

Financial Aid Information for 1Ls & 2Ls

Cost of Attendance Budget Estimated 2025-2026 Academic Year (30 credit hours)

The Cost of Attendance (COA) forms the basis for financial aid calculations and is an estimate of average student costs. All aid, including scholarships and loans, must not exceed the COA.

As a state university, our tuition and fees are established by the Florida Legislature and are subject to change at any given time. Please note that Florida State University College of Law does not have a tuition guarantee policy.

Category	In State	Out of State
Tuition & Fees	20,690	40,700
Housing & Food	13,560	13,560
Books & Supplies	1,700	1,700
Transportation	1,120	2,236
Personal Expenses	5,596	5,596
Total	\$42,666	\$63,792

** In-state students currently pay \$688/credit hour. Out-of-state students currently pay \$1355/credit hour. Please note there is a \$20 Student Affairs Facility Use Fee charged per semester in addition to the Tuition & Fees.

COLLEGE OF LAW SCHOLARSHIPS

The Office of Admissions handles the awarding of scholarships to incoming first year law students. These awards are disbursed in the fall and spring semesters. They are not disbursed in summer terms. Please refer to your admissions award letter for a breakdown of how and when your scholarship will be disbursed.

Additional scholarship opportunities are available throughout the academic year and are announced by the Office of Student Advancement. Most scholarships disburse during the fall and spring semesters, with limited exceptions for summer disbursements. The Office of Student Advancement maintains a Canvas site that includes information about available internal and external scholarship and writing competition opportunities.

FEDERAL LOANS, INTEREST RATES AND FEES/BORROWING LIMITS

Law students may be eligible to receive Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loans and/or Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loans. Please view [HERE](#) for more information on eligibility requirements and the general process of applying for a loan.

For information on Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loans and Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loans, and loan limits and interest rates, please visit the FSU Office of Financial Aid [website](#).

BUDGET WORKSHEETS

We encourage you to use the [Budget Worksheets](#) to get a more accurate assessment of your specific costs, depending on your anticipated enrollment, residency, and other factors that may impact your cost.

LOAN COUNSELING RESOURCES

Florida State University's main campus Financial Aid Office offers personalized assistance for both entrance and exit loan counseling, helping students understand their loan requirements. For incoming law students, the office provides guidance on loan options, borrowing limits, and the FAFSA process. For those nearing graduation, exit loan counseling is provided to ensure students are fully aware of their repayment responsibilities, timelines, and available federal repayment programs.

ACCESSING YOUR FINANCIAL AID AT FSU

All enrolled students receiving financial aid must enroll in direct deposit via their my.fsu.edu account. Student Business Services will send refunds to any domestic bank. More information about the process is available [HERE](#).

MAX BY ACCESSLEX

The College of Law partners with AccessLex Institute, a non-profit organization committed to helping students find their path from aspiring lawyer to fulfilled professional, through a series of free financial educational programs. It's award-winning MAX program provides quick and easy lessons, one on one financial coaching, and nearly \$400,000 in scholarship incentives each year.

A sampling of the free AccessLex programs available for current law students, including its Law School Scholarship Databank is available [HERE](#).

CONTACT INFORMATION TO KNOW

FSU OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

The Office of Financial Aid is dedicated to providing students with information to help with their higher education needs, including, loan counseling, applying for aid, private loans, entrance and exit counseling, NSLDS, and Satisfactory Academic Progress.

Main Number: 850/644-0539

Law School OFA Liaison: Margaret Coleman

FSU OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCE

The Office of Student Finance serves as a chief financial resource for students at FSU. Responsibilities of the office include the invoicing and collection of tuition and fees, debt management counseling, third-party billing, and federal, state, and institutional financial aid accounting. The office also serves as the University's tuition waiver liaison.

COLLEGE OF LAW OFFICE OF ADMISSIONS

College of Law first-year scholarships are awarded to students on the basis of merit, considering both the LSAT/GRE score AND cumulative UGPA. Admitted students are automatically considered and are notified upon admission if they are awarded a scholarship. All first-year scholarships are for three years. Scholarship awards, or a lack of scholarship award, is non-negotiable.

For questions about first-year scholarships, contact admissions@law.fsu.edu or 850/644-3787.

COLLEGE OF LAW OFFICE OF STUDENT ADVANCEMENT

Second- and third-year students may apply for a variety of scholarships each spring.

For more information about 2L and 3L scholarship opportunities available through the College of Law, contact the Office of Student Advancement at saffairs@law.fsu.edu/ or 850/644-7338.

ACCESSLEX INSTITUTE

The Florida State University College of Law has established a valuable partnership with AccessLex, a leading organization dedicated to improving financial literacy among law students.

Beginning in the 1L year, we offer comprehensive debt counseling designed to help students understand the complexities of student loans, budgeting, and financial planning. The support continues to their 2L year with optional workshops on various topics such as "Five Habits for Financially Successful Lawyers" or "Student Loan Repayment Strategies for Legal Careers." This past Spring, 3L students attended a mandatory session on "Money and Your Career: Legal Salaries, Taxes, and Benefits," which offers in-depth insights into the financial realities they will face as new lawyers. Additionally, 3Ls are given the opportunity to participate in optional one-on-one financial coaching, allowing for personalized advice tailored to their specific needs and goals.

In the 2023-2024 academic year, we hosted a total of six events in partnership with AccessLex. Beyond these events, we ensure AccessLex resources are readily available to students through multiple channels, including our Canvas platform and updates in the Student Announcements. For the current academic year, 2024-2025, we have two events planned in collaboration with AccessLex for the Fall 2024 semester, including a mandatory session with the 2Ls.