LEWIS UNIVERSITY

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

PRACTICAL • FOCUSED • RELEVANT
Meeting Your Financial Needs

We know how important college costs are to you and your family. Our experienced Financial Aid Services staff is committed to establishing a partnership between you and your family to make a Lewis University education affordable. That partnership is comprised of family resources, federal and state resources, as well as institutional resources.

Each year, Lewis awards approximately $55 million in financial assistance to students like you through state and federal funds and Lewis University grants and scholarships. About 84 percent of all new incoming students receive some sort of financial assistance.

Once you are accepted for admission to Lewis, you are eligible to be considered for financial aid. The type of assistance you receive is based on financial need or merit. Need-based assistance from federal and state government, or the University is in the form of grants, loans, or on-campus employment. Merit-based assistance is in the form of academic, athletic, fine arts talent, alumni, and other endowed scholarships. The Office of Financial Aid Services can provide you with an estimated financial aid award after you are accepted for admission to assist you in planning your education.

The Princeton Review recently named Lewis University as one of the “Best Midwestern Colleges,” including Lewis among a select group of 170 institutions of higher education in a 12-state region.
Early Estimate of Financial Aid

Step 1
Complete the Early Estimate of Financial Aid online at http://www.lewisu.edu/earlyestimate between the months of October and February.

Step 2
Forms will be processed on a rolling basis between October and February. The earlier you submit your information, the earlier you will receive a response. Please provide an e-mail address on the application form for notification purposes.

Step 3
An estimated financial aid award letter will be sent to the e-mail address you supply on your application form.

Step 4
In order to officially apply for financial assistance you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You can submit the FAFSA beginning January 1, 2008.

How to Apply for Financial Aid

Step 1
Apply for a PIN (Personal Identification Number) at www.pin.ed.gov. The PIN serves as your signature to electronically sign your FAFSA.

Step 2
Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. List an e-mail address on the FAFSA for notification purposes. The Lewis University federal School Code is 001707.

Step 3
You must apply for admission and be accepted to Lewis University in a degree-seeking program before your FAFSA will be reviewed.

Step 4
The Department of Education will process your FAFSA and send each student a Student Aid Report (SAR) via postal mail or e-mail, depending on how the FAFSA was originally submitted.

Step 5
If you are selected for verification you may be required to submit additional documentation to Financial Aid Services. This additional documentation can be but is not inclusive of federal tax forms, federal W-2’s, verification forms, asset documentation, birth certificate, social security cards, etc.

Step 6
Once the verification process is complete, a financial aid award will be processed by the Financial Aid Services staff. The financial aid award letter is the confirmation of any federal, state institutional grants, loans and work the student is eligible for during the academic year.

Eligibility Requirements

You must:
• Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
• Show financial need by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
• Meet the satisfactory academic progress requirements as determined by the institution
• Register with Selective Service if you are a male between 18-25 years of age
• Enroll in a degree-seeking program
Scholarships

Scholarships are available to full-time undergraduate students based on outstanding high school or college academic records, outstanding talent in theatre, art and music or athletic ability. Scholarships are not available to students who enroll in accelerated, contract, cohort, and second bachelor’s degree programs.

First Time Freshman Academic Scholarship
Lewis University awards academic scholarships based on ACT composite scores and high school Grade Point Average (GPA). The awards range from $5,000 to full tuition. To be eligible for an academic scholarship complete an admission application and be accepted to Lewis University by February 1. A scholarship competition is held in early spring to award the top scholarships. These scholarships are renewable for four years based on academic performance.

Transfer Student Academic Scholarship
Lewis University awards academic scholarships based on prior academic achievement at a community college or university. The awards range from $3,500 to $5,500. These scholarships are renewable for three years based on academic performance.

Lewis University Athletic Awards
Lewis University is a NCAA Division II school and is eligible to award athletic scholarships. These scholarships are recommended to the Office of Financial Aid Services by the Athletic Department. Awards are renewable based on academic standing, proper sportsmanship, continued participation on the athletic team, and completion of all required NCAA forms. Inquiries should be directed to the Athletic Department.

Talent Scholarship
Awarded by the Drama, Art and Music departments based on auditions and participation within the respective departments. Awards are renewed based on continued student participation within the department. Contact the department chairperson for application.

Alumni Scholarship
Available to undergraduate full-time students who are dependent children or spouses of Lewis alumni. Awarded annually in the fall to students who are accepted for admission prior to June 1. Awards can be up to $1,000 per academic year and renewable up to four years based on a 2.25 cumulative GPA.

Phi Theta Kappa Scholarship
An annual scholarship available to transfer students who are Phi Theta Kappa members. This scholarship is renewable up to three years based on a 3.0 Lewis University cumulative GPA. Proof of membership must be submitted by the first day of the student’s initial enrollment.

Lewis University Endowed Scholarship
The University has a number of Endowed Scholarships awarded annually through various donors. Applications for these scholarships become available in December on the Lewis University Web site with a deadline of March 1. The number and award values range from year to year.

ROTC Scholarships (Army and Air Force)
Scholarships which provide tuition assistance, a book allowance and a $250 monthly living allowance. Applications are available from ROTC units and high school counselors. These tuition scholarships are available to first-year students for four years and transfer students for up to three years.

Find out about scholarships at: www.lewisu.edu/scholarship
Grants
In order to receive funding from federal or state resources, a student must be a U.S. citizen or a permanent resident of the United States pursuing a certificate or post-secondary degree and enrolled at least on a half-time basis (six hours per semester). Further information may be obtained in the Office of Financial Aid Services.

Federal Pell Grant
A federal grant based on financial need as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)
A federal grant to Pell eligible students who have completed a rigorous high school curriculum that includes four years of English, three years of math, science and social studies, and one year of a foreign language.

Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) Grant
An Illinois grant based on financial need. Parents and students must be residents of Illinois and meet the published deadlines. Students must be attending an Illinois state-approved institution.

Illinois Incentive for Access Grant
A one-time Illinois state grant in the amount of $500 awarded to first-year students whose Expected Family Contribution is zero as determined by the FAFSA. Students must be attending an Illinois state-approved institution.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
A federal grant awarded by the institution to students who show exceptional financial need as determined by the FAFSA.

Lewis University Lasallian Grant
An institutional grant based on financial need and awarded to full-time undergraduate students. This grant is not available to students who enroll in accelerated, contract, cohort, and second bachelor’s degree programs.

Loans
Subsidized Federal Stafford Loan
A federal loan program that is subsidized by the federal government. Eligibility is based on financial need as determined by the FAFSA. Annually, students may borrow up to $3,500 as freshmen, $4,500 as sophomores, $5,500 at the junior-senior level and $8,500 at the graduate level. Repayment begins six (6) months after graduation or cessation of enrollment.

Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan
A federal loan program available to students who do not qualify for a Subsidized Stafford Loan as determined by the FAFSA. The primary difference is that the loan interest must be paid while the student is enrolled; loan principle is deferred until graduation or cessation of at least half-time studies. A student may borrow up to $3,500 as a freshman, $4,500 as sophomores, $5,500 at the junior-senior level and $8,500 at the graduate level. In addition, independent students can borrow an additional $4,000 at the freshman/sophomore level and $5,000 per year at the junior/senior level.

Federal Perkins Loan
A low interest (5%) federal loan program sponsored by the federal government and awarded by the University, available to students based on financial need. No payment or interest is charged while the student is enrolled half-time or more. Repayment begins nine months after graduation or cessation of enrollment. Up to $4,000 is available for each academic year.

Federal Plus Loan
Non-need based loan for parents of dependent undergraduate students. The parent may borrow up to the student’s cost of attendance less any financial assistance the student qualifies for. Repayment begins 60 days after the second disbursement is made. The interest rate varies and will cap at 9%. Parents can obtain the PLUS loan application through a lender or the Office of Financial Aid Services.

Work Programs
Federal College Work Study
On-campus or off-campus community service work programs partially funded by the federal government. Awards are made to students based on their financial need as determined by completing the FAFSA. Work Study jobs are coordinated through the Office of Financial Aid Services.

Part-Time Employment
A campus work program fully funded by the University. Financial need is not a requirement, but job availability is limited to a few specific departments. These jobs are coordinated through the Office of Financial Aid Services.

2007-2008 Costs
Tuition $20,450/per year (Block rate 12-18 semester hours) Room and Board $7,800
There are additional indirect costs that are incurred for books, commuting costs and personal expenses.

For More Information
Write to:
Office of Financial Aid Services
Lewis University
One University Parkway
Romeoville, IL 60446-2200
E-mail: finaid@lewisu.edu
Contact the Office of Financial Aid Services at (815) 836-5263

Check out our Web site at: www.lewisu.edu
FAFSA Workshop 101

The FAFSA Workshop 101 is a session devoted to understanding the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Each individual question on the FAFSA will be reviewed.

JANUARY 26, 2008
Romeoville Campus

FAFSA Completion Days

The FAFSA Completion Days are devoted to completing the FAFSA online. Financial Aid staff will be available to guide you though completing the FAFSA online, submitting it, and getting a confirmation that it was received by the Department of Education.

FEBRUARY 18, 2008
Tinley Park Campus

MARCH 20, 2008
De La Salle Institute (Boys Campus)