

Office of Student Financial Aid Services

October 2022 Podcast

Hello HUSKY NATION.

I can't believe we are already in October. I'm hoping you have settled into the Fall 2022 Semester.

I want to thank you for joining me and listening to our monthly Podcast. My name is Danyelle Rossetti, and I am filling in for Hernan Cortez. First, I welcome you to visit or contact our office anytime Monday through Friday from 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM. You can visit us at the Storrs Campus; no appointment is needed. You can also call us at 860-486-2819 or email financialaid@uconn.edu.

So, today we are going to chat about the: Free Application for Federal Student Aid, also known as the FAFSA and the Institutional Aid Affidavit & Application for Undocumented Students.

The 2023-2024 Financial Aid Applications are ready for you to complete. They became available October 1st.

So, let's start with the FAFSA. You can access this application online at studentaid.gov. For the 2023-2024 FAFSA, you will be using you and your parent's 2021 Federal tax information. We always suggest for you to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, which imports your federal tax information from the IRS or Internal Revenue Service. Only students and families who filed as single, married filing jointly and head of household will have the ability to use this tool. So, statuses like married filing separately, will need to manually input their financial information.

Some key items to remember:

- If you want UConn to review your application for financial aid, you will input our Federal School code, which is 001417
- The on-time deadline for UConn is Wednesday, February 15th. This ensures maximum financial aid consideration. You really want to get your application in by that date, again February 15th.
- If you are interested in being considered for Federal Work-Study and you have eligibility, please ensure you indicate that on your FAFSA.
- The FAFSA does need to be completed for each academic year
- And lastly, First-year students will receive their financial aid offers by March 1st and will be included with acceptance notifications. Continuing students will receive their financial aid offers beginning in April.

Next up is important information regarding the Institutional Aid Affidavit & Application for Undocumented students. Some eligibility requirements are as follows:

- Students must be 30 years old or younger as of June 5, 2012
- Students must be 16 years old or younger when they first arrived in the United States
- Students must be Connecticut residents
- And must have obtained a Connecticut High School diploma with two years of attendance in a Connecticut high school upon starting courses at a higher education institution.
- Also, I want to explain that for veterans, the process is a little different. If the student is a veteran, they must have entered the United States when they were 15 years old or younger and must have been honorably discharged from the armed forces.

The first step in the process is for the student to complete the Affidavit, in which the student will answer provided questions to determine their eligibility. If they are deemed eligible, then they will receive an email with a link to continue with the

application section. The application is going to resemble the FAFSA. The initial link to start this application can be found on our website: financialaid.uconn.edu/undocumented_students/ Once on our website, navigate to the first tab, titled "Institutional Need-based Financial aid for undocumented students". You will see the link under this tab and the student will log in using their UConn Net ID and password. The Institutional Aid Application also needs to be completed by February 15th.

Students will be considered for institutional aid in the form of University Grants. This is essentially money that comes from university funding.

So, no matter which financial aid application document you submit, it must be submitted by February 15, 2023, to be considered for maximum aid.

Now, to leave you with some fun information. We would like to invite all students to visit the Wilbur Cross building on October 31st for our building wide annual Halloween contest, which takes place from 10:30 to 12:00. We to see you then.