT require a high school diploma or GED equivalent, if over 18 years old byupathway.org/admissions	Certificates Associate's Bachelor's	Sept. 6, 2023	Sept. 18, 2023	N/A	N/A
Davis Tech College	HS student annual fee: $40 Adult application fee: $45	$95/credit + fees (vary by program)	Varies by program: davistech.edu/programs	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
Dixie Tech College	Application fee: $40 Enrollment fee: $0	$105/credit + fees (vary by program)	Standardized testing, background checks, immunizations, etc., depends on program requirements dixietech.edu/apply	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Varies by program	N/A
Ensign College	$35	Church member: $3,888 Non-member: $7,776	Domestic students: ecclesiastical endorsement & high school diploma or GED equivalent ensign.edu/how-to-apply	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's	Sept. 2, 2024	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
Mountainland Tech College	Application fee: Program Specific Registration fee: $40	$120/credit + fees (vary by program)	Does NOT require a high school diploma or GED equivalent *unless* applying for federal, state or scholarship aid mtec.edu/admissions	Certificates	Year-round	CTE Scholarship: Jan. 28, 2024	Year-round	N/A
Ogden-Weber Tech College	Application fee: $0 Enrollment fee: $45	$95/credit + fees (vary by program)	Does NOT require a high school diploma or GED equivalent. Complete required testing per program otech.edu/how-to-enroll	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
Salt Lake Community College	$20	Resident: $4,256.50 Non-resident: $13,700.50	High school diploma or GED equivalent slcc.edu/admissions	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's	Aug. 2024	Feb. 1, 2024	Priority dates: Fall: Apr. 15, 2024 Spring: Nov. 1, 2023	N/A
Salt Lake Tech College (SLCC)	$20	$90/credit + fees (vary by program)	Does NOT require a high school diploma or GED equivalent slcc.edu/sltech/admissions.aspx	Certificates	Aug. 2024	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
Snow College	$30	Resident: $4,180 Non-resident: $7,065	High school diploma or GED equivalent snow.edu/admissions/apply.html	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's	Year-round. Must be admitted by 1st day of class.	Mar. 1, 2024	June 1, 2024	Housing: $2,368 Meal Plan: $2,198
Southern Utah University	$0 (subject to change)	Resident: $6,769.50 Non-resident: $20,585.50	2.7 GPA = General Acceptance 2.3 GPA = Provisional Acceptance/Review Committee suu.edu/apply	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's	Aug. 28, 2024	Resident: Mar. 1, 2024 Non-Resident: 1st day of Fall	May 1, 2024	Housing: $4,181 Meal Plan: $2,794

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Southwest Tech College	Application fee: $0 Enrollment fee: $0	$95/credit + fees (vary by program)	Does NOT require a high school diploma or GED equivalent stech.edu/admissions/enrollment	Certificates	Year-round	None	None	N/A
Tooele Tech College	Application fee: $0 Enrollment fee: $0	$85/credit + fees (vary by program)	High school diploma or GED equivalent tooeletech.edu/how-to-enroll	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Varies by program	N/A
Uintah Basin Tech College	Application fee: $0 Enrollment fee: $0	$100/credit + fees (vary by program)	Varies by program: ubtech.edu/certificate-programs	Certificates	Year-round	Year-round	Year-round	N/A
University of Utah	Utah first-time freshman or tribal HS student: $0 Other undergraduate students: $55	Resident: $9,400 Non-resident: $31,104	Required: Common Application, high school transcripts. Optional: ACT/SAT scores, personal statement, letters of recommendation & Honors College application section (requires a short essay). admissions.utah.edu/apply	Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Early Action: Dec. 1, 2023 Final: Apr. 1, 2024	Dec. 1, 2023	Priority: Feb. 1, 2024	Housing: $8,161 Meal Plan: $4,815
Utah State University	$50	Resident: $8,305 Non-resident: $24,223	2.8 High School GPA; (2.79 GPA & below - considered for USU Earned Admission Path) usu.edu/admissions/apply	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's | Doctorate	Priority: Mar. 1, 2024 Final: Aug. 1, 2024	Dec. 1, 2023	Feb. 1, 2024	Housing: $4,464 Dining: $4,180
Utah State University Eastern	$50	Resident: $4,651 Non-resident: $12,426	High school diploma or GED equivalent eastern.usu.edu/admissions/apply	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's | Doctorate	Sept. 1, 2024	July 1, 2024	Feb. 1, 2024	Housing: $2,040 Meal Plan: $2,300
Utah State University Statewide Campuses	$50	Resident: $7,903 Non-resident: $23,821	2.8 High School GPA; (2.79 GPA & below - considered for USU Earned Admission Path) statewide.usu.edu/apply	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's | Doctorate	Priority: Mar. 1, 2024 Final: Sept. 1, 2024	Dec. 1, 2023	Feb. 1, 2024	N/A
Utah Tech University	$35	Resident: $6,074 Non-resident: $17,644	High school diploma or GED equivalent admissions.utahtech.edu	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's | Master's	Year-round	Mar. 1, 2024	Priority: May 1, 2024	Housing: $4,485 Meal Plan: $3,000
Utah Valley University	$35	Resident: $6,270 Non-resident: $17,830	High school diploma or GED equivalent uvu.edu/welcome	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's | Master's	Aug. 1, 2024	Mar. 1, 2024	Year-round	N/A
Weber State University	$30	Resident: $6,390.66 Non-resident: $17,084.92	High school diploma or GED equivalent weber.edu/admissions/apply.html	Certificates Applied Associate's Associate's Bachelor's Master's | Doctorate	Year-round	Dec. 1, 2023	Apr. 1, 2024	Housing: $4,932 Meal Plan: $4,400
Westminster University	$0	$41,416	Recommended curriculum, HS transcript & standardized test scores, or essay westminsteru.edu/admissions/undergraduate-admissions	Bachelor's Master's Doctorate	Early Action: Dec. 1, 2023 Regular: Feb. 1, 2024	Year-round	Year-round	Housing: $6,716 Meal Plan: $3,846

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Paying For College Student Bundle

Deferment

Deferment

The option to postpone or delay college enrollment and scholarships for a period of time

- What reasons do students have to defer college?
    - Military service
    - Religious services
    - Humanitarian service
    - Personal circumstances such as illness, family responsibilities, or financial constraints
    - Research, internships, or other educational experiences
- Some reasons for deferment may not be eligible depending on the college. Contact the college for eligible reasons to defer attendance.

- **Make sure to inform the college or university about plans to defer admission and scholarships**

Deferment

What can be deferred?	What CANNOT be deferred?
• Enrollment • Scholarships • Housing	• Admissions • Federal aid • Deadlines for aid or scholarships

Each college has different policies and procedures. The examples above may not be or could be deferred depending on the institution.

Most colleges require that students apply, be admitted, and be accepted before they can defer. In short, students usually have to decide on a college before being able to defer attendance.

Federal financial aid such as grants, work-study, and student loans CANNOT be deferred.

However, we recommend that students still complete the FAFSA and apply for scholarships.

Why?

- Backup plan
- Some deferrable scholarships require FAFSA completion, such as the Opportunity Scholarship
- The form auto-fills information the next time, making it easier to complete upon return
- More resources and assistance are available while students are still in high school. So, learning and understanding how to apply to college and file the FAFSA are skills students can rely on later when they return to college after

DREAMers, Immigrants, and International Students

FAFSA Citizenship Terminology

- **U.S. Citizens**
  - Naturalized and born citizens

- **Eligible Non-Citizens**
  - Students with documentation that Federal Student Aid considers "eligible" for federal aid
  - Categories include: Permanent Residents (Green Card), Refugees, Asylum Grantees, etc.

- **Ineligible Students**
  - Students with documentation that Federal Student Aid considers "ineligible" for federal aid or those without documentation
  - Categories include: Undocumented Students, those with DACA, TPS, DED, etc.

- **International Students**
  - Foreign students who are going to attend (or attending) college in the United States
  - International students are ineligible for federal aid from the FAFSA

FAFSA FAQs: Undocumented Parents

Question:

- Can a student complete the FAFSA if they are a U.S. citizen (or eligible non-citizen) but their parent(s) are undocumented?

Answer:

- **Yes.** Their parent(s) or adoptive parent(s) will need to create an FSA ID and provide consent on the student's FAFSA to qualify for any aid.

- If parents are hesitant about sharing personal information, please know that the Department of Education's current policy states that it does not share data with immigration enforcement entities.

FAFSA FAQs: Eligible Non-Citizens

Question:

- How would I know if a student is considered an "eligible non-citizen"?

- Can a student complete the FAFSA if they are an "eligible non-citizen"?

Answer:

- **Yes.** Eligible non-citizens should complete the FAFSA, they will need to provide their "Alien Registration Number" and Social Security Number on the form.

- **Examples categories are: U.S. permanent residents (Green Card), refugees, or asylum grantees**

- Please review documentation that Federal Student Aid stipulates as "eligible" on the following website:
    - https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/eligibility/requirements/non-us-citizens

Scholarship Resources for Refugee and Asylee Students

- **One Refugee** – onerefugee.org

- **Immigrants Rising** - immigrantsrising.org/resource/overview/

- **University Alliance for Refugees and At-Risk Migrants (UARRM)** - uarrm.org/toolkit

- **Opportunity Scholarship & Financial Aid Estimator:** studentaid.gov/aid-estimator/

- thedream.us

FAFSA FAQs: Ineligible Students

Question:

- If a student is **ineligible** for federal student aid (grants, work-study, student loans), what options do they have to pay for college?

Answer:

- Private scholarships are always an option

- If a student needs to do the FAFSA to qualify for a scholarship, work with their college's financial aid office or Dream Centers (UofU/SLCC)

- In-state tuition may also be an option – have the student ask their college or university if they qualify under House Bill 144

Scholarship Lists and Databases for Ineligible Students

- University of Utah Dream Center: dream.utah.edu

- Salt Lake Community College Dream Center: slcc.edu/dreamcenter/

- Utah State University: usu.edu/financial-support/undocumented-student-resources

- Weber State University: weber.edu/undocumented/scholarships.html

- Utah Tech University: scholarships.utahtech.edu/non-resident-freshman-scholarships-2/

- Southern Utah University: suu.edu/diversity/undocumented-daca-resources.html

- Davis Technical College: davistech.edu/scholarships

- Utah Valley University: uvu.edu/studentaffairs/initiatives/

Legislation

House Bill (HB) 144

Utah law allows undocumented students to pay in-state tuition if the student:

- Attended a Utah high school for at least 3 years

- Has a Utah high school diploma or Utah GED
  - Submit a high school transcript with graduation date listed

- Signs and submits an HB 144 affidavit

House Bill (HB) 118

- For students who are foreign nationals or legally admitted into the United States with F-1, H-4, or J-1 visas

House Bill (HB) 102

- Provides earlier access to in-state tuition depending on the student's immigration status

FAFSA FAQs: International Students

Question:

- Can I file the FAFSA as an international student?

Answer:

- Most foreign citizens are not eligible for federal aid and will need a student visa to study in the U.S. Ask college admissions for more information about International Student Services.

Institution International Student Services

Public Colleges and Universities

Private Institutions

Students with Disabilities

Modifications vs. Accommodations

Modifications: K-12

- Modifications are made to assignments and the curriculum to meet the Free Access to Publication Education, also known as FAPE, requirements in secondary education
  - E.g., reduced number of questions on assignments, reduction topics covered in class, use a word list or list of math formulas

Accommodations: Higher Education

- Accommodations are made on college campuses to create accessibility for students with disabilities, but adjustments aren't made to the course requirements or the curriculum
  - E.g., specialized tutoring, recorded/audiobooks, class notetakers, preferential seating, lecture notes, study guides, etc.

Source: *https://www.parentcenterhub.org/accommodations/*

FERPA form - Student Information Release Form

"FERPA gives parents certain rights with respect to their children's education records. These rights transfer to the student when he or she reaches the age of 18 or attends a school beyond the high school level." – U.S. Department of Education

- The student needs to request the FERPA form. A parent cannot.
  - The student must agree to who is listed as the recipient in order to release records if it's an individual other than the student with access to records

- This can be beneficial if the student is deferring enrollment or taking a gap year
  - e.g., military service, ecclesiastical mission, humanitarian service, etc.

Remember that if you want a trusted adult involved in your college information, meetings, and conversations, you should want this form signed

Institution Disability Resource Centers

Public Colleges and Universities

Private Institutions

Questions?

Contact Information