The Cost of Attendance (COA) is the maximum amount of financial aid permitted from all sources during the given academic term.

While the COA cannot be increased to meet non-educational obligations, documented extraordinary expenses and/or special needs may be considered per federal regulations. The COA can be increased for a one-time computer purchase and/or AU medical insurance.

Enrollment in three credit hours per term is required for receipt of federal financial aid. Recipients of financial aid must meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) requirements, including maintaining a 2.0 cumulative GPA and successful completion of at least 67% of attempted coursework.

Living expense refunds, if applicable, are typically available beginning in the first week of classes. Financial aid cannot disburse early to cover expenses.

AUWCL reserves the right to modify or change the contents of the student budget without notice.

**How To Apply for Federal Financial Aid**

Please complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at studentaid.gov/fafsa.

Below are some helpful tips:

- An FSA ID is required to log in. If you need to create one, please visit fsaid.ed.gov.
- Enter our school code in the FAFSA – 001434. Please note: the Washington College of Law uses the same school code as American University.
- For students attending the July 2023, October 2023, January 2024, or April 2024 terms, you must submit the 2023-2024 FAFSA.
- For admitted and registered students, the AUWCL Financial Aid Office emails award notices within 10 business days after receiving the FAFSA. Requests for additional documentation may delay processing.