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USEFUL CONTACT INFORMATION

OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID
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1073 North Benson Road
Fairfield, CT 06824-5195
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finaid@fairfield.edu
www.fairfield.edu/finaid

FEDERAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID
Additional information about federal student aid programs may be obtained by calling the U.S. Department of Education’s toll free Information Center at:
(800) 433-3243
8 a.m. to midnight EST
Monday - Friday

FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY FINANCIAL AID CODES
FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
001385
CSS PROFILE
3390

OTHER FAIRFIELD UNIVERSITY OFFICES
Office of the Bursar
(Student Account Information)
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Registrar
Kelley Center..............................(203) 254-4288
Office of Admission
Kelley Center..............................................(203) 254-4100
Academic Support and Retention
Kelley Center.................................(203) 254-4000, ext 2222
Office of Athletics
Walsh Athletic Center.......................(203) 254-4216
University Main Number....................(203) 254-4000

OTHER IMPORTANT WEBSITES
Federal Student Aid ......................... www.studentaid.gov
Internal Revenue Service (IRS) ........... www.irs.gov
Selective Service System (SSS) ........... www.sss.gov
Social Security Administration (SSA) .... www.ssa.gov
State of Connecticut Department of Higher Education ....................... www.ctohe.org/sfa
Higher One Tuition Pay Monthly Payment Plan......................... https://tuitionpaymentplan.com
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INVESTING IN AN EDUCATION

The rising cost of college, especially at private colleges and universities, has received considerable public attention. The costs associated with a Fairfield University education will provide a challenge and level of sacrifice for most families. Investing in a Fairfield education is possible, however, if viewed in the broadest perspective and properly planned. Without question, the lifelong benefits of a Fairfield education will far exceed the four-year expense involved.

The financing of a Fairfield University education should be viewed in the form of a partnership. The partners in financing an education include:

THE FAMILY
The parents and student will be primarily responsible for financing a Fairfield education to the extent they are capable through pre-college planning and saving, current income, or possible future income by repaying loans.

THE GOVERNMENT
Through a variety of financial aid programs of grants, loans, and work, the government also plays a significant role in providing the resources necessary to finance an education.

THE UNIVERSITY
The University, through its scholarship and grant programs, makes available significant resources of its own to assist qualified students and their families.

THE PRIVATE SECTOR
There are organizations and agencies that offer scholarship and loan assistance for the financing of higher education. All of these sources, sometimes solely and often in tandem, make investing in a Fairfield education possible for thousands of students each year.

HELPFUL WEBSITES
Fairfield University Financial Aid
www.fairfield.edu/finaid

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
www.fafsa.gov
This is the application that students must complete to apply for federal financial aid. This must be done annually and by the required deadline.

CSS Profile
www.collegeboard.org
This application is required for all full-time day students and must be completed annually for need-based institutional aid.

Department of Education PIN
www.pin.ed.gov
Students and parents can apply for a personal identification number (PIN) here. The PIN is used to electronically sign the FAFSA.

Higher One Tuition Pay Monthly Payment Plan
https://tuitionpaymentplan.com
Fairfield University offers a 10 month payment plan through Higher One.

FastWeb Scholarship Service
www.fastweb.com
Students can search for outside scholarships using this free service.

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services
www.hrsa.gov/loanscholarships
The Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA) provides information about scholarship, loan and repayment programs for students in health professions.
SCHOLARSHIP AND FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

From its founding, Fairfield University has been committed to providing educational opportunities to motivated students of diverse social and economic backgrounds. To support this endeavor, Fairfield administers a comprehensive distribution of financial aid, using its own financial resources, state and federal funds, and private programs. Funds are awarded on the basis of both merit and need to supplement the resources of students and their families. Fairfield has increased its financial aid budget by 40% over the last five years, so students of all economic backgrounds can attend.

UNIVERSITY AID

Need-based awards are offered after a thorough analysis of a family’s ability to pay and may vary from year to year according to student need and availability of funds. A student’s need is the difference between the total cost of education and the family’s ability to contribute to these expenses as determined by the CSS Profile. University need-based awards vary and may be offset by other forms of University aid. Fairfield invests a substantial portion of its own resources for student aid but is unable to meet the full demonstrated need of all students.

University grants, and scholarships used to fund these grants, are based on academic performance and demonstrated financial need, which may change from one year to another. Of the current freshmen, 85% are receiving some form of financial assistance. If need level increases or decreases in subsequent years, University need-based awards may also increase or decrease.

Students receiving University grants or scholarships are eligible to receive such assistance for eight consecutive semesters from the date of enrollment of a first year student. Semesters spent in a study abroad program (through Fairfield or at another institution) are included in the eight-consecutive-semester limit whether or not you receive University aid during the semesters you are not on campus. The eight-semester limit is pro-rated for transfer students.

By accepting any financial aid, you obligate yourself to verify the application information if selected for verification by either the federal processing center or the Office of Financial Aid. Financial aid awards are estimated until the Office of Financial Aid confirms eligibility. If a student is selected for the verification process, the Office of Financial Aid will provide notification of the required documentation in order to complete the file review and confirm aid eligibility. Documentation required for verification is due no later than August 1, 2015. Financial aid awards may change based on verification results.

Failure to comply with verification requirements in a timely manner will result in cancellation of need-based aid.

Fairfield University Merit Scholarships

Fairfield University offers several merit scholarship programs. The students who will be considered for these scholarships are those who have excelled academically, and have made the most of the opportunities presented to them through high school, their community or their church.

The scholarship amounts range from $7,000 – $25,000 per year, and are renewable for four years provided students maintain a required GPA.

There is no separate application for the scholarships. All first year candidates for admission will be considered, whether they have applied as an early action, early decision or regular decision candidate. Decisions regarding the scholarship will be made at the time a student is admitted to the University.
DETERMINING FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY

Fairfield University uses two formulas to determine a student’s financial aid eligibility. These formulas are Federal Methodology (FM) and Institutional Methodology (IM).

Federal aid (i.e. federal grants, loans, or work-study) is awarded based on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA uses the federal methodology to determine aid eligibility.

Fairfield University’s financial aid resources are awarded using information collected from the CSS Profile. Institutional Methodology is a more complete needs analysis, as it was developed by financial aid practitioners and economists.

Fairfield University believes that the IM needs analysis more accurately and equitably measures a family’s financial strength and ability to pay for college. Generally, the formula assumes that educational costs will be paid using a combination of current income, savings, and future earnings. However, each family makes its own decisions on how to meet the costs of college.

Institutional Methodology provides:

• A realistic assessment of both parent and student income. Even though paper losses and income adjustments are perfectly legal in the federal tax system, they will be considered in the IM definition of income.
• A comprehensive evaluation of all family assets, including investments, real estate, trusts, equity in the home, farm, and business, are included in the IM definition of assets.

Fairfield University considers the following variables when determining financial need:

1. Income of parents consisting of:
   • Adjusted gross income and taxable income
   • Paper losses from business, real estate properties, and capital losses
   • Untaxed income and benefits
   • Child support received

2. The following allowances may reduce the income of parents:
   • U.S. income taxes paid
   • State and other taxes paid
   • FICA
   • Elementary/secondary tuition allowance (an allowance for private elementary or secondary school tuition paid by the family)
   • Employment allowance (an allowance for expenses related to working outside the home if both parents are employed or if the parent is single)
   • Annual education savings allowance (an allowance for saving for future educational expenses for younger children while older children are in college)
   • Income protection allowance (an allowance that recognizes families have basic household expenses that must be met)
DETERMINING FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY

3. Assets
A portion of the following assets are counted in the needs analysis:
- Cash, savings, and checking accounts
- Home equity
- Investment equity
- Other real estate equity
- Adjusted business/farm equity
- Parental assets in sibling’s names

4. Asset Allowances
There are two major allowances subtracted from assets before determining how much of a family’s net worth should be available to pay for college:
- Emergency Reserve Allowance (ERA) protects assets for unanticipated expenses such as illness or unemployment.
- Cumulative Education Savings Allowance (CESA) recognizes a family’s need to save to finance their children’s college expenses.

5. Number in College Adjustment
Fairfield recognizes the particular strain on families who have two children in college at the same time and reduces the Expected Family Contribution for each child when more than one is enrolled. If two children are enrolled, Fairfield expects the family to pay only 60 percent of the parent contribution for each child; if three children are enrolled, Fairfield expects the family to pay 45 percent of the parent contribution for each child.

Fairfield defines the number in college as one or more siblings (not a parent) who is:
- Enrolled at least half-time, in a degree-granting Title IV eligible program
- Enrolled during the same academic year as the Fairfield University student
- Being provided more than 50% of his/her support by the parent(s) who is also providing more than 50% of support to the Fairfield University student
- Age 23 or younger

6. Noncustodial Parent Income Information:
In cases of divorce or separation, the parent with whom the student resides (and if applicable, a stepparent) is responsible for completing the FAFSA and Profile aid applications. Fairfield University also requires the non-custodial parent to complete the Noncustodial Parent’s Profile Application. While divorce or separation may complicate the extent to which one or both parents can contribute, it does not absolve either parent of this obligation. Our policy for determining the financial need of students whose parents are divorced or separated derives from the central principle that both parents are responsible for the support of their children to the extent that they are financially capable.
YOUR FINANCIAL AID OFFER

MY.FAIRFIELD

my.Fairfield and University e-mail are the official means of communication between Fairfield University and a student. Enrolled students are assigned a NetID and are responsible for managing both my.Fairfield and University e-mail accounts on a regular basis.

After the first year student Orientation in June, the Office of Financial Aid sends all correspondence to students (not parents) via my.Fairfield messages and/or University e-mail. It is expected that students be responsible for the management of financial aid notifications and discuss with a parent(s) if desired. Students can view and make decisions on financial aid awards in my.Fairfield, and can view required verification documents, if selected. At the beginning of the sophomore year, all financial aid award notifications will be sent by University e-mail and award estimates will be available for students in my.Fairfield. The Financial Aid Award Letter indicates the student’s financial aid offer from Fairfield University. This offer is for one year only.

With the exception of merit scholarships, the amounts offered are estimated until the file, if selected, has been verified.

Financial Aid awards are based on the following assumptions:

- The information provided on all aid applications and documents is complete and accurate.
- Student will be enrolled full time for each term.
- Student will not change grade levels during the academic year.
- Student is in good standing with the University.
- Student is enrolled as a degree seeking student.

If the student learns of any outside scholarships or other assistance he/she will receive during the academic year, or if the student withdraws from the University or changes enrollment level, it is his/her responsibility to inform the Office of Financial Aid immediately. The financial aid award is subject to change at any time.
DEADLINES AND APPEAL POLICY

IMPORTANT DEADLINES FOR ADMISSION, FINANCIAL AID, AND PAYMENT

February 15  Deadline for all first year applicants to submit the FAFSA and CSS Profile.

April 1  Admission letters and financial aid award notifications are mailed to first year applicants. Students will be notified by the Office of Financial Aid of all required verification documents, if selected. Information on Tuition Pay monthly payment plan is mailed to admitted students.

April 15  Deadline for returning and transfer students to submit the FAFSA and CSS Profile. These applications must be received by the federal processor (FAFSA) and by the College Board on or before April 15.

May 1  Deadline for admission deposit and acceptance of the financial aid award.

August 1  All verification documentation due to the Office of Financial Aid, for selected students only.

PAYMENT DEADLINES

July 1  Fall semester bills sent via e-bill to all students and authorized users.

August 1  Payment due for fall semester.

Deadline for enrollment in Tuition Pay monthly payment plan through Sallie Mae. Deadline is subject to change.

August 1  Deadline for enrollment in Tuition Pay monthly payment plan. Deadline is subject to change.

December 1  Spring semester bills sent via e-bill to all students and authorized users.

January 1  Payment due in full for spring semester.

Fairfield University’s objective is to offer students the best financial aid award considering the policies described in this document, federal financial aid funding levels, and the availability of institutional financial aid resources. Therefore, we are unable to address appeals based on the disagreement with any of our financial aid policies. Fairfield University does not negotiate financial aid offers with families, nor are we able to match financial aid offers made by other colleges and universities.

However, families who suffer from a significant loss of income due to the following factors may appeal to have their financial aid reviewed:

• Involuntary loss of employment
• Death of a wage earner
• Significant medical expenses not covered by insurance (declared on Schedule A of your federal tax return)
• Divorce or Separation (for federal aid eligibility only)
• Loss of untaxed income or benefit

Note: We are unable to consider a special conditions appeal on circumstances that include, but are not limited to:

• High consumer debt
• Lifestyle expenses (pets, cars, housekeepers, vacations, weddings, sports, etc.)
• Expenses that have not yet occurred
• Educational expenses for parent, siblings and/or other family members
• Expenses for grandparents, relatives, siblings, children, and or other related expenses for non-immediate family members
• Taxable pension and/or IRA distribution (even if used for educational expenses)

To start the appeal process, students can complete the Special Conditions Appeal Form at www.fairfield.edu/faappeal, and submit the form, and applicable supporting documentation to the Office of Financial Aid. Appeal deadlines are as follows: July 1 for fall semester and December 1 for spring semester. Submission of an appeal neither guarantees an adjustment to a student’s award, nor prevents the accrual of late fees on any unpaid student balances.
FEDERAL STUDENT AID

DIRECT SUBSIDIZED STAFFORD LOAN
The terms of this loan program require that the borrower repay, with interest, this source of financial assistance. This program is referred to as subsidized because the interest subsidy is paid by the federal government while the student is in school. Interest will accrue on this loan during a six month grace period, which is after either graduation or enrollment of five or fewer credits.

Repayment of both principal and interest begins six months after the student ceases at least half-time enrollment, and generally extends over a 10 year period. The amount borrowed is subject to origination and guarantee fees as determined by the Department of Education.

DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED STAFFORD LOAN
The terms of this loan require that the borrower repay, with interest, this source of financial assistance. This program is referred to as unsubsidized because the federal government does not subsidize, or pay, the interest on this loan when a student is in school. Interest on unsubsidized loans begins to accrue after the funds are disbursed to the school. Students have the option to defer the interest payment and instead, capitalize the interest while in school. The amount borrowed is subject to origination and guarantee fees as determined by the Department of Education.

For more information on Direct loans and interest rates, go to: https://studentaid.ed.gov

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT
This grant is for students with exceptional need. Funding is limited and priority is given to the neediest students, usually those who also qualify for the Federal Pell Grant.

FEDERAL PERKINS LOANS
This is a federal need-based loan program, usually offered to high need, first year students. This loan program requires that the borrower repay, with interest, this source of financial assistance.

Repayment of both principal and interest begins nine months after the student ceases to be enrolled in school on at least a half time basis, generally extending over a 10-year period.

FEDERAL WORK STUDY PROGRAM
This program offers eligible students an opportunity to earn money by working part-time on campus or in a community agency. Students may work up to 10 hours per week and are paid weekly based on the number of hours worked. These funds typically cover out-of-pocket expenses and are not applied as a direct credit toward tuition expenses.

Visit our website at www.fairfield.edu/fws for more information on this program, eligibility requirements, policies, and available job listings.

FEDERAL PELL GRANT
This grant is awarded under strict eligibility requirements. The FAFSA is used to determine a student’s eligibility for this federal grant program and is intended to assist high need students. Factors such as a student’s enrollment status and expected family contribution (EFC) also determine award amounts.
HOW TO APPLY FOR A DIRECT STAFFORD LOAN

HOW TO APPLY

Step One:
Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). Use school code #001385.

Step Two:
Complete both the Direct Loan Master Promissory Note and Entrance Counseling at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).

Step Three:
If selected for verification, a student’s financial aid file must include all required documents, an aid award must be confirmed, and verification must be complete.

Step Four:
Financial Aid administrators will originate Direct loans and request loan funds. Students will be notified of approved Direct loans by mail and/or e-mail with a Notice of Loan Guarantee and Disclosure Statement.

LOAN DISBURSEMENT

- If you are a first time borrower at Fairfield University, your loan will not disburse until you have completed the required Entrance Counseling, which can be found at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).
- Your loan will be disbursed according to a schedule established by Fairfield University and federal guidelines. It will be made in two installments and transferred electronically to your University account.
- The total amount of the funds (minus any origination fees) will be outlined in the Notice of Loan Guarantee and Disclosure Statement provided to you by the Department of Education.

BASIC PROGRAM ELIGIBILITY

In order to be eligible for any of the Direct Loan Programs, you must:
- Be a United States citizen, national, or eligible non-citizen.
- Maintain at least half-time enrollment in a degree or certificate program at an eligible institution of higher education.
- Be registered with Selective Service (if required).
- Not be in default on any Title IV loan (unless satisfactory repayment arrangements have been made with the holder).
- Not owe a refund on any Title IV grant (unless satisfactory repayment arrangements have been made).
- Make satisfactory academic progress at Fairfield University.
- Complete verification process, if selected.
- Loan limits are based on the student’s year in school as detailed below. Undergraduate students may borrow the following loan amounts:

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<td>Sophomore</td>
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<td>Junior &amp; Senior</td>
<td>$7,500***</td>
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* No more than $3,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.
** No more than $4,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.
*** No more than $5,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.
The amount a first year student can borrow in federal loans is limited. There are times when a family needs to cover the financial gap that exists between what the student is receiving in financial aid and the cost of education. This section provides more information on various financing options to cover the financial gap.

**DIRECT PLUS LOAN**

**What is a Direct PLUS loan?**
PLUS loans are for parents to help pay for education expenses for dependent undergraduate students who are enrolled at least half time in a degree-granting program. The parent applying for a PLUS loan should not have adverse credit history. If a parent cannot secure a PLUS loan, he/she may apply for this loan with an eligible endorser, or a student may be eligible for an additional unsubsidized Stafford loan. Please contact the Office of Financial Aid for more information.

**How much can my parents borrow?**
The annual limit on a PLUS loan can be equal to the total cost of attendance, as determined by Fairfield University, minus any financial aid received.

**How does my parent apply?**
Parents can go to [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov) to complete a credit check and Master Promissory Note. It will be important for the parent to log into the application process using his/her FAFSA personal identification number (PIN).

**Does a FAFSA need to be submitted in order to borrow a PLUS loan?**
YES! A FAFSA, applicable to the academic year in which the parent/student would like to borrow, must be submitted. In addition, eligibility and the approved loan amount will be confirmed by the Office of Financial Aid.

**What is the interest rate?**
To view the current PLUS loan interest rate and terms, go to: [https://studentaid.ed.gov](https://studentaid.ed.gov)

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**ALTERNATIVE LOANS**

It is recommended that students consider borrowing with federal loans before alternative loans. Federal loans provide various repayment terms and conditions which may be more beneficial to borrowers than some alternative loans. There are many different types of alternative loans, each calculated with varying interest rates and repayment terms. Alternative loan options can be found here: [www.fairfield.edu/loans](http://www.fairfield.edu/loans). The Office of Financial Aid will certify any alternative loan at the request of the borrower, provided he/she is eligible. However, it is up to the borrower to determine which alternative loan best fits their needs. It is recommended that undergraduate student borrowers seek a credit-worthy cosigner to help obtain low rates and fees.

If you have any questions about loans, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at finaid@fairfield.edu or (203) 254-4125.
SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS STANDARDS

The satisfactory academic progress (SAP) policy includes a qualitative and quantitative measure of a student’s progress. The qualitative measure must establish a minimum grade point index standard. The quantitative measure must establish a maximum time frame for a student to complete his/her program and a minimum number of credits a student must satisfactorily complete each year.

For financial aid purposes, satisfactory grades are defined as A, A-, B+, B, B-, C+, C, C-, D, P, S, and T. Unsatisfactory grades are defined as NG, Q, F, and I.

STANDARDS FOR SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

For students to be eligible for federal, state or university need-based financial aid, they must be in good academic standing and must make satisfactory academic progress (SAP) toward a degree. SAP is measured at the end of each academic year and is based on both pace of enrollment and academic performance at the time of measurement. Pace is determined by the total number of credit hours completed as a proportion of those attempted. Incomplete grades, repeated courses and course withdrawals that occur after the drop/add period are counted in the credit hours attempted. If the student has transfer credits, the credit hours are counted in both the credit hours completed and attempted.

Academic performance is measured by GPA including grades earned only in Fairfield University courses. In order to make SAP, students advancing from the first year to the sophomore year are expected to have a weighted cumulative GPA of 1.80 or better. At the end of the sophomore year, students are expected to have a weighted cumulative GPA of 1.90 or better. At the end of junior year, students should have an overall weighted cumulative GPA of 2.0 or better. For the purposes of both pace and academic performance, summer courses will be included as the trailing term of the academic year.

Students who lose eligibility for financial aid as a result of failure to make satisfactory academic progress may appeal to be placed on financial aid probation. This appeal must include the reasons for the lack of progress and the student’s anticipated steps for improvement. In order to consider the appeal, the student will need to submit an academic plan that promotes achievement of SAP standards. If during the probation period the student has not successfully achieved satisfactory academic progress, the student may appeal with a modified academic plan. Probation may last for up to one academic year, unless there are extraordinary circumstances. While on probation, a student’s progress will be monitored at the end of each semester.

NOTIFICATION

The Office of Financial Aid will notify the student if he/she fails to maintain satisfactory academic progress. Students will be notified of their SAP status in writing.

REINSTATEMENT OF FINANCIAL AID

To have financial aid eligibility reinstated, a student may make up the credit hour and/or grade point index deficiencies in a subsequent term without receipt of financial aid for that term. University aid is only offered (if the student maintains eligibility) for eight semesters.

APPEAL PROCESS

A student who believes his/her failure to meet SAP standards was due to extenuating circumstances beyond his/her control may appeal in writing to the Appeals Committee. Some examples of extenuating circumstances are:
• A student’s serious illness or accident
• Death or serious illness in the student’s immediate family
• Cancellation/discontinuance of a class by the University
• Other unforeseeable circumstances beyond the control of the student that caused the student to fall below the satisfactory progress standards

Students who wish to start an appeal should complete the SAP Appeal Form www.fairfield.edu/sapappeal. The appeal form and an approved academic plan, should be submitted to the Office of Financial Aid. For more information on the appeal process, go to www.fairfield.edu/finaid.

APPEAL DEADLINE

Appeals must be submitted to the Office of Financial Aid by July 1. If reinstatement of aid is sought for summer sessions, the appeal must be submitted prior to the first day of classes for that term. It is the responsibility of the student to initiate an appeal before the specified deadline.
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Who is eligible for financial aid?
All students are eligible to apply for financial aid. There are no absolute income cutoffs that disqualify a family from applying since family size, the number of children in college, total assets, and other circumstances bear on the determination of eligibility. However, a student must be enrolled as a matriculated student, at Fairfield University, taking six or more credits per semester. Students must be either a U.S. citizen or permanent resident to apply for federal student aid.

Is my financial aid automatically renewed every year?
No. Because family circumstances and demonstrated need changes from year to year, you must reapply for financial aid every year by completing the FAFSA and CSS Profile applications by the stated deadline. Students receiving University grants or scholarships may receive financial aid for a limit of eight semesters provided they maintain eligibility.

What if I am not eligible for need-based financial aid?
For families who do not qualify for need-based financial aid, additional plans are available to help you finance a Fairfield education. These include the Tuition Pay Monthly Payment Plan, the various loan programs supported by the Federal and State governments, and loan programs offered by banks and other agencies.

When will I learn about my financial aid award?
Early Action and Early Decision candidates learn of their awards in early February; other first year students are notified in early April. Upperclassmen are notified by the end of May and transfer students are notified on a rolling basis.

Fairfield’s catalog lists many special scholarships. Can I apply for them?
There is no need to apply for individual scholarships administered by the University. Your financial aid award may include one of these scholarships and students will be informed by University e-mail.
Fast Facts 2013-14

Founded: 1942, by the Jesuits
Undergraduate Students: 3,300
Graduate Students: 1,200
University Schools:
College of Arts and Sciences
Dolan School of Business
School of Engineering
School of Nursing
Graduate School of Education and Allied Professions
Undergraduate Profile:
Receiving Academic Scholarship: 30%
Receiving Financial Aid: 85%
AHANA Students (African American, Hispanic, Asian, Native American): 13%
*SAT Scores of Middle 50% of Admitted Students: 1720 – 1930
*ACT Composite Score of Middle 50% of Admitted Students: 25-29
*Admission to Fairfield is test-optional
Tuition for 2014–2015: $43,170
Room and Board: $13,190
Fees: $600
Student to Faculty Ratio: 11:1
Faculty Holding Highest Degree in Their Field: 91%
Undergraduate Majors: 41
Interdisciplinary Minors: 16
Graduate Programs: 49
Study Abroad Programs:
Over 100 approved programs
NCAA Division I Athletic Teams: 20
Number of Club Sports: 19
Student Clubs and Organizations: 80
Of the Class of 2012 Survey Respondents:
98% Secured full-time employment, admission to graduate school or to service programs.
27.4% Employment obtained from internships (summer internship on-campus recruiting and credit internships)
39.4% The percentage of graduates obtaining employment through senior year campus recruiting and employment resources