



Financing Your 2025-26 Masters in Legal Studies: An Overview

Admission-Based Merit Scholarships

The College of Law considers first-year students for scholarships at the time of admission. Notification of scholarship eligibility is included in the acceptance letter. These scholarships are primarily based on academic merit.

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

To determine eligibility for federal student loans and need-based assistance, you must complete the 2025-26 [FAFSA](#). If you do not already have one, you must [create an account](#) to complete your FAFSA and related documents.

Your Financial Aid Eligibility and Award Notification

The U.S. Department of Education and/or the State of Illinois require our office to collect additional information to determine the financial aid eligibility of some applicants. If additional information is required, we will notify you by email. This will also appear on your To-Do List, located in your Tasks tile on Campus Connect. We will notify you by email when your financial aid offer is available to view and accept within the Financial Aid tile in Campus Connect. Your aid notification will provide detailed instructions on how to access and accept the aid offered to you.

Federal Loan Programs

Federal student loans are an important component of educational financing for many College of Law students. There are two types of Federal student loans available:

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan

This loan provides a maximum of \$20,500 per academic year. Interest begins accruing upon disbursement, and repayment begins six months after graduation or when you are no longer enrolled half-time. The lifetime borrowing limit is \$138,500, including the outstanding balance on all federal student loans borrowed.

Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan

This loan is available to borrowers who do not have adverse credit history. If the Department of Education approves your request for this loan, you may borrow up to your cost of attendance minus all other aid. Interest begins accruing upon disbursement, and repayment begins six months after graduation or when you are no longer enrolled half-time.

Please visit [Federal Student Aid](#) for information regarding eligibility requirements, interest rates, loan origination fees for [unsubsidized loans](#) and [PLUS loans](#), and to view your federal student loan borrowing history.

2025-26 Estimated Cost of Attendance

Full-time Cost of Attendance		Part-time Cost of Attendance	
Tuition (9 hours per semester)	\$23,328	Tuition (6 hours per semester)	\$15,552
Mandatory Fees	\$300	Mandatory Fees	\$300
Average Unsubsidized & Grad PLUS origination fees	\$1,366	Average Unsubsidized & Grad PLUS loan origination fees	\$1,366
Books, course materials, supplies, and equipment	\$990	Books, course materials, supplies, and equipment	\$660
Transportation	1,300	Transportation	\$1,300
Living expenses (housing and food)	\$18,202	Living expenses (housing and food)	\$18,202
Miscellaneous personal expenses	<u>\$6,590</u>	Miscellaneous personal expenses	<u>\$6,590</u>
TOTAL	\$52,076	TOTAL	\$43,970

Full [cost of attendance](#) estimates include direct and indirect costs. Tuition and fees are direct costs, billed by and paid to DePaul. Indirect costs (including origination fees) associated with some students' college attendance are estimated based on expenses incurred by College of Law students; your actual indirect expenses may vary. The [Student Financial Accounts website](#) lists tuition and fees.