FINANCIAL AID 2017-2018
Trinity University provides students with a remarkable educational experience in a stimulating and collaborative environment. Thanks to extraordinary resources and the many opportunities available to undergraduates, Trinity is consistently rated as one of the nation’s best academic values. An education of Trinity's quality requires a significant investment. The staff of Student Financial Services, a department encompassing both the Financial Aid Office and Student Accounts Office, is committed to working in partnership with students and families to identify financial options and strategies that will help make a degree from Trinity an attainable goal.

You will find important information about your financial aid award in this guide. It will serve as a resource as you plan and prepare for financing your education at Trinity. In addition to learning how we determined your eligibility for financial assistance, you will find the steps you must take to secure the aid you have been offered and how that aid will be disbursed. We encourage you to keep this guide for future reference.

The staff in the Financial Aid Office is ready and willing to help you whether you are embarking on your Trinity experience, are in the middle of your journey, or nearing the completion of your degree.
# TABLE OF CONTENTS

## FINANCIAL AID BASICS
- Applying for Aid ........................................................................................................... 1
- Determining Eligibility ............................................................................................... 1
- Verification .................................................................................................................. 2
- Revisions .................................................................................................................... 2
- Appeals ....................................................................................................................... 3
- Availability of Funding ............................................................................................... 3
- External Resources ..................................................................................................... 3
- Study Abroad .............................................................................................................. 4
- Federal Direct PLUS Loan ......................................................................................... 4
- Private Alternative Loan ........................................................................................... 4
- Walton Perkins Loan .................................................................................................. 4
- Federal Perkins Loan ................................................................................................. 4
- Scholarships and Grants ............................................................................................ 5
- Taxability of Scholarships and Grants ...................................................................... 5

## STUDENT ACCOUNT INFORMATION
- Charges ....................................................................................................................... 7
- Disbursing Financial Aid ............................................................................................ 8
- Estimating Cost ........................................................................................................... 8
- Paying the Balance Due ............................................................................................ 8
- Receiving a Refund of Your Credit Balance ............................................................ 8
- Cost Worksheet ........................................................................................................... 9

## SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS
- Trinity Academic Scholarship ..................................................................................... 11
- Baker Duncan Scholarship ......................................................................................... 11
- Trinity Music Scholarship ......................................................................................... 11
- International Scholarship ......................................................................................... 11
- Transfer Scholarship ............................................................................................... 11
- National Merit Trinity Scholarship ........................................................................... 11
- Semmes Distinguished Scholarship in Science ......................................................... 12
- Storer and Tillman Scholarship ................................................................................ 12
- Trinity Tower Scholarship ......................................................................................... 12
- Tuition Exchange Scholarship ................................................................................ 12
- Legacy Scholarship .................................................................................................... 12
- Trinity Tower Award ............................................................................................... 12
- Endowed Departmental Scholarship ..................................................................... 13
- Trinity Grant ............................................................................................................ 13
- FASTER Grant .......................................................................................................... 13
- Federal Pell Grant ..................................................................................................... 13
- Federal SEOG ........................................................................................................... 13
- Texas TEG ................................................................................................................. 13

## LOAN PROGRAMS
- Federal Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan .......................................................... 15
- Federal Perkins Loan ............................................................................................... 16
- Walton Perkins Loan ............................................................................................... 16
- Walton Family Loan ................................................................................................ 17
- Private Alternative Loan ........................................................................................ 17
- Federal Direct PLUS Loan ...................................................................................... 17
- Walton Parent Loan ................................................................................................ 17

## STUDENT EMPLOYMENT ........................................................................................................ 18

## UNIVERSITY CONTACT INFORMATION ........................................................................... 19
FINANCIAL AID BASICS

APPLYING FOR AID

Trinity University requires students to complete two financial aid applications to be considered for the full array of available resources: the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the College Board’s CSS PROFILE. Information provided on the FAFSA is used to determine eligibility for federal and state aid. CSS PROFILE information is used to determine eligibility for institutional aid. You are required to submit the FAFSA for each year that you wish to apply for financial aid at Trinity, but the CSS PROFILE is only required the first time you apply for institutional aid. While only U.S. citizens and permanent residents may submit the FAFSA to apply for federal financial aid, all students, including international students, may complete the CSS PROFILE.

DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY

We consider a number of factors in determining a student’s eligibility for financial aid. Financial aid can be categorized as need-based, non-need based, or merit-based. Need-based aid is available to students whose families do not have sufficient financial resources to pay for college as determined by an analysis of their aid application. Completion of the aid application also provides students and parents access to non-need based aid in the form of low interest loans. Merit-based aid, such as academic scholarships, is awarded without regard to financial circumstances. The formula for determining financial need is simple:

\[
\text{Cost of Attendance} - \text{Expected Family Contribution} = \text{Demonstrated Financial Need}
\]

**Cost of Attendance** The cost of attendance (COA) is an estimated budget of the direct and indirect expenses you can expect to incur during the academic year. Direct expenses are standard charges billed by Trinity that appear on your student account. These include tuition and various fees, as well as meal plan and housing expenses if you are living on campus. Indirect expenses are costs you should plan for that are not billed by Trinity. These costs include books and supplies, transportation and personal expenses, and living expenses if you reside off campus. The COA used to determine your eligibility for financial aid is listed at the bottom of your award letter. It is important to note that the COA is an estimate; your actual costs may vary.

**Expected Family Contribution** The expected family contribution (EFC) is calculated from the information you and your family provide on your aid application. The EFC is intended to be a measure of your family’s ability to absorb the annual costs associated with college. You can also think of the EFC as an index used to determine how much and which types of financial aid you are eligible to receive. The formula by which your EFC is calculated considers such factors as income, assets, family size, and number of children in college, among others. Again, the EFC is primarily a tool to assess aid eligibility and is not necessarily the amount you will be required to pay for one year of college. Your actual out-of-pocket expenses may be higher or lower than your EFC depending on the aid you receive.
**Demonstrated Financial Need** In working toward meeting your demonstrated financial need, we consider all financial aid for which you are eligible, including merit-based aid. Students who do not demonstrate financial need or who receive merit-based awards in excess of their demonstrated financial need are not eligible for funding from need-based programs. While Trinity strives to create financial aid packages that fully meet demonstrated financial need, limited funding or eligibility criteria prevent us from achieving this goal for every student.

**VERIFICATION**

Verification refers to the process used to validate information you report on your aid application. Your application may be selected for verification by either the federal processor or the Trinity financial aid staff. It is essential that you respond promptly to any requests for documents necessary to verify the information provided on your aid application.

Entering students selected for verification will be issued an estimated financial aid award subject to completion of the process. Such students will see a red stamp on their financial aid award letter that reads “ESTIMATED AWARD Verification Required” and must submit the documentation listed below to confirm their eligibility for aid. Continuing students must submit all documents required for verification prior to receiving a financial aid award.

- 2017-18 Verification Worksheet
- 2015 W-2 Forms for the student and parent(s), as applicable
- 2015 Tax Return Transcript (TRT) for the student and parent(s), as applicable

*Note: A TRT may be requested from the IRS website at irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript*

Timely completion of verification is critical to securing the financial aid funds offered to you. If your aid application is selected for verification no further processing, up to and including disbursing aid to your student account, will take place until verification is complete.

*Note: Verification must be completed no later than October 1. All need-based aid will be cancelled in full if verification is outstanding after this date.*

**REVISIONS**

Your financial aid award may be revised if the information used to determine your eligibility changes. A revised award letter supersedes any previous award letter. Carefully review any revised award letter to determine if you must take any additional action to secure funding. The following are examples of situations that should be promptly reported to the Financial Aid Office and may result in a revision:

**Change in Enrollment Status** You must be enrolled full time (at least 12 credit hours) each semester to receive University funds. Federal and state funding is available to students who are enrolled at least half time. If you are enrolled less than full time at the end of the add/drop period, your eligibility for aid will be reviewed and funding will be adjusted as necessary.

**Verification** Trinity is required to correct inaccurate information on the FAFSA discovered through the verification process, and we will use the revised information to determine your eligibility for federal and state financial aid. Significant corrections to your FAFSA data through the verification process may cause a change in eligibility and result in a revised award letter.
Receipt of External Resources  Aid received from sources other than Trinity University such as scholarships, loans, or educational benefits received through community groups, companies, or private agencies can impact your eligibility for other aid programs and prompt a revised award letter.

Change in Aid Application Information  If you correct information provided on the aid application, it may be necessary to revise your financial aid award. Should your family experience a significant financial setback, such as an involuntary loss of employment, contact the Financial Aid Office.

APPEALS

Due to the extraordinary demand for financial assistance, appeals are considered only when extenuating circumstances can be thoroughly documented. Appeals for additional assistance must be made in writing. Eligibility for financial aid is reviewed annually, allowing families to provide updated information regarding changes to financial circumstances during the standard aid application process.

Note: The Financial Aid Office does not change or negotiate awards based on comparisons with financial aid awards received from other colleges.

AVAILABILITY OF FUNDING

Trinity reserves the right to adjust financial aid awards if federal or state funding for aid programs fall short of anticipated levels. Increases in federal or state funding may also affect financial aid awards, including Trinity University grants and scholarships.

EXTERNAL RESOURCES

External resources are funds awarded by an organization other than Trinity University. These include scholarships awarded by high schools, religious, civic or other organizations; state and federally-funded scholarship or loans not listed in this guide; or education benefits received from an employer of the student or parent. The receipt of such funding will have no impact on financial aid previously offered to many students, but occasionally, the receipt of external resources may require the University to reduce the amount of federal and/or state need-based aid offered to a student so that the total aid does not exceed the demonstrated financial need of the student.

If an adjustment is necessary, University policy is to adjust need-based federal and/or state aid in the following order: Federal Perkins Loan, Federal Direct Subsidized Loan, Federal Work-Study, Federal SEOG, and Texas TEG. The Federal Pell Grant is not affected by the receipt of external resources. University scholarships and grants will be reduced only if the total of external resources and University aid exceed the total cost of attendance used to determine eligibility for aid.

Students must inform the Financial Aid Office of any external funds they will receive in a given year, regardless of the amount, and inform donors to send payments directly to the Financial Aid Office. It is University policy to divide scholarship funds equally between the fall and spring semesters although scholarship donors may request a different distribution of funding by providing written instructions with the scholarship payment.
STUDY ABROAD

Students participating in an approved semester or year-long study abroad program are eligible to receive financial assistance through federal, state, and institutional programs. Approved programs are those led by Trinity University faculty and programs offered by other institutions on Trinity’s Study Abroad Partner List. Students who elect to participate in a non-approved program may not use financial aid to meet program costs.

Note: Students who entered Trinity prior to the fall 2015 semester may use financial aid to participate in a non-approved program.

FINANCIAL AID RENEWAL

Financial aid is awarded on an annual basis. You must reapply for assistance each spring for the upcoming academic year. Complete the FAFSA no later than May 1 for priority consideration of funding. Students whose family financial situation remains fairly constant from year to year can expect to remain eligible for similar need-based resources each year.

Students are required to remain in good academic standing with the University as well as meet satisfactory academic progress requirements as defined in this guide. In addition, students receiving merit-based scholarships must continue to meet cumulative GPA and other renewal requirements specific to the scholarship. Institutional aid requires full time enrollment (at least 12 credit hours) and is extended for a maximum of eight semesters or until undergraduate degree requirements are met, whichever is earlier.

Note: The CSS PROFILE is only required the first time a student applies for Trinity-funded assistance.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Federal and state regulations as well as Trinity University policy require that students make adequate progress toward their intended degree in order to maintain eligibility for financial aid. Satisfactory academic progress (SAP) is monitored annually by the Financial Aid Office at the end of the academic year. Adequate progress is defined as:

- Minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA
- Successful completion of at least 75 percent of the credit hours you attempt

Students who fail to demonstrate progress are considered ineligible for future financial assistance; an appeal process exists for students who have extenuating circumstances that prevent satisfactory progress.

While institutional aid may be received for no more than eight semesters of undergraduate study, students may receive federal student aid for a maximum of twelve semesters of undergraduate study.

Note: Recipients of merit-based scholarships must meet the cumulative GPA standard specific to the scholarship as well as any other applicable renewal criteria. Recipients of state funding must meet requirements as determined by the aid program.
WITHDRAWAL POLICY

Registered students who completely withdraw from all classes after the start of a semester may be eligible for a refund of charges through the Student Accounts Office in accordance with University policy. The Financial Aid Office will determine how much financial aid a student is eligible to retain in light of the withdrawal. Eligibility for federal student aid is determined using a federally mandated calculation known as “Return to Title IV” or “R2T4.” This calculation determines the amount of federal student aid a student is eligible to retain using a pro-rata formula based on the number of days in the semester. The determination of eligibility for institutional and state aid is based on the refund of charges schedule. For example, a student who is charged 50 percent of tuition as a result of the date of withdrawal is eligible to retain 50 percent of disbursed institutional aid. Students considering withdrawal from the University are strongly encouraged to meet with a counselor in the Financial Aid Office to discuss the financial implications of such a decision. Students who earn all F’s in a given semester will be considered to have unofficially withdrawn and may be subject to a return of federal student aid.

TAXABILITY OF SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

All scholarships and grants, regardless of source, received in a calendar year that exceed the cost of tuition, books, and supplies for that calendar year are subject to federal income tax, even if they are used for housing and food costs. The University is not responsible for notifying students of the taxable amounts of grants and scholarships. The Financial Aid Office cannot serve as a tax consultant or financial adviser. Detailed information concerning the taxability of scholarships and grants can be found in IRS Publication 970 Tax Benefits for education on www.irs.gov or by consulting a tax advisor.
STUDENT ACCOUNT INFORMATION

The Student Accounts Office produces itemized statements of account activity and collects payment. Fall semester statements are issued in July with payment due in August. Spring semester statements are issued in December with payment due in January. In addition to the semester statement, monthly statements are issued directly to students when an outstanding balance exists. Trinity also offers the option of a monthly payment plan that allows the account balance to be paid in four interest-free installments over the course of each semester.

Note: Your student account must be settled prior to the start of each semester.

CHARGES
Tuition and Fees

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SEMESTER</th>
<th>YEAR</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuition (12-18 hours*)</td>
<td>$20,364</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Activity Fee</td>
<td>$150</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Technology Fee</td>
<td>$158</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

* $1,697 charge per credit hour if less than full time (12-18 hours) or greater than 18 hours

Room and Board

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>SEMESTER</th>
<th>YEAR</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Standard Double Occupancy Room</td>
<td>$4,239</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Special Double Occupancy Room</td>
<td>$4,466</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Standard Single Occupancy Room</td>
<td>$6,174</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Special Single Occupancy Room</td>
<td>$6,515</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flex 200 Meal Plan**</td>
<td>$2,167</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flex 240 Meal Plan**</td>
<td>$2,329</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Flex Jr./Sr. Meal Plan**</td>
<td>$2,089</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Unlimited Meal Plan**</td>
<td>$2,643</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

** Prices include sales tax of 8.25% and are subject to change. Additional information on meal plans can be found at new.trinity.edu/campus-life/residence-halls-dining/campus-dining

Optional Charges

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>YEAR</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Student Health Insurance Plan***</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Tuition Refund Plan***</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

*** Estimated premium—subject to change.
DISBURSING FINANCIAL AID

At the beginning of each semester financial aid will be applied directly to your student account to address charges such as tuition and fees. Such disbursements require all paperwork to be complete and all funds to be processed and received by the University. This means that you should complete paperwork for any loans you intend to borrow at least one month prior to the start of the semester.

Note: All aid for the fall semester should be disbursed to your student account no later than September 1. All aid for the spring semester should be disbursed to your student account by February 1. Any aid not disbursed by these dates is subject to cancellation.

ESTIMATING COST

To determine your financial responsibility, first decide which financial aid listed on your award letter you intend to use, then simply subtract the aid amount from the estimated direct costs that will be billed to your student account. Use the Cost Worksheet on the next page to estimate your anticipated student account balance after all financial aid funds have been applied. Your anticipated student account balance, the amount you must pay or the amount that will be refunded to you, is the difference between your total charges and total credits each semester.

PAYING THE BALANCE DUE

Several options are available to address any balance due on your student account. While paying the balance due in full is the most commonly used option, many students and their families’ choose to enroll in our interest-free semester payment plan which allows the semester balance to be paid in four monthly installments. A modest fee of $30 is required each semester to enroll in the payment plan. Additionally, some families elect to address the balance due through long-term financing options like the Federal Direct PLUS Loan for Parents or a Private Alternative Loan (see page 17 for more information). Whichever payment option or combination of options you choose, your student account balance must be settled prior to starting classes each semester.

RECEIVING A REFUND OF YOUR CREDIT BALANCE

Aid applied to a student account that exceeds the balance owed will create a credit balance that may be refunded to the student. You may request any credit balance refunds to be issued as an e-refund, commonly known as a direct deposit. Otherwise a check will be issued. Refunds must be used to cover education-related expenses such as off-campus housing, transportation, or books and supplies. If you are anticipating a credit balance refund for living expenses or other education-related expenses be advised that refund processing begins after the add/drop period ends each semester and plan your finances accordingly. Students needing to use a credit balance to purchase books may request that funds be transferred to Tiger Bucks for use in the University Bookstore.

Note: Federal law requires that when a credit balance on a student’s account is the result of a Federal Direct PLUS Loan disbursement, the balance must be sent to the parent borrower, not the student, unless the parent borrower has submitted written authorization allowing the balance to either be held on the student account or released to the student.
Cost Worksheet

**ANTICIPATED CHARGES**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>FALL</th>
<th>SPRING</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Tuition and Fees</td>
<td>$________</td>
<td>$________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Room</td>
<td>$________</td>
<td>$________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Meal Plan</td>
<td>$________</td>
<td>$________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Other</td>
<td>$________</td>
<td>$________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Charges</strong></td>
<td>$________</td>
<td>$________</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**ANTICIPATED CREDITS**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>FALL</th>
<th>SPRING</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>External Scholarship(s)</td>
<td>$________</td>
<td>$________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Federal Grant(s)</td>
<td>$________</td>
<td>$________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>State Grant(s)</td>
<td>$________</td>
<td>$________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Trinity Scholarship(s) / Grant(s)</td>
<td>$________</td>
<td>$________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Walton Perkins or Federal Perkins Loan</td>
<td>$________</td>
<td>$________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Federal Direct Subsidized Loan</td>
<td>$________</td>
<td>$________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan</td>
<td>$________</td>
<td>$________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Walton Family or Walton Parent Loan</td>
<td>$________</td>
<td>$________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Credits</strong></td>
<td>$________</td>
<td>$________</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

**STUDENT ACCOUNT BALANCE**

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th></th>
<th>FALL</th>
<th>SPRING</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Total Charges</strong></td>
<td>$________</td>
<td>$________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>− <strong>Total Credits</strong></td>
<td>$________</td>
<td>$________</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>= <strong>Student Account Balance</strong></td>
<td>$________</td>
<td>$________</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS

Trinity Academic Scholarship
Murchison, Trustees', President’s, Dean's, Trinity, and Trinity Tiger Award

Trinity recognizes academic performance by offering these merit-based scholarships at the time of admission to first-year students who have distinguished scholastic records. Students are considered for these awards based on a variety of factors, including academic preparation and performance, class rank if provided, standardized test scores, and application essay. Scholarships are renewable for up to eight semesters of undergraduate study, not including summers, provided the student maintains satisfactory academic progress and at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

Baker Duncan Scholarship
Art, Debate, Theatre, and Music

Merit-based Baker Duncan Scholarships recognize talent in designated areas and are awarded to first-year students through an application process established by the respective department or program. The scholarship is renewable for up to eight semesters of undergraduate study provided recipients maintain satisfactory academic progress and meet participation requirements for music and debate or academic major/minor requirements for art and theatre.

Trinity Music Scholarship

Awarded to first-year students by faculty in the Department of Music, the Trinity Music Scholarship is merit-based and is renewable provided recipients maintain satisfactory academic progress and participate in one or more music ensembles. Renewal is upon recommendation by faculty in the Department of Music.

International Scholarship

The International Scholarship is awarded at admission to selected first-year students who are neither U.S. citizens nor U.S. permanent residents. It is renewable for up to eight semesters of undergraduate study provided the recipient makes satisfactory academic progress.

Transfer Scholarship

A merit-based scholarship, the Transfer Scholarship is awarded at admission to entering transfer students in recognition of exceptional scholastic achievement. The scholarship is renewable if the student maintains satisfactory academic progress with at least a 2.5 cumulative GPA.

National Merit Trinity Scholarship

This merit-based scholarship is awarded to first-year students who have been selected as National Merit Finalists and designate Trinity University as their first choice college with the National Merit Scholarship Corporation by May 1. The National Merit Trinity Scholarship is renewable provided the student enrolls full-time each semester and makes satisfactory academic progress.
Semmes Distinguished Scholarship in Science

A full-tuition scholarship that includes a one-time $5,000 stipend to be used for research support, professional travel, materials and supplies, the Semmes Distinguished Scholarship in Science is merit-based. It is renewable provided the student maintains satisfactory academic progress, at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA, and majors in the sciences, engineering, or mathematics. Students receiving the Semmes Distinguished Scholarship are not eligible to receive other institutional grants or scholarships.

Storer and Tillman Scholarship for Developing Christian Leaders

This scholarship is awarded to entering students who demonstrate financial need and a commitment to developing their leadership skills in the context of their faith. Scholarships are renewable for up to eight semesters of undergraduate study provided the student maintains satisfactory academic progress, continues to demonstrate sufficient financial need, and participates in their selected service study, worship, and fellowship opportunities on and around campus.

Trinity Tower Scholarship

A limited number of full-tuition scholarships are awarded to entering students invited to participate in a scholarship competition. Invitations are issued to highly qualified students in the top 15 percent of the applicant pool. Recipients are selected by faculty members and must maintain satisfactory academic progress and at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA for renewal. Students receiving the Trinity Tower Scholarship are not eligible to receive other institutional aid.

Tuition Exchange Scholarship

A merit-based award, the Tuition Exchange Scholarship is available to students who are dependents of eligible employees at participating institutions. A limited number of awards are offered to entering students each year. Scholarships are renewable for up to eight semesters of undergraduate study, not including summers or a study abroad semester, provided the student maintains satisfactory academic progress and continues to be deemed eligible by the participating institution to retain the scholarship. Students receiving the Tuition Exchange Scholarship are not eligible to receive other institutional aid.

Legacy Scholarship

Beginning in the fall of 2014, this one-time scholarship of $1,000 is awarded to entering students who are children, stepchildren, or direct lineage grandchildren of alumni who hold a degree from Trinity University.

Trinity Tower Award

This one-time award of $1,000 is given to students who participate in the Trinity Tower Scholars day. Students who are selected to receive a Trinity Tower Scholarship are not eligible for this award. The award is applied in full to the student account for the fall semester of the first year.
Endowed Departmental Scholarship

Numerous endowments have been established to recognize outstanding achievement within specific academic departments. Each spring faculty within the respective departments select recipients for the following academic year.

Trinity Grant

A need-based grant from institutional resources, the Trinity Grant is available to students who demonstrate financial need as determined by the FAFSA and CSS PROFILE. Renewal is contingent upon continued demonstrated financial need and satisfactory academic progress.

FASTER Grant

Funded in part through a grant from the National Science Foundation, Financial Aid for Science & Technology Enhanced with Research (FASTER) Grants were awarded to academically talented students with demonstrated financial need who entered Trinity prior to the fall 2017 semester and plan to major in biology, biochemistry, biochemistry and molecular biology, chemistry, computer science, engineering science, geosciences, mathematics, or physics. These awards are intended to replace need-based student loans and are renewable for up to eight semesters of undergraduate study provided recipients meet the criteria put forth in their initial notification letter. If additional funds are available, the FASTER faculty committee will make a call for applications from current Trinity students who have declared a major in an approved program.

Federal Pell Grant

The Federal Pell Grant is awarded to students demonstrating exceptional financial need who meet the program’s specific requirements. Award amounts are determined through a mandated federal formula that considers the EFC and enrollment status of the student. Funding for the Federal Pell Grant program is appropriated annually by Congress. Students must file the FAFSA each year to be considered for a Federal Pell Grant, and recipients must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress toward achieving a degree.

Federal SEOG

A need-based federal grant, the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG) is awarded to students with exceptional financial need with priority given to those who are also receiving a Federal Pell Grant. Students who have a valid FAFSA on file with the federal processor prior to May 1 each year are given priority consideration for this limited funding. Recipients must demonstrate satisfactory academic progress toward achieving a degree.

Texas TEG

The Texas Tuition Equalization Grant (TEG) is a need-based grant available to Texas residents attending a private college or university within the state. Funding is limited and priority is given to students who demonstrate significant financial need and submit the FAFSA. Recipients must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.5, earn at least 24 credit hours each academic year, complete at least 75 percent of the credit hours attempted during the academic year, and continue to demonstrate significant financial need to remain eligible.
LOAN PROGRAMS

Approximately half of Trinity graduates take advantage of educational loans in combination with other aid resources and financing strategies to make a Trinity education possible. These loans are designed to provide students the option of borrowing against their future earning potential which research indicates improves with educational attainment. Students and families are encouraged to borrow responsibly. It is important to fully understand the terms of any loan that you choose to borrow as spelled out in the promissory note you will be required to sign prior to receiving loan funding. Loans must be repaid after graduation or withdrawal from school and some loans require interest payment while the student is in school. We encourage students to limit the amount of debt they accumulate while in college to the extent they are able to do so, but we also recognize student loans to be a viable financing option. Again, it is important to manage your loan debt by being an informed and thoughtful borrower.

Federal Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan

The Federal Direct Loan program is administered by the U.S. Department of Education with loan borrowing facilitated by the University. Federal direct loans are available to students regardless of demonstrated financial need, and information can be found online at studentloans.gov.

Federal Direct Subsidized Loans are awarded to meet demonstrated financial need. Students who do not demonstrate financial need or have their demonstrated financial need met through other sources are awarded Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans. Students may be awarded subsidized, unsubsidized, or a combination of both types of loans. The financial aid award letter indicates the maximum amount of Federal Direct Loan a student may borrow for the academic year.

The Bipartisan Student Loan Certainty Act of 2013 ties federal direct student loan interest rates to financial markets. Under this act, interest rates will be determined each spring for loans being made for the upcoming award year, which runs from July 1 to the following June 30. Each loan will have a fixed interest rate for the life of the loan. The interest rate for Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans for undergraduate students disbursed between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 is a fixed rate of 3.76 percent.

Loans borrowed for an academic year must be disbursed in equal installments—half at the beginning of the fall semester, and half at the beginning of the spring semester. An origination fee of approximately 2 percent of the gross loan amount is withheld at disbursement.

Below are the maximum annual amounts that may be borrowed:

- First-year students may borrow up to $5,500, of which a maximum of $3,500 may be subsidized.
- Sophomores may borrow up to $6,500, of which a maximum of $4,500 may be subsidized.
- Juniors and seniors may borrow up to $7,500, of which a maximum of $5,500 may be subsidized.

Note: Students borrowing under the Federal Direct Loan Program for the first time are required to complete a Master Promissory Note and entrance counseling online with the U.S. Department of Education at studentloans.gov in order to receive funding. The financial aid award letter indicates Direct Loan borrowing eligibility. All students must actively notify the Financial Aid Office of their intent to borrow. Continuing students should submit the Loan Form included with their award letter, while entering students will be sent information about how to secure this funding in June.
Federal Perkins Loan

Awarded to students with exceptional financial need, the Federal Perkins Loan has a fixed 5 percent interest rate and is interest-free while students are enrolled at least half time. Students must complete an online promissory note with ECSI, a third-party loan servicer used by the University to handle billing and other services related to administration of the Federal Perkins Loan Program. Repayment begins nine months after a borrower graduates or drops below half-time enrollment. The loan amount is based on demonstrated financial need and availability of funding.

The Federal Perkins Loan Program ended on September 30, 2016, but was extended through legislation until September 30, 2017 with a number of provisions. The Financial Aid Office will determine if a student is able to receive a Federal Perkins Loan in light of these provisions.

Walton Perkins Loan

The Walton Perkins Loan is a need-based loan program funded by the University and awarded to students demonstrating significant financial need. Both the student borrower and a parent co-signer must complete the requisite promissory note online annually with ECSI, a third-party loan servicer used by the University to handle billing and other services related to administration of the Walton Loan Program. The interest rate is fixed at 5 percent and begins to accrue at the time of repayment, six months after the student is no longer enrolled at least half time at Trinity. Students have up to 10 years to repay the Walton Perkins Loan and may defer (postpone) payments while enrolled in graduate or professional school.
Walton Family Loan

Funded by the University, the Walton Family Loan is offered to help meet educational costs for a limited number of students whose parents’ adjusted gross income is greater than $50,000 a year. Both the student and a parent cosigner must complete an online promissory note each year to secure the loan funding offered. The interest rate for the Walton Family Loan is fixed at 5 percent, and payments on the principal are deferred while the student is enrolled at least half time at Trinity. Interest payments, however, must be made monthly. Repayment of the loan principal begins six months after the student leaves Trinity or falls below half-time enrollment. Payments are made over a 10-year period. Students may borrow up to $7,000 per year, not to exceed the COA minus other financial aid, and up to a maximum of eight semesters of undergraduate study. An annual credit approval may be required for continued receipt of the Walton Family Loan.

Private Alternative Loan

Many private lenders, as well as the state of Texas, offer loan programs that can be used to cover education expenses not already covered by federal student loans or other sources of financial aid. Because these loans are typically more expensive than federal student loans, they should be used only when all other sources of funding have been exhausted. Private alternative loans are typically credit-based and require that undergraduate students have a credit worthy cosigner to qualify. Interest rates, grace periods, repayment options and fees may vary considerably. While the Financial Aid Office is able to discuss the various private loan options, we are prohibited from recommending a lender or loan program. Students are encouraged to carefully evaluate the terms of each loan program to determine which loan will best suit their needs.

Federal Direct PLUS Loan for Parents

The Federal Direct PLUS Loan Program allows credit-worthy parents or stepparents of undergraduate students to borrow the difference between the COA and the financial assistance received by the student. The interest rate for Federal Direct PLUS Loans disbursed between July 1, 2016 and June 30, 2017 is a fixed rate of 6.31 percent. Origination fees up to 5 percent of the principal amount borrowed are withheld at the time of disbursement. Students must submit the FAFSA to the federal processor in order for parents to be considered for this loan program. More information, as well as the application for the Federal Direct PLUS Loan, can be found online at studentloans.gov.

Walton Parent Loan

A limited number of Walton Parent Loans of up to $10,000 per year are available for parents of dependent students who do not qualify for need-based financial assistance after review of the CSS PROFILE. The interest rate is fixed at 5 percent, and payments on the principal are deferred while the student is enrolled at least half time at Trinity. Interest payments, however, must be made monthly. Repayment of the principal begins within a month of the student’s graduation or withdrawal from Trinity. Payments are made over a 10-year period. The amount of the loan plus other aid extended to the student may not exceed the COA. An annual credit approval may be required for continued receipt of the Walton Parent Loan.
Student Employment

Many Trinity students find working part time while enrolled to be a beneficial and rewarding aspect of their college experience. Students typically use their earnings to cover personal expenses. The student employment process at Trinity is facilitated through the Office of Human Resources located in Northrup Hall. Most jobs on campus require that students be eligible under the Federal Work-Study (FWS) program, although positions are available for students who do not qualify for FWS funding.

Note: The amount of FWS funds a student is eligible to earn in an academic year will be noted on the financial aid award letter. If an FWS paragraph does not appear on the award letter, the student is not eligible to earn under the FWS program.

An offer of FWS is not a guarantee of employment; it simply indicates eligibility to earn under the FWS program. Employment opportunities are posted on the human resources website beginning in August and students seeking work are encouraged to review job openings and contact potential employers as early in the semester as possible. Students should be prepared to fill out an application and have an interview with the potential employer before securing a position.

Students typically work about 8–10 hours per week. Students may work no more than 20 hours per week while classes are in session and no more than 40 hours per week when classes are not in session. The pay rate for most on-campus jobs is $7.25 per hour. Typically a student working 10 hours a week at $7.25 an hour will earn approximately $2,400 over the course of the academic year. Students deemed eligible to earn under the FWS program are responsible for monitoring their gross earnings to ensure that they do not earn more than the amount they were awarded. Earnings are paid bi-weekly directly to the student based on the number of hours worked in the corresponding pay period. FWS earnings are taxable as wages and must be reported to the IRS if a student is required to file a tax return.

As with any job, students employed under the FWS program must complete federally required employment forms with the Office of Human Resources to document that they are eligible to work in the U.S. Completion of the I-9 employment eligibility form is required before beginning employment at the University, and the W-4 Withholding Form is recommended to ensure proper tax withholding.

Note: In order to complete the I-9 form, students are required to show human resources staff certain original documents such as a U.S. passport OR a driver’s license AND original Social Security Card. Faxed or copied documents cannot be accepted.
University Contact Information

Office of Admissions
1-800-TRINITY or 210-999-7211
admissions@trinity.edu
gotu.us/admissions

Center for International Engagement—Study Abroad
210-999-7313
studyabroad@trinity.edu
gotu.us/studyabroad

Office of Human Resources—Student Employment
210-999-7507
humanresources@trinity.edu
gotu.us/humanresources

Office of Residential Life
210-999-7219
reslife@trinity.edu
gotu.us/reslife

Office of the Registrar
210-999-7201
roffice@trinity.edu
gotu.us/registrar

Student Financial Services—Student Accounts Office
210-999-8898
studentfinancialservices@trinity.edu
gotu.us/sfs
STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES
FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
Trinity University
One Trinity Place
San Antonio, TX  78212-7200

gotu.us/sfs