



*Your guide to*  
**FINANCIAL AID**

» 2026-2027



# Congratulations!

You've been offered financial aid to assist you in meeting your educational goals at Minot State University. This Financial Aid Guide will make the process easier by providing the steps you need to follow, frequently asked questions, and important dates you should know.

We look forward to assisting you through the financial aid process. If you have any questions, feel free to [email the Financial Aid Office](#) or call them at 701-858-3375.

## » COMPLETE STEPS 1 – 6

It's important that you complete the following steps in order to ensure that your financial aid will be applied to your bill. These steps will also help you determine how much you may owe, if anything, at the start of the semester and what options you have to help cover those costs.



### Financial aid overview

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov), is the only application Minot State requires to determine your eligibility for all federal and state financial aid programs.

The financial aid you're eligible to receive is determined based on the information you provided on your FAFSA and the cost of attendance at Minot State. Your financial aid may consist of loans, grants, scholarships, work study employment or other federal and state programs.

Your financial aid offer is based on your enrollment as a full-time undergraduate student. If you plan to take less than 12 credits per semester, please notify the Financial Aid Office to have your aid adjusted appropriately. Some aid, such as grants and loans, will be pro-rated based on the actual number of credits you are enrolled in.



**Important:** You must be enrolled in at least six credits to be eligible for Federal Direct Loans or Federal Nursing Loans.

# STEP 1 >> ACCEPT OR DECLINE YOUR FINANCIAL AID OFFER THROUGH CAMPUS CONNECTION

Accept or decline all or part of your financial aid offer by following the directions described on pages 3–4.

## Claim your NDUS account

If you haven't already done so, follow these steps to claim your North Dakota University System (NDUS) account:

1. Go to [Campus Connection](#).
2. Click **Claim Your Account**.
3. Find your student ID number (also known as your EMPLID) on your acceptance letter or by clicking the What is my EMPLID? link.
4. Enter your student ID number and date of birth, then click Continue.
5. Follow the steps as indicated.

You must choose a password that is at least 14 characters long. Avoid personal information and common words (i.e. don't use "password" as your password, or your birth date or sequential keyboard letters, like "qwerty"). Use a random sentence, abbreviating and capitalizing certain letters. You will be required to enter a secondary email to be used for self-password recovery.

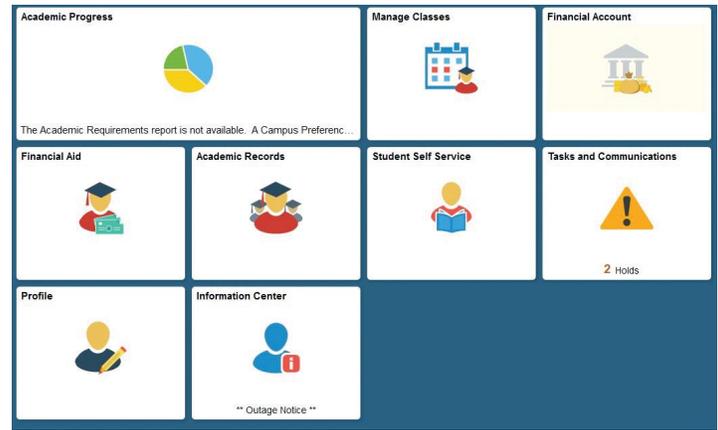
If you have questions, contact the MSU IT Helpdesk at 701-858-4444 or go to the [NDUS Helpdesk website](#).

## Log in to Campus Connection

Campus Connection is the system that you'll use to accept or decline your financial aid offer, register for classes, and view and pay your bill.

After you've claimed your NDUS account and obtained your username and password, follow the steps below to log in to Campus Connection:

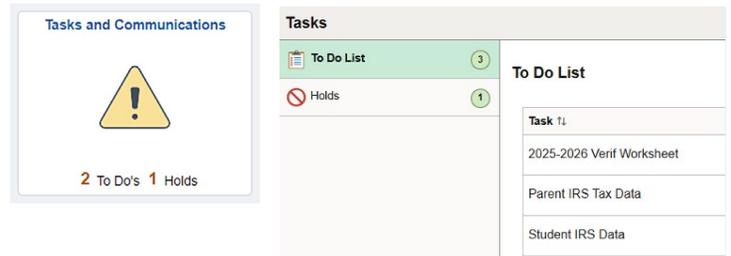
1. Go to [Campus Connection](#).
2. Click the **Campus Connection Login** link.
3. Enter your **User ID** (e.g., firstname.lastname) **and Password**.
4. Click the **Log In** button.



After you're logged in to Campus Connection, your default screen will be your **Student Homepage**, which includes your academic, financial, and personal information.

## Review tasks and communications

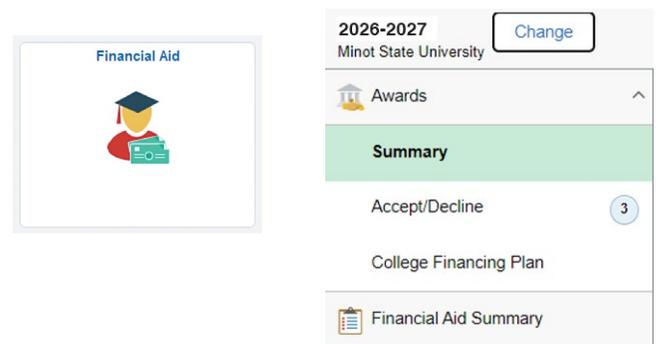
In Campus Connection, you'll be able to see if you have any **Holds** on your account or if Financial Aid is waiting for you to complete an item on your **To Do List**. Incomplete items can delay financial aid processing and prevent class registration. Click **Tasks and Communications** to find out which office is requesting additional information.



**Important:** If your FAFSA has been selected for verification, it will show as an item in your Campus Connection **To Do List**. You will not be able to accept your financial aid until that process is completed.

## Review offer notification

Go to the **Financial Aid** tile in Campus Connection and click on **Awards Summary**. Make sure the appropriate aid year is selected (**2026-2027**).



**Need Summary**

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**Financial Aid Summary** **Cost of Attendance**

This is your financial aid eligibility based on your estimated financial aid (budget) costs, family contribution, and estimated need for this aid year.

Estimated Cost of Attendance	23,514.00
- Student Aid Index	0.00
= Estimated Need	23,514.00
- Educational Resources	0.00
- Total Aid	0.00
= Remaining Need	23,514.00

Under Financial Aid Summary, click on **Cost of Attendance** to see a breakdown of your tuition and fees, housing and food, books, course materials, supplies and equipment expenses.

**Cost of Attendance** [Need Summary](#)

This information is a breakdown of the categories and amounts used in determination of your cost of attendance for this award year.

6 rows

Category	Amount
Books and Supplies	1,000.00
Housing and Food	9,420.00
Loan Fees	62.00
Misc Personal Expenses	2,490.00
Transportation Costs	1,350.00
Tuition and Fees	9,192.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>23,514.00</b>

Currency used is US Dollar

Keep in mind that these are **estimated costs** and not all your expenses will be paid directly to Minot State. The miscellaneous and personal expenses line provides you with estimated costs for additional living expenses, including laundry detergent and toiletries. Minot State encourages you to pursue student employment opportunities rather than seek additional student loans to pay these types of costs.

### Accept/Decline financial aid offer

Go to the **Financial Aid** tile in Campus Connection and click 'Accept/Decline'. You may view more details about each offer by clicking on the title of the offer. Click the Edit icon to accept, decline, or reduce your financial aid offer and click 'Submit'. All grants and scholarships are awarded in accepted status.

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**Financial Aid**

Status: New Package

[Accept/Decline](#) [Edit](#) [Submit](#) [Actions](#)

Award Description/Category	Award Decision	Reduce	Offered	Accepted
<b>Federal Pell Grant EY</b> Grant	Accept	<input type="checkbox"/>	7,395.00	7,395.00
<b>Hometown Pride Scholarship</b> Scholarship	Accept	<input type="checkbox"/>	1,000.00	1,000.00
<b>Federal Work Study</b> Work/Study	Select	<input type="checkbox"/>	2,600.00	0.00
<b>Federal Direct Loan Sub #1</b> Loan	Select	<input type="checkbox"/>	3,500.00	0.00
<b>Federal Direct Loan Unsub#1</b> Loan	Accept Decline Reset	<input type="checkbox"/>	2,000.00	0.00
<b>Totals</b>			<b>16,495.00</b>	<b>8,395.00</b>



**Important:** If you're unsure if you want to accept or decline all or part of your financial aid offer, you may first want to complete the expense worksheet on page 6 to help you estimate your payment due to Minot State.

## STEP 2 >> COMPLETE FEDERAL LOAN PROCESSES

### Federal Direct Loan(s) – Subsidized/Unsubsidized

If you're accepting a Federal Direct Loan, you must complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Loan Entrance Counseling through the U.S. Department of Education.

1. Go to **StudentAid.gov**.
2. Log in with your StudentAid.gov account.
3. Complete Loan Counseling
  - Under Grants and Loans on the toolbar.
  - Click Loan Entrance Counseling.
  - Proceed to complete undergraduate Entrance Counseling.
4. Complete Master Promissory Note
  - Under Grants and Loans on the toolbar.
  - Click Master Promissory Note (MPN).
  - Proceed to complete MPN for undergraduate students (MPN for Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans).



### Know What You Owe!

- Log in to [StudentAid.gov](#)
- Keep track of how much you owe and who your federal loan servicer(s) are at all times.
  - What is a loan servicer? A company that handles the billing and other services on your federal student loans
- To review your loan information, you will need your StudentAid.gov account login.

## STEP 3 >> ESTIMATE PAYMENT DUE TO MINOT STATE

Use the worksheet on page 6 to estimate your payment due to Minot State for the semester. The payment due is the balance that remains AFTER your anticipated financial aid has been applied to your bill. Depending on your total charges and financial aid offer, you may not owe anything. Your actual charges will be posted in Campus Connection the first week in August for the fall semester and the first week in December for the spring semester.



**Other Aid:** To report any outside scholarships or third-party awards you have accepted, please [email the Financial Aid Office](#) directly.

## STEP 4 >> ADDITIONAL RESOURCES TO HELP COVER COSTS

Based on your estimated payment due, you may want to take advantage of the following options to help cover your costs.

### Payment Plan

If you are unable to pay your bill all at once, you may enroll in an interest-free [tuition payment plan](#).

### Direct PLUS Loan

- Parents of dependent undergraduates may apply for an additional loan from the U.S. Department of Education to help cover educational expenses.
- To apply, go to [StudentAid.gov](#). To be approved, the parent must not have an adverse credit history to qualify.
- The borrower (parent) will need to start repaying the loan 60 days after it has been applied to the student's bill.
- If a parent is denied, the student may be eligible to borrow an additional unsubsidized loan. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

### Private student loans

You may apply for private student loans through private lenders. Keep in mind that many private lenders will require a credit-worthy borrower (student) or credit-worthy co-borrower (parent or family member).

To compare private lenders:

1. Go to the [Loans information](#) page.
2. Select Private Loans and click the FASTChoice™ button.
3. Click Next on the FASTChoice™ site.
4. Read the disclosure and complete the information to compare loan options and apply.

Lender information is provided as a courtesy and in no way should it be interpreted as a requirement to use one of the lenders listed above. Minot State will process loans from any lender that participates in any private student loan program.

## STEP 5 >> PAYING YOUR BILL

Paying online through Campus Connection is the best and safest payment method at Minot State.

To make payments 24/7:

- Log in to [Campus Connection](#).
- Click the **Financial Account** tile on your Student Homepage.
- Click Pay Online Now.

Payments are due to the Minot State Business Office:

Fall 2026 – Wednesday, September 9

Spring 2027 – Wednesday, January 27



**Important:** Charges are only made available through Campus Connection under the Financial Account tile. Invoices **will not** be mailed.

Your financial aid will be applied to your bill by:

Fall 2026 – Wednesday, September 9

Spring 2027 – Wednesday, January 27

After your financial aid has been applied to your bill, verify that your total charges are covered.

## STEP 6 >> RECEIVE EXCESS FINANCIAL AID

If your financial aid total is greater than the balance you owe to Minot State, the excess aid may be direct deposited into your bank account. View instructions for [enrolling in direct deposit](#).

Refunds will begin processing on:

Fall 2026 – Wednesday, September 9

Spring 2027 – Wednesday, January 27

## Financial Aid Definitions

**Direct Subsidized Loan:** A loan based on financial need for which the federal government pays the interest that accrues while the borrower is in an in-school, grace or deferment status.

**Direct Unsubsidized Loan:** A loan where the borrower is fully responsible for paying the interest regardless of the loan status. Interest on unsubsidized loans accrues from the date of disbursement and continues throughout the life of the loan. The Minot State Financial Aid Office encourages students to make payments on accruing interest while in school to keep your total debt as low as possible.

**Grant:** Money awarded to undergraduate students based on their financial need.

Grants are pro-rated based on the actual number of credits in which a student is enrolled. Grants are gift aid and generally do not need to be paid back.

**Work Study:** A federal student aid program that provides part-time employment while enrolled in school to help pay your education expenses. Money is earned while attending school.





Use this worksheet to help plan for the payment of your educational expenses.

	FALL	SPRING
<b>A. ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE</b>		

**ESTIMATED Tuition & Mandatory Fees**

View [current tuition and fee rates](#). 2026-27 rates will be available in early summer. Your actual tuition and fees will post to your account in Campus Connection the first week of August for fall semester and the first week of December for spring semester.

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**Housing and Food**

Based on double-occupancy room and unlimited meal plan. For more information, visit [Residence Life and Housing](#).

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**Books, Course Materials, Supplies & Equipment**

Varies depending on your major and coursework.

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**Other Costs** Course/program fees, transportation, personal, misc. costs

**ESTIMATED TOTAL COST OF ATTENDANCE**

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<b>B. TOTAL FINANCIAL AID</b>		
Refer to Campus Connection or your financial aid offer letter to complete this section.		

**Scholarships/Waivers** (Minot State, hometown, high school, tribal, etc.)

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**Grants** (Federal Pell, SEOG, Teach, ND State)

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**Federal Direct Loan** (Subsidized, Unsubsidized)

There is a 1.057% origination fee.

For example, if you accept a \$5,500 loan, only \$5,442 applies to your bill.

(Fee is subject to change due to U.S. Department of Education requirements.)

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**Other Resources**

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**TOTAL FINANCIAL AID**

If you receive Federal Work-Study (FWS) as part of your financial aid package, this amount does not apply to your bill.

Once you secure a FWS job, you'll receive a paycheck twice a month for the hours you worked.

<b>C. YOUR PAYMENT DUE TO MINOT STATE</b>		
<b>Due to the Business Office: Fall 2026 – Wednesday, September 9; Spring 2027 – Wednesday, January 27</b>		

**A. ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE**

**B. TOTAL FINANCIAL AID**

Applied to your bill: Fall 2026 – Wednesday, Sept. 9; Spring 2027 – Wednesday, Jan. 27

**C. YOUR PAYMENT DUE TO MINOT STATE**

See STEP 4 on page 5 for payment plans and/or other private loan options to help cover costs.



### Am I required to accept my offer?

Yes. If you want financial aid, you are required to accept your financial aid offer. You may accept or decline all or part of your financial aid by following the directions on pages 3-4. If you do not want a loan you were offered, you will need to decline the offer.

### Is there a limit to how much I can borrow?

The aggregate undergraduate Federal Direct Loan borrowing limit for dependent students is \$31,000, with up to \$23,000 of that amount being subsidized. The aggregate undergraduate Federal Direct Loan borrowing limit for independent students is \$57,500, with up to \$23,000 being subsidized. It is possible to reach these limits prior to completing your program; we encourage you to borrow conservatively. For more details, go to [Direct Subsidized and Direct Unsubsidized Loans](#) at StudentAid.gov.

### Can my enrollment status affect my financial aid?

Yes. Your enrollment at 11:59 p.m. on September 2 for the fall semester and 11:59 p.m. on January 21 for the spring semester will determine your enrollment status for the Minot State Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy and the Federal Pell Grant, ND State Grant, ND Scholarships, and all other scholarships.

### Can my financial aid offer change?

Yes. The University reserves the right to adjust your offer on the basis of additional information that may become available including, but not limited to, verification of your FAFSA information, waivers, scholarships, grants, or other third party payments and changes in enrollment status (e.g. changing from full-time to part-time status).

Keep in mind that students who officially withdraw from Minot State or stop attending classes within a semester are subject to having their financial aid reviewed and possibly returned to the U.S. Department of Education.

### Will my academic performance affect my financial aid?

Yes. Students are required to maintain minimum financial aid satisfactory progress to remain eligible for federal financial assistance. The minimum standards are:

- Students must have at least a 2.0 cumulative grade point average (GPA).
- Students must complete two-thirds of credits attempted. Credits dropped or failed after the seventh day of classes are counted as an attempted credit.

View our [Satisfactory Academic Progress \(SAP\) policy](#).

### Where should I mail my scholarship check?

All outside scholarship checks should be mailed to:

Minot State University  
Financial Aid Office  
500 University Ave W  
Minot, ND 58707

Checks must be made payable to Minot State University. Encourage your scholarship organizations to mail checks early to ensure your aid will apply to your account on time.

### Is there anything that could delay the process of my financial aid?

Yes. The following reasons may cause your financial aid to be applied late to your account or not at all:

- If you did not accept or decline your financial aid offer in Campus Connection.
- If you did not complete your Master Promissory Note (MPN).
- If you did not complete Entrance Loan Counseling.
- If your FAFSA application is selected for verification, and you have not submitted all requested documents.
- If you have not been fully admitted to Minot State. To be fully admitted, students must provide all required documents to our Admissions Office. These documents may include official high school, dual credit or college transcripts.
- If you do not meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP).

#### STUDENT CONSUMER INFORMATION

The Higher Education Opportunity Act requires that all United States academic institutions provide certain consumer information about the University to future and current students, including financial aid information. For your convenience, Minot State has consolidated that information on the [Student Consumer Information](#) website.



# IMPORTANT DATES

## FALL SEMESTER 2026

Financial aid may be used to charge at the bookstore	Aug. 10 – Sept. 2
Classes begin after 4 P.M.	Aug. 24
First full day of classes	Aug. 25
Last day to add a class	Sept. 2
Last day to drop a 16-week class or withdraw from ALL 16-week classes and receive a 100% refund	Sept. 2
Financial aid census date	Sept. 2
Financial aid begins applying to student accounts	Sept. 9
Excess financial aid distribution begins	Sept. 9
Fall semester tuition and fees are due	Sept. 9
Last day to withdraw	Dec. 11
Final Exams	Dec. 14 – 18

## SPRING SEMESTER 2027

Financial aid may be used to charge at the bookstore	Dec. 28 – Jan. 21
Classes begin after 4 P.M.	Jan. 11
First full day of classes	Jan. 12
Last day to add a class	Jan. 21
Last day to drop a 16-week class or withdraw from ALL 16-week classes and receive a 100% refund	Jan. 21
Financial aid census date	Jan. 21
Financial aid begins applying to student accounts	Jan. 27
Excess financial aid distribution begins	Jan. 27
Spring semester tuition and fees are due	Jan. 27
Last day to withdraw	May 7
Final exams	May 10 – 14

All dates are subject to change.

View more dates and deadlines on the [Minot State calendar](#).



## Log in to your Minot State email

1. Go to [Minot State E-mail](#).
2. Click '**Office 365 Webmail Login**' in the red box.
3. Enter your **Name (User ID)** as your email address in the format created when you claimed your Campus Connection Account.  
*Example: firstname.lastname@ndus.edu (must be entered in all lower case; sometimes a middle initial is included in the User ID)*
4. Your **Password** for your Minot State email is the same as Campus Connection. If you forget your password you will need to reset your Campus Connection password.

If you need further assistance or have questions, you may call the Minot State Online Help Desk at 701-858-4444/800-777-0750 ext. 4444 or [email us](#).

**NOTE:** You can receive email at both [@minotstateu.edu](#) and [@ndus.edu](#) addresses.



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