

### Applying for Financial Aid

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and list SHU's school code #002316. Complete and submit the FAFSA as soon after January 1<sup>st</sup> as possible. Students should complete their FAFSA no later than March 1<sup>st</sup> to receive priority consideration. We encourage all students to complete a FAFSA regardless of their family's financial situation. The FAFSA serves as an application for all grant, work study and loan programs and is an annual process.

### Verification

Approximately 1/3 of students are selected for a random process called verification. This means the University is required to obtain copies of the prior year's federal tax returns for the student and parent's (unless the student is defined as independent by FAFSA guidelines). Additionally you must complete a verification worksheet which is available online or thru the Financial Aid Office. If you are chosen for verification you will be notified by the financial aid office. Return requested items immediately. Your award will not be completed until verification is completed.

### Notification

Financial aid awards are sent to students beginning March 1st.

For more information visit the Office of Financial Aid online at: <http://www.sienaheights.edu/FinancialAid.aspx>

### Additional Resources

Students are encouraged to look for scholarships thru their local school district, church, employers and parents employers. There are additional websites that offer free searches and information including:

- [www.scholarships.com](http://www.scholarships.com)
- [www.careersandcolleges.com](http://www.careersandcolleges.com)
- [www.brokescholar.com](http://www.brokescholar.com)
- [www.freescholarshipfunds.com](http://www.freescholarshipfunds.com)
- [www.collegeanswer.com](http://www.collegeanswer.com)
- [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org)
- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

### Federal Aid

AWARD NAME	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION & CRITERIA
Pell Grant	Up to \$5,350	The Federal government selects eligible students and determines the amount of each recipient's grant.
Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG)	\$200 - \$4,000	The Federal government funds this program but Siena selects high-need recipients and determines the amount of each grant.
College Work Study	\$1,780	The Federal government funds this program and Siena Heights selects recipients with financial need. The student is employed on campus, paid minimum wage, and can work a maximum of 8 hours per week.
Stafford Loan (Subsidized & Unsubsidized)	Variable Amounts	This loan program features a fixed interest rate of 5.6% for subsidized and 6.8% for unsubsidized for the 09/10 year. Subsidized loans are need-based; unsubsidized loans may be given to no-need students. Annual loan limits will vary for undergraduates, contingent on class level.
PLUS Loan	Variable Amounts	This loan is available to parents of dependent students. Approved applicants may borrow variable amounts with a fixed interest rate of 8.5%. This loan is NOT based on financial need.
Alternative Loans	Variable Amounts	Please contact the Financial Aid Office for more details on a variety of Alternative Loan options.

### Annual Full-Time Student Expenses

#### Academic Year 2009-2010

Tuition and Fees*	\$ 19,210
Room and Board**	\$ 7,070
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 26,280</b>

Students should also include costs for textbooks, transportation, and personal expenses when planning for college.

\* This covers 24-36 credit hours, activity and technology fees for the academic year.

\*\* Based on double room and full meal plan.

### State Aid

AWARD NAME	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION & CRITERIA
Tuition Incentive Program (TIP)	\$1,000 - \$2,420 Annually	Michigan residents who demonstrate a high level of financial need and are enrolled in an associates degree program. Application must be made prior to high school graduation.

Additional state aid may be available, but is contingent upon state legislative and executive approval and appropriation. These awards vary per year.



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## Scholarship, Grant & Financial Assistance Opportunities

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Tel: 517.264.7180 or Toll Free: 800.521.0009 ext. 7180  
[www.sienaheights.edu](http://www.sienaheights.edu)  
[admissions@sienaheights.edu](mailto:admissions@sienaheights.edu)

## Siena Heights University Aid

AWARD NAME	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION & CRITERIA
<b>Merit Scholarships (First-time Freshmen)</b>		
Trustee Scholarship	\$10,000 per academic year	Recipients must have a grade point average of 3.9 on a 4.0 scale and an ACT composite score of at least 28. Renewable for up to four years provided students maintain satisfactory academic progress and a minimum cumulative Siena GPA of 3.0 or higher.
Presidential Scholarship	\$8,500 per academic year	Recipients must have a grade point average of 3.6 on a 4.0 scale and an ACT composite score of at least 25. This scholarship is renewable for up to four years provided students maintain satisfactory academic progress and a minimum cumulative Siena GPA of 3.0 or higher.
Dean Scholarship	\$6,000 per academic year	Recipients must have a 3.25 grade point average with a minimum ACT composite score of 23. This scholarship is renewable for up to four years provided students maintain satisfactory academic progress and a minimum cumulative Siena GPA of 3.0 or higher.
Siena Honor Scholarship	\$4,000 per academic year	Recipients must have a 3.0 grade point average with a minimum ACT composite score of 21. This scholarship is renewable for up to four years provided students maintain satisfactory academic progress and a minimum cumulative Siena GPA of 2.5 or higher.
<b>Merit Scholarships (Transfers)</b>		
Transfer Award of Excellence Scholarship	\$5,000 per academic year	Recipients must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.75 from the college(s) they are transferring from. This scholarship is renewable provided students maintain satisfactory academic progress and a minimum cumulative Siena GPA of 3.0 or higher.
Transfer Achievement Scholarship	\$3,500 per academic year	Recipients must have a cumulative GPA of 3.25-3.74 from the college(s) they are transferring from. This scholarship is renewable provided students maintain satisfactory academic progress and a minimum cumulative Siena GPA of 3.0 or higher.
Transfer Honor Scholarship	\$2,500 per academic year	Recipients must have a cumulative GPA of 3.0-3.24 from the college(s) they are transferring from. This scholarship is renewable provided students maintain satisfactory academic progress and a minimum cumulative Siena GPA of 2.5 or higher.
<b>Recognition Grants (First-time Freshmen &amp; Transfers)</b>		
Legacy Grant	\$500 - \$1,500 per academic year	Award for students with qualifying family members who have graduated with a Baccalaureate Degree from Siena Heights University.
Adrian Dominican Tuition Grant	\$500 - \$2,500 per academic year	Award for nieces or nephews of current members of the Adrian Dominican Congregation.
Siena Catholic High School / Parish Grant	\$500 - \$3000 per academic year	Award for students graduating or graduated from a Catholic sponsored high school or have been actively involved in their Catholic parish. Recipients must meet regular admission criteria to the University.

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AWARD NAME	AMOUNT	DESCRIPTION & CRITERIA
<b>Competitive Scholarships (First-time Freshmen &amp; Transfers)</b>		
Athletic Scholarships	Variable Amounts	This award is for highly qualified athletes. Award amount is based on the recommendation of the coach.
Fine Arts Scholarships (Art, Theatre)	Variable Amounts	These awards are for students who are interested in majoring in art or drama and plan to continue their participation at Siena Heights. Portfolio review or audition is required. This scholarship is renewable for up to four years provided students maintain satisfactory academic progress and a minimum cumulative Siena GPA of 2.5 or higher.
<b>Need-Based Grant (First-time Freshmen &amp; Transfers)</b>		
Siena Grant	Variable Amounts	This is an institutional grant, with preference given to students who display need. For consideration students must complete a free application for federal student aid (FAFSA) at <a href="http://www.fafsa.ed.gov">www.fafsa.ed.gov</a> .
<b>Employment (First-time Freshmen &amp; Transfers)</b>		
Siena Employment	Variable Amounts	This work program is funded by Siena and employs students on campus in various positions. Students can work up to 8 hours per week and are paid minimum wage. A limited number of positions are available to students who do not display need.

### How to Apply for Siena Heights Scholarships and Grants

#### Merit Scholarships

Students are awarded merit scholarships based on their academic history. For consideration please apply to the University and send all requested transcripts and test scores. You will be notified in writing within two weeks after all items are received.

#### Recognition Grants

Students are required to complete an application if they would like consideration for any of the recognition grants. These scholarships are renewable for up to four years provided students maintain satisfactory academic progress and a minimum cumulative Siena GPA of 2.5 or higher. These forms are available online at <http://www.sienaheights.edu/FinAidImportantForms.aspx> or by calling the Office of Admissions at (800) 521-0009 ext 7180.

#### Competitive Scholarships

Students interested in the fine arts scholarships should contact the Office of Admissions to schedule a portfolio review or audition. Athletic Awards are recommended by the appropriate coach. Visit the athletic website at [http://www.shusaints.com/sports/Ath\\_Main.aspx](http://www.shusaints.com/sports/Ath_Main.aspx).

#### Notes

- Awards may be reduced to comply with federal, state and university financial aid policy and regulation guidelines.
- To receive Merit, Recognition and Competitive scholarships/grants, students must enroll full time (12 or more hours) on the Adrian campus.
- Merit scholarships are exclusive. Merit scholarships may be combined with Recognition, Competitive and Need-Based Grants.
- Students will not be awarded over 80 percent of the current years cost of tuition.