

SOUTHWESTERN LAW SCHOOL

L O S A N G E L E S

Financial Aid Policy

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Related policies: [TBD].

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The Financial Aid Office at Southwestern seeks to provide or secure financial assistance for its students whenever possible. To this end, the law school has developed a financial aid program which includes scholarships, loans, and employment. Information about these programs can be found at <https://www.swlaw.edu/finaid>.

Southwestern actively participates in the Federal Direct Stafford Loan Program, the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Program, , and the Federal Work-Study Program. In addition, the law school is fully approved for JD students who wish to use their veteran's educational benefits.

All financial aid administered through the law school is awarded on a non-discriminatory basis without regard to race, sex, age, religion, national or ethnic origin, sexual orientation, disability, marital status, prior military service, or any other characteristic protected by state or federal law. Detailed information on the law school's financial aid programs and the application process is included in the Southwestern catalog.

Eligibility for financial aid is contingent upon minimum enrollment and scholastic performance requirements. Any student who has applied for or who has received financial aid should read the *Academic Policies and Procedures*, and *Academic Disqualification*, *Academic Probation*, and *Academic Improvement Program Policies*, and should consult with a financial aid counselor (not clerical staff) in Room W102 as soon as possible in advance of or following any of the following:

1. The student plans to transfer from one program of study to another (e.g., from day to evening).

2. The student drops below half-time status (less than 5 units for fall/spring, less than 2 units for summer) or withdraws from school. For an LL.M. student, half-time is 4 units for fall/spring and 2 units for summer.
3. The student repeats a course(s) for no credit or plans to sit in on a class to make up an Incomplete.
4. The student plans an official leave of absence.
5. The student is academically disqualified. (Please note: Once a student is academically disqualified, eligibility for all financial aid, including but not limited to scholarships, loans, grants and student employment, is lost immediately. Students are strongly urged to see a counselor in the Financial Aid Office to discuss the financial ramifications of this situation.)
6. The student is readmitted after academic disqualification.
7. The student plans to attend another university on other than a permanent basis (i.e., visiting status, study abroad, etc.).
8. The student plans to transfer to another school.

Federal and law school penalties, up to and including denial of federal benefits, may apply to those found to illegally possess controlled substances. It is recommended that students consult the *Student Policy on Alcohol and Other Drugs*.