FINANCIAL AID NEWSLETTER

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FinAid Office: Remote & Available!

We are here and happy to help with any questions by phone or zoom. Follow the link below to make appointments online Tuesday and Thursday afternoons from 2-4pm EST.

Click Here to Schedule an Appointment

Senior Expense Grant Request Deadline

For high need students who are eligible for a senior expense grant, the last day to submit receipts to be eligible for a grant for 2020-21 is Wednesday, May 28th, 2021.

Medical copay expenses for 2020-21

The last day students can incur medical expenses eligible for reimbursement (prescriptions, glasses, emergency dental work) for the semester is Friday, May 28th.

Please note: All students (including high need students) are responsible for medical bills, including prescription co-payments, after May 28th until the first day of classes, August 30th, 2021. No assistance is available for medical costs for the summer period or between terms.

Deadline for New or Additional Loans

The last day to initiate a new loan or increase an existing loan for 2020-21 is Wednesday, May 19th.

Graduating Seniors: Student Loans

Federal lending regulations require that students who have completed their studies (graduating seniors) who have had a student loan while enrolled at Amherst College must complete Exit Counseling. You will receive a notice from the Office of Financial Aid about this requirement and you are encouraged to respond immediately. Links will be provided by email. The Exit Counseling should be completed by Wednesday, May 28th. After that date, a hold will be placed on your transcript.

Renewal Financial Aid Applications for 2021-22

The due date for submitting the application for the renewal of financial aid for 2021-22 was March 1st. Please submit any missing materials as soon as possible in order to be notified of your awards for the 2021-22 academic year. Applications that remain incomplete after August 11th will incur a late fee. Please do not wait! Award notifications for 21-22 will begin the second week of June.

Office of Financial Aid
(413) 542-2296
Monday-Friday
8:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.
Self-help Expectations for 2021-22

For the academic year 2021-22, a Student Income Contribution (summer earnings) and a term-time work expectation will be included in student awards. Students should plan accordingly and recognize that financial aid refunds for the fall and spring semesters will be significantly lower than was the case for the 2020-21 academic year.

Taxable scholarship

For students who will owe taxes on grant aid received from Amherst College during 2020 and want to apply for a grant to pay the taxes due, please visit our [website](#) for instructions about tax filing for Domestic students. For domestic students, please carefully review the Memorandum and complete the provided Worksheet for Calculating Taxable Scholarships or Grants. If you will owe taxes due to Amherst College grant and want to request Amherst College Scholarship to pay the tax, you need to provide to the Office of Financial Aid a copy of your 2020 completed tax return and the completed Worksheet no later than **Friday, May 28th, 2021** to be eligible for funds for the 2020-21 academic school year.

Fall semester Study Abroad

If you have plans to study abroad for the Fall 2021 semester or the Full 2021-22 academic year and have not already done so, please be sure to schedule a meeting with Dean Gentile to discuss the process for financial aid and study abroad.

Commencement 2021

Assistance towards the costs of attending graduation is available for eligible students. To apply and receive funds prior to Commencement, please complete the Commencement Travel Support Form by **May 1** (only one submission is required for students and their guests). Should you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact Conferences & Special Events by emailing [commencement@amherst.edu](mailto:commencement@amherst.edu).

Student Employment – 2020-21 and Summer 2021

Current students who have outstanding tasks in the Workday Onboarding process need to follow up and complete their requirements immediately. This includes those students whose previously submitted identification documents have expired (such as your driver’s license or passport). Those with expired documents will be contacted to provide updated documents and students are asked respond to these requests immediately.

If you have not worked for the College previously, once you have been offered and hired into a position, you will need to log into Workday and initiate the Onboarding process in order to be paid. This includes summer employment. To be informed about the process, please visit Amherst’s student employment page found [here](#). This site provides information and instructions for both domestic and international students. For a list of acceptable citizenship documents go to the U.S. Citizen and Immigration Services [website](#). Please review the Department of Homeland Security's site: List of Acceptable Documents (found on page 3) for your options. You can choose either one item from List A or a combination of one Item from List B and one item from List C.

HEERF II

The College is still in the process of distributing HEERF II funds. Some HEERF II funds remain available. For students experiencing emergencies, these funds can be requested through the Student Emergency Fund through the Office of Student Affairs. HEERF III details will be shared when more is known about fund availability and student eligibility requirements.