You are not alone, Financial Aid is for everyone

Whether you just need a little money to carry you through one semester, or you have earned scholarships that pay for your entire tuition, Financial Aid is for everyone and can sometimes be difficult to understand. Do not be afraid to ask questions or come to us for help. There also other great resources that can help you in your financial aid research:

www.fastweb.com
www.collegeboard.org
www.studentaid.ed.gov

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“"Our Financial Aid Office assists students in identifying multiple funding streams designed to minimize out of pocket cost. Students are often pleasantly surprised to find out how affordable college can be. Contact us today for guidance as we help you reach your goal of earning a college degree.”

Keith Britton
Director of Admissions Services

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Do you need money for college?

How to apply for financial aid?
1. Apply for admission to USC Sumter.
2. Apply for a PIN at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov)
3. File the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
4. Follow up and receive financial aid award notifications at your email address.

What types of aid are available?

**Federal Student Aid**
- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Direct Subsidized Loan
- Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan
- Federal Work-Study*
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant*
- Federal Perkins Loan*

(*campus-based aid, awarded on a first-come, first-served basis until all funds are exhausted)

**State Based Aid**
- State Need Based Grant
- LIFE Scholarship
- Lottery Tuition Assistance

**University Scholarships**
- Many businesses, organizations and individuals donate money for USC Sumter students. Students may apply by completing a scholarship application. Scholarships are awarded based on academic merit and potential.

Real Students, Real Savings

It's never too late

For many nontraditional students at USC Sumter, financial aid may seem out of reach and an impossible dream. But for US Air Force veteran JJ Ardis, receiving both Lottery Tuition Assistance and GI Benefits has made his first year of college easier than he thought. “I haven't had to worry about tuition, books, paper, any of those things.”

Ardis was fortunate enough to receive both forms of aid to cover his expenses and take a load off of his mind. After serving in the Air Force and working in the Supply Field, Ardis is now pursuing a Bachelor of Arts in Liberal Studies. Ardis also works full-time with the Sumter Sheriff's Office. His goals are to graduate with honors, receive his Master's Degree and then eventually teach Criminal Justice at the college level. So far, Ardis has enjoyed his time at USC Sumter. “The professors take the time to get to know you, I really like that.”

Every Little Bit Helps

Adam Little waited until the Spring semester to start USC Sumter and college for the first time. Like most incoming freshmen, paying for his entire tuition would be a hardship for his parents, so he relies on financial aid to help supplement his college costs. Little is thankful that he qualified for the Federal Pell Grant. “It means I had less to borrow in student loans.” Every little bit counts and Little feels that if he keeps his GPA up this semester, he will be able to qualify for the LIFE Scholarship next year.

Scholarships Paid the Way

During her senior year at Sumter Christian, Rachael Horne received excellent offers from several local and out-of-state colleges. “I chose USC Sumter because of the Senior Scholar Award, which covers my entire first two years of tuition.” Horne qualified for the Senior Scholar Award and the LIFE Scholarship, making her out-of-pocket expenses for college little or nothing for her family.

Because she doesn’t have to worry as much about tuition costs, Horne can spend more time focusing on her studies and the next few years of college. She plans to major in Elementary Education and stay on the USC Sumter campus through the partnership with the USC Upstate program. As long as she maintains a 3.0 GPA, she will be able to keep the Life Scholarship while she is a student.

Rachael Horne - USC Sumter Student & Senior Scholar