

FINANCIAL
AID

GUIDE FOR 2020-21

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WELCOME!

Ninety-six percent of Liberty's students receive financial aid, and the Student Financial Services Office exists to help make a quality education more accessible.

This booklet will show you how to take advantage of the many financial aid resources available to meet your needs as you train as a Champion for Christ.

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NET PRICE CALCULATOR

Estimate the cost of your Liberty education with the Net Price Calculator. Visit [Liberty.edu/NetPriceCalculator](https://liberty.edu/NetPriceCalculator) and click "Net Price Calculator" for details.

BREAK DOWN *the numbers*

YOUR INVESTMENT

	SEMESTER	2020-21 ACADEMIC YEAR
TUITION 12–18 Credit Hours	\$11,900	\$23,800
MANDATORY FEES		
Activity Fee	\$385	\$770
Student Health Fee	\$170	\$340
HOUSING/ROOM & BOARD		
1 The Circle 025–028	\$2,375	\$4,750
South Tower 033		
2 East Campus 140-194 (3-person)		
The Hill 017-023 (3-person)	\$3,000	\$6,000
East Campus 140-194 (2-person)		
3 The Quad 029–032 (2-person)	\$3,500	\$7,000
The Hill 017–023 (2-person)		
4 The Quad 029–032 (1-person)	\$3,850	\$7,700
5 Residential Commons 001-003	\$4,000	\$8,000
FREEDOM DINING PLAN*	\$1,975	\$3,950
FREEDOM DINING PLUS+ PLAN	\$2,225	\$4,450
VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEE**	\$150	\$300

* Required for on-campus students.

** Auto registration fee is assessed if parking a vehicle on campus. Registration fees vary by parking location.

YOUR ESTIMATES

	BASIC	VIRGINIA	HONORS
TUITION/ROOM/BOARD/FEES*	\$34,860	\$34,860	\$34,860
FINANCIAL AID**			
Liberty Academic Scholarship (average)	\$3,375	\$3,086	\$8,892
Liberty's Honors Scholarship	N/A	N/A	\$4,000
Liberty's Champion Award	\$1,000	\$1,000	\$1,000
Liberty's Virginia Scholarship and VTAG	N/A	\$4,900	N/A
Federal Grants	\$5,010	\$4,971	\$4,297
Student Loans***	\$9,812	\$8,926	\$7,070
Other Aid****	\$4,544	\$6,704	\$7,314
TOTAL AID	\$23,741	\$29,587	\$32,573
Est. Remaining Balance	\$11,119	\$5,273	\$2,287
Est. 9-month Payment Plan	\$1,235	\$586	\$254

* Based on Tier 2 residence halls and Freedom Dining Plan. The auto registration fee is not included in the total.

** Some average aid amounts are used. Need-based requirements apply to some programs.

*** Federal Parent PLUS loans have not been included. These loans are credit-based loans that parents of a dependent student can borrow on a student's behalf.

**** Other aid includes estimated additional aid from Liberty and external financial aid sources.

TAKE FOUR *steps to financial aid*

1 **Complete** the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [FAFSA.gov](https://fafsa.gov) with your Federal Student Aid Identification (FSA ID) and Liberty's school code, 010392. A student must complete the FAFSA to be considered for most financial aid at Liberty.

▶ Use the *IRS Data Retrieval Tool* to make completing the FAFSA fast and easy.

2 **Apply for** grants, scholarships, outside aid, and work study. For more information on these aid options, visit [Liberty.edu/SFS](https://liberty.edu/SFS). Virginia residents should also apply for the Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (VTAG) at [Liberty.edu/VTAG](https://liberty.edu/VTAG).

3 **Learn about** and apply for federal and private loans at [Liberty.edu/Loans](https://liberty.edu/Loans).

4 **Complete Financial Check-In (FCI)** to confirm your enrollment, housing, aid, and payment plan (if needed) at [Liberty.edu/FCI](https://liberty.edu/FCI). Completing FCI earlier allows for better, more flexible payment plans.



FINANCIAL AID AND GRANTS

[Liberty.edu/Grants](https://liberty.edu/Grants)

Liberty Need-based Aid

Champion Award (see next page for details)

Liberty Supplemental Grant (up to **\$1,500** per year)

Liberty Scholars Grant (up to **\$2,200** per year)

Federal and State Grants & Need-based Aid

Federal Pell Grant (up to **\$6,195** for 2019–20)

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
(up to **\$1,000** per year)

Virginia Tuition Assistance Grant (up to **\$3,400** for 2019-20)

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT AND LOANS

Work Assistance Program | [Liberty.edu/HR](https://liberty.edu/HR)

Federal Work Study | [Liberty.edu/HR](https://liberty.edu/HR) (up to **\$4,000** per year)

Federal Parent PLUS Loan | [Liberty.edu/Loans](https://liberty.edu/Loans)

SCHOLARSHIP SEARCH 101

[Liberty.edu/ScholarshipSearch](https://liberty.edu/ScholarshipSearch)



CHAMPION AWARD

\$8,000 (Need-based requirements apply)

Year 1 \$1,000 Year 2 \$2,000

Year 3 \$2,250 Year 4 \$2,750

EARLY DEPOSIT AWARD

Up to \$2,000 (for first year)

Award amount is based upon Enrollment Deposit submission date.

HONORS PROGRAM

\$4,000 per year

For full eligibility details, visit Liberty.edu/Honors.

MISSIONARY SCHOLARSHIP

Full Tuition

The student must be a United States citizen whose parents are serving on a foreign mission field. Find the details at Liberty.edu/Scholarships.

LIBERTY ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,500–Full Tuition* per year

The following scholarship scale** is based on ACT scores, SAT scores, and cumulative, unweighted GPA.

MIDDLE AMERICA SCHOLARSHIP

Up to \$5,345 per year

If your family's total income typically falls within the \$35,000 and \$95,000 per year range, you might be eligible for this award. To view a full list of requirements, visit Liberty.edu/MiddleAmerica.

NATIONAL MERIT

Finalists:

*Full Tuition and Room & Board**

Semifinalists and Commended:

*Full Tuition**

VIRGINIA SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,500 per year

For prospective residential undergraduate students who are local, domiciled residents of Virginia.

► For details about what we offer National Merit scholars and other high-achieving students, please visit Liberty.edu/Scholarships.

ACT	20–22	23–25	26–28	29–31	32–34	35–36	
SAT	1020–1120	1130–1230	1240–1340	1350–1440	1450–1550	1560–1600	
GPA	3.80–4.00	\$3,250	\$3,750	\$5,500	\$7,000	\$7,500	Full Tuition
3.30–3.79	\$2,750	\$3,500	\$4,500	\$5,500	\$6,000	\$6,500	
3.00–3.29	\$1,500	\$1,750	\$2,500	\$2,750	\$4,000	\$5,500	

* Awarded after federal, state, and other Liberty University gift aid is applied.

** SAT/ACT requirements may be waived for students who are transferring 25+ credits, are age 22 or above, or have an associate degree from an accredited institution. Awards for these students range from \$1,500–\$5,000.

FINALIZE *your student account*

FINANCIAL CHECK-IN (FCI) [Liberty.edu/FCI](https://liberty.edu/FCI)

Completing FCI is the final step you must take each semester to confirm your enrollment, aid, housing, class schedule, and more.

PAYMENT PLANS

Our flexible payment plans are a great way to help pay for college, and the sooner you sign up for a payment plan, the more options you'll have to choose from. To learn more, visit [Liberty.edu/PayPlans](https://liberty.edu/PayPlans).

NEW STUDENT BOOK DOLLARS (*Up to \$600*)

Qualified new students may receive New Student Book Dollars during their first semester. The total amount of New Student Book Dollars awarded depends on when the student completes FCI. Any unused New Student Book Dollars will not be refunded.

BOOK VOUCHERS

All students can add Book Vouchers during the FCI process. These funds can be used exclusively at the Liberty University Barnes & Noble Bookstore to purchase books. At the end of the semester, remaining funds will be refunded to you.

FLAMES CASH

Flames Cash is a prepaid debit account accessed through your Flames Pass. Money may be added to your account during FCI or using the ID & Campus Services website, [Liberty.edu/CampusServices](https://liberty.edu/CampusServices). Flames Cash does not expire and can be used at participating merchants on and off campus.

REFUNDS

Credits that are generated from financial aid awards (federal, state, and institutional aid) are refunded after all educational expenses have been paid and in accordance with the refund preference you select in FCI. Learn more about refunds at [Liberty.edu/Refund](https://liberty.edu/Refund).

FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA)

You must create a FERPA PIN before you can share access to your student account.

1. Log into ASIST.
2. Click on the "General Information" tab.
3. Select "FERPA Personal Identification Number."
4. Read the information and click the box to indicate your agreement.
5. Choose level of viewing access under the "Add a new PIN" dropdown menu.
6. Click "Next."
7. Enter a PIN and click "Submit."

CONTACT US *with any questions*

hello!



By phone:

SA (434) 592-3600 | (866) 783-0191

FA (434) 582-2270 | (888) 583-5704

Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–8 p.m. EST

Saturday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. EST

Good afternoon,



By email:

SA StudentAccounts@liberty.edu

FA FinancialAid@liberty.edu

hey there!



In person:

Hancock Welcome Center (HWC) or

Green Hall, Student Service Center, Room 1569

Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–8 p.m. EST

Saturday, 8:30 a.m.–6 p.m. EST

Sunday, noon–6 p.m. EST

Hi,



Chat live:

[Liberty.edu/SFSCchat](https://liberty.edu/SFSCchat)

Monday–Friday, 8 a.m.–8 p.m. EST

Saturday, 10 a.m.–6 p.m. EST

SA

The Student Accounts Office can assist with Financial Check-In, book vouchers, refunds, and billing.

FA

The Financial Aid Office can be reached with questions about the FAFSA, verification, scholarships, grants, and loans.

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Liberty University reserves the right to change the terms and conditions of any scholarship at any time at its discretion, as well as suspend or terminate any scholarships.

NON-DISCRIMINATION STATEMENT

Liberty University does not engage in unlawful discrimination or harassment because of race, color, ancestry, religion, age, sex, national origin, pregnancy or childbirth, disability, or military veteran status in its educational programs and activities. Liberty University maintains its Christian mission and reserves its right to discriminate on the basis of religion to the extent that applicable law respects its right to act in furtherance of its religious objectives.

The following persons have been designated to coordinate Liberty University's compliance with certain anti-discrimination laws: Coordinator of LU Online Disability Accommodation Support at (434) 592-5417 or luodas@liberty.edu; Director of Disability Accommodation Support (Residential) at (434) 582-2159 or odas@liberty.edu; Executive Director of Title IX at (434) 592-4999 or TitleIX@liberty.edu.



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