



CLARION
UNIVERSITY

FINANCIAL AID *and* SCHOLARSHIPS



2021-2022

COVERING THE COST— *we can help!*

At Clarion University, our goal is to help students achieve a higher education regardless of financial circumstances.

Your education is one of the best investments you will ever make and offers a significant return on investment. According to the U.S. Bureau of Labor, in fact, college graduates earn an average of 61 percent more than non-college graduates.

We coordinate financial aid and scholarship resources so that Clarion students can obtain a Clarion degree and join our alumni network that are 58,000 strong!

85%

OF OUR STUDENTS

RECEIVE

SOME FORM OF *scholarship*
OR *financial assistance*



how to apply for FINANCIAL AID

File your FAFSA. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is available at [STUDENTAID.GOV](https://studentaid.gov). For priority consideration, submit your FAFSA before March 1 using Clarion's school code: 003318.

Federal and state governments are the primary sources of financial aid. Students apply for federal and state aid by filing the FAFSA.

The student and at least one parent (unless you are an independent student) must have an FSA (Federal Student Aid) ID to electronically sign and file a FAFSA. You can file your 2022-2023 FAFSA as early as Oct. 1, 2021.

To help guide you through the financial aid process, visit clarion.edu/FINAID or call the Financial Aid Office at 800-672-7171 (ext. 2).

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2021

A photograph of two students in a classroom. On the left, a young woman with long brown hair, wearing a grey t-shirt, is smiling and looking towards the right. On the right, a young woman with dark curly hair, wearing a red hoodie, is seen from the back, looking towards the left. The background is a blurred classroom setting with other students and desks.

2021-2022 *Academic Year Costs*

COSTS	PA RESIDENT	OUT OF STATE RESIDENT
TUITION/FEES	\$11,223	\$16,102
ROOM	\$ 8,590	\$ 8,590
MEALS	\$ 4,340	\$ 4,340
TOTAL:	\$24,153	\$29,032

For more detailed information regarding costs for Clarion University-Venango, online, Somerset or part-time students, go to clarion.edu/TUITION.







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filing your FAFSA

Deadline

The deadline to apply for Pennsylvania state grant aid is always May 1.

The application for the Pennsylvania state grant is the FAFSA; however, you must also complete PHEAA's state grant form at **WWW.PHEAA.ORG**.

When Will I Hear?

Typically you will be informed of your expected family contribution (EFC) immediately upon completion of your FAFSA. Students have the opportunity to review their previously submitted FAFSA data via the electronic Student Aid Report (SAR) approximately 48 hours after submitting their FAFSA.

Pennsylvania residents also receive a Grant Status Notice online from PHEAA, the Pennsylvania State Grant Agency. Once the notice is completed and electronically signed, students are notified of their state grant eligibility starting late November.

Clarion begins notifying students of their early estimated financial aid offer in January. Notifications are sent out electronically to the email you submit on your Clarion University application.

ways to pay FOR COLLEGE

SCHOLARSHIPS

Clarion automatically considers students for merit scholarships upon applying to the university. By offering additional support through scholarships, we can help you financially access a quality education. Additionally, athletic and endowed scholarships are available for students. We encourage students to explore external and local scholarships available through your school district.

The Clarion University scholarship application is available to incoming admitted freshmen and transfer students Jan. 1-March 1. All students receiving scholarships from the university are encouraged to complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

GRANTS

Grants are awarded based on information from your FAFSA.

PELL Grant:

A need-based federal grant ranging from \$672-\$6,495.

PA State Grant:

A need-based grant, for Pennsylvania residents only, that ranges from \$532-\$4,254.

SEOG Grant:

A \$400 federal grant for those with maximum financial need.

LOANS

Federal Direct Loans provide low-interest loans to students regardless of income or financial need with a fixed interest rate. Most students qualify for a portion of their loan to be subsidized, meaning that there is no interest on the loan while the student is in college at least half-time. To apply, incoming students must complete entrance counseling and a Master Promissory Note (MPN) which is available at **STUDENTAID.GOV**.

Federal Parent PLUS Loans

Parents of dependent students may borrow for their child's education through the Federal Direct Plus Loan for undergraduate students at **STUDENTAID.GOV**. The entire cost of attendance may be borrowed, minus other aid received. PLUS loans are not based on financial need and have a fixed interest rate that won't exceed 10.5%. Payments may be deferred until after graduation. If a parent is denied a PLUS loan, students may borrow additional unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan money as an independent student.

Private Loans

In addition to federal loans, a number of banks offer private loans to students. A private loan comparison tool can be

FEDERAL DIRECT LOAN BORROWING CHART

College Credits Earned	Dependent Students	Independent Students*
0-29	\$ 5,500	\$ 9,500
30-59	\$ 6,500	\$10,500
60-graduation	\$ 7,500	\$12,500

* Independent according to the federal government's definition, relative to financial aid. Dependent students whose parents have been denied a Direct PLUS loan may also borrow this amount.



more than
\$5
MILLION
IN SCHOLARSHIPS
AWARDED
LAST YEAR

For more information on scholarships,
go to clarion.edu/SCHOLARSHIPS.

PAYMENT PLAN

Clarion University offers an alternative to paying your bill in full via an interest-free monthly payment plan. Our monthly payment plan helps students and their families budget the cost of tuition and fees by spreading payments over the course of the semester. You will be able to sign up for various payment plan options through the MyClarion Student Center. A small enrollment fee is your only cost and no credit approval is required. Learn more at clarion.edu/CUPAY.

WORKING ON CAMPUS

Clarion University offers campus jobs and work study positions. Information for students seeking employment in the Federal Work Study program can be found at clarion.edu/STUDENTEMPLOYMENT. Student employment on campus can be a great way to earn income while working on your degree and provides valuable work experience.

MILITARY EDUCATION BENEFITS

Clarion is a Military Friendly School that offers active military and veteran students and their families competitive tuition rates, priority scheduling and connection with expert staff to help you through the entire process. Visit clarion.edu/VETERANS for more information.

STUDENT ACCESS TO FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Students who have applied to, or are enrolled at Clarion can visit their MyClarion page ([HTTPS://MYCLARION.CLARION.EDU](https://myclarion.clarion.edu)). Students may view their financial aid, print invoices, buy textbooks, make tuition payments and more.

FEDERAL AND STATE VERIFICATION

Both federal and state financial aid agencies verify a percentage of FAFSA applicants. If selected for verification, you will be notified and asked to supply certain financial records. Verification must be completed in order to receive federal and/or state aid.

housing AND MEALS

Housing is on a first-come, first served basis in campus suites (Freshmen Focused Housing) and Reinhard Villages (Upper-Classmen Focused Housing). The housing application opens in November and housing choices are guaranteed through June 1.

Clarion offers six dining facilities on campus with a wide selection of meal choices from all-you-can-eat to grab-and-go sandwiches, sushi at Carlson Cafe to world-famous coffee at Starbucks. Clarion's meal plans provide great options that afford a pleasant break from your daily scholastic routine.



2021-2022 HOUSING & MEAL *rates*

	SEMESTER	ACADEMIC YEAR
SUITES ON MAIN STREET		
Two-person shared semi-suite	\$4,295	\$8,590
One-person single semi-suite	4,995	9,990
Two-person private semi-suite	5,435	10,870

CAMPUS VIEW & VALLEY VIEW SUITES		
Four-Person Suite	\$4,475	\$8,950
Two-Person Suite	5,435	10,870

RESIDENT STUDENT MEAL PLANS		
14 Meals per week with \$350 Flex	\$2,170	\$4,340
19 Meals per week with \$250 Flex	2,139	4,278
175 Semester Block with \$350 Flex	1,800	3,600

OFF-CAMPUS STUDENT MEAL PLANS*		
10 meals per week with \$350 Flex	\$1,885	\$3,770
7 meals per week with \$100 Flex	1,150	2,300
\$1000 Flex only (per semester)	1,000	
\$250 Flex only (per semester)	250	
\$500 Flex only (per semester)	500	

*Students can also choose a Resident Student Meal Plan listed above.

CLARION ADMISSIONS OFFICE/SCHOLARSHIP ADMINISTRATION

814-393-2306 or 800-672-7171 (ext 1)

clarion.edu/SCHOLARSHIPS

scholarships@clarion.edu

Check us out virtually at

clarion.edu/VIRTUALTOUR.

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