

## APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

The financial aid package you receive can directly impact the affordability of a quality college education, whether public or private. Valpo offers 90% of its first-time freshman a financial aid package that may include a combination of scholarships, grants, loans, and/or campus employment, depending upon the student's need. You and your family may be very surprised to learn just how affordable Valpo can be!

### How to Apply

- New students receive consideration for academic scholarships and awards not based on need when they apply and are admitted to Valparaiso University. [Apply for Admission.](#)
- To be considered for federal (including loans) and state financial aid, you must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) each year.
  - [Why file the FAFSA?](#)
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- Student and Parent can apply for a PIN to electronically sign the FAFSA - [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov).

### Application Criteria

Generally, aid recipients at Valparaiso University must:

- Be degree-seeking, and making satisfactory academic progress toward a degree according to [Valpo's Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy](#).
- Be enrolled full-time (at least 12 credits per semester) for most aid programs.
- Be enrolled at least half-time (6 credits per semester) for certain federal loans and other programs.
- Be a U.S. citizen, permanent resident, or eligible non-citizen.
- Not be in default on a federal loan, owe a refund, or be in repayment on any federal or state program.

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