

### **Important Dates**

January 1, 2020 New student FAFSA priority deadline

March 1, 2020 Returning student FAFSA priority deadline

May 1, 2020 Fall payment plan registration opens

June 15, 2020 Fall semester bill available to view online

July 1, 2020 Five-month fall semester payment plan enrollment deadline

July 31, 2020 Fall semester payment due

August 15, 2020 Federal verification and loan application deadline

August 24, 2020 First day of fall classes

August 28, 2020 Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) appeal deadline

**November 1, 2020** Spring payment plan registration opens

November 30, 2020 Spring semester bill available to view online December 1, 2020

Five-month spring semester payment plan enrollment deadline

January 3, 2021 Spring semester payment due

January 13, 2021 First day of spring classes

## Helpful Links

PLUS Loan Application studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action PLUS Loan Resources studentaid.ed.gov/sa/types/loans/plus

FSA ID

Private Loan Resources mountunion.edu/loans

Payment Plan Information mountunion.edu/payment-checklist

Financial Aid Policies

mountunion.edu/financial-aid-handbook Financial Aid TV

mountunion.financialaidtv.cor Financial Aid Portal

onlineaidawards.mountunion.edu

# **Contact Us**

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# **BEFUNDED. BE REWARDED. BE EMPOWERED.** How to Fund Your Mount Union Education

Rest assured you will not be alone during the financial aid process. The entire financial aid staff will be with you every step of the way to assist you in exploring financing options that best meet your needs. Mount Union will work closely with you to make your degree attainable and affordable.

#### **Payment Plan Options**

- Students may pay in full each semester through the Self-Service portal.
- Parents or students may participate in a monthly payment plan.
- Monthly payments are due on the 15th of each month.
- To enroll in a payment plan:
  - Students must enroll through the Self-Service portal.
  - Students can assign an authorized payer access to their account.
  - Students will be charged a \$35 enrollment fee each semester.
  - Students must enroll by July 1 for the fall semester payment plan.
  - Students must enroll by December 1 for the spring semester payment plan.
  - Questions? Contact the Office of Business Affairs at billing@mountunion.edu or (330) 823-6554.

#### **Student and Parent Loans**

Some students and families may decide to defer some costs until after graduation by taking advantage of educational loan options.

#### Federal Direct Student Loans – Subsidized and Unsubsidized

- Students who have completed a FAFSA are eligible to receive these loans.
- The 2019-2020 interest rate is 4.53%, and the loan fees are 1.059%.
- Maximum amount students can borrow is based on their credits earned.
- To accept or decline loans, students must submit a Student Loan Request form to Financial Aid.
- First-time borrowers must complete Entrance Counseling and a Loan Agreement for a Subsidized/ Unsubsidized Loan (MPN) at <u>studentloans.gov</u>.
- Repayment begins six months after the student graduates or is no longer enrolled in at least six credit hours.
- The Subsidized Loan is for students with financial need. Student is not charged interest while in school and enrolled in at least six credit hours.
- The Unsubsidized Loan is available to all students regardless of financial need. Interest accrues from the time it is disbursed.

#### Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan

- This loan is for parents of dependent students and is based on credit approval.
- Parents can borrow up to the cost of attendance and additional expenses less any financial aid received that academic year.
- The 2019-2020 interest rate is 7.08% and the loan fees are 4.236%.
- Repayment begins 60 days after full disbursement or can be deferred annually while your student is enrolled in at least six credit hours.
- Application:
  - Parents apply each year at studentloans.gov using their parent FSA ID.
  - Under the Parent Borrowers tab, click "Apply for a PLUS Loan."
  - Be sure to indicate the University of Mount Union as the school.
  - Once approved, complete the Loan Agreement for a Parent PLUS Loan (MPN).

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#### **Private Educational Loans for Students**

- This loan can be used to cover additional educational expenses not covered by financial aid.
- The student is the borrower, but will usually need a credit-worthy cosigner.
- Students can borrow up to the cost of attendance and additional expenses less any financial aid received that year.
- We offer a private loan comparison tool at mountunion.edu/loans.

#### **Outside Scholarships**

- These scholarships are awarded by external businesses and entities.
- These scholarships do not need to be repaid.
- Check with your high school guidance counselor, local foundations, organizations (including religious, community, and professional associations), and your parent's or parents' employers for outside scholarships.
- View the outside scholarship list on the iRaider student portal under quick links.
- Students are responsible for letting the Office of Student Financial Aid know of any outside scholarships they receive. The scholarships must be counted as part of their financial aid and may affect their eligibility for work-study, Subsidized Loans, and in some cases grants or other scholarships.

## **Other Financial Aid Tips**

#### To Access your Financial Aid Online

- To view your financial aid award, visit mountunion.edu/applying-for-financial-aid and click on "View Your Financial Aid Award."
- After you pay your deposit and receive your Mount Union login information, log in using your network username and password.
- Use this site to access your award information, track documents, and read important messages.

#### **Types of Awards**

• Information about the types of awards you received can be viewed on the following links:

- mountunion.edu/scholarships-and-grants
  - mountunion.edu/loans
- mountunion.edu/federal-work-study

#### Award Policy

• Review the Financial Aid Handbook for more information on policies regarding your financial aid awards at mountunion.edu/financial-aid-handbook.

#### **Billing Information**

- The Office of Business Affairs maintains student account records and communications with students and families concerning charges, balance due, and payment plan options.
- Questions? Contact the Office of Business Affairs at billing@mountunion.edu or (330) 823-6554.

#### **View Your Electronic Billing Statement**

- Log into Self-Service at selfservice.mountunion.edu using your network username and password.
- Once logged into Self-Service, your statement can be found by clicking "Finances" and then "Make a Payment" for your review.
- The initial fall semester billing statement will be sent in June for new students and July for returning students. The fall billing statement is due July 31.
- The initial spring billing statement will be sent November 30 with a due date of January 3.
- Late fees are assessed monthly, and a hold will be placed on your account if payment has not been received by the due date.

**98%** OF UNDERGRADS RECEIVE SOME FORM OF AID

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