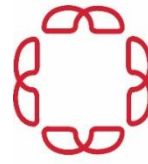


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### ***PACKAGING PHILOSOPHY 2023-2024***

The philosophy of Ana G. Mendez University is to award financial aid funds to students with financial need based on the cost of tuition and students' compliance with eligibility requirements, as established by the Federal Department of Education. The award of an aid package is a process that is executed automatically by the financial aid system: Banner, which selects students at random based on the afore mentioned criteria.

Free grants, scholarships, loans, and work-study programs are available to eligible students who are enrolled in an eligible program (certificates, undergraduates, master's degrees, and doctorates).

The student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in order to be eligible for the aid package, including federal or state aid.

The order of funds comprising the aid package is broken down as follows:

- Pell
- FSEOG
- State Grants
- Subsidized Federal Direct Loan
- Unsubsidized Federal Direct Loan

Each time a package of funds (packaging) is made, the student is notified. If changes arise in the quantities offered, a notification of change of aid will be generated. These notifications are sent through the email of the Institution weekly.

## **Pell Grant**

The amounts awarded are based on each student's estimated family contribution (EFC). Payment amounts also vary according to each student's tuition level (less than 1/2 time, 1/2 time, 3/4 time and full-time). The maximum Pell Grant amount for the 2023-2024 grant year is \$7,395.

## **Federal Supplemental Fund-FSEOG Scholarship**

This fund is awarded primarily to students with full eligibility for the Pell Grant (EFC of zero) and with an exceptionally high need.

The minimum amount to award is \$100.00 and the maximum is \$4,000.00

## **State program**

These funds are awarded based on the criteria required for each of them. Quantities vary depending on background availability and students are usually randomly selected by the *packaging* system. The student may require additional information and documentation to be eligible or to determine eligibility.

Among the most common funds available for the *packaging* process "are the following:

## **BETA**

For the 2020-2021 aid year, the approved state aid program changes its name to BETA and requirements for student eligibility, including:

- 1. Family income no greater than \$ 21,058.
- 2. GPA of 3.00 or higher
- 3. Be enrolled full-time (12 credits or more)

## Federal Direct Loan

Student loans are a type of help that the student must pay back to the Department of Education. Amounts are awarded on a passive confirmation basis. The amount offered depends on the annual limits and regulations set by the Federal Department of Education. New borrowers taking out a loan for the first time must complete and sign the Master Promissory Note (MPN) and income counseling before the loans can be disbursed.

Subsidized loans are only offered to undergraduate students with an unmet need. Master's and doctoral students are eligible for unsubsidized loans. The student has 30 days from the first day of classes to cancel the same.

The Federal Department of Education sets the maximum annual amounts, as follows:

Year	Dependent Students (except students whose parents are unable to obtain PLUS Loans)	Independent Students (and dependent undergraduate students whose parents are unable to obtain PLUS Loans)
First-Year Undergraduate Annual Loan Limit	\$5,500-No more than \$3,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.	\$9,500-No more than \$3,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.
<u>What's the difference between Direct Subsidized Loans and Direct Unsubsidized Loans?</u>		
Loan Limit		
Third Year and Beyond Undergraduate Annual Loan Limit	\$7,500 per year-No more than \$5,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.	\$12,500-No more than \$5,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.
Graduate or Professional Student Annual Loan Limit	Not Applicable (all graduate and professional degree students are considered independent).	\$20,500 (unsubsidized only).
Subsidized and Unsubsidized Aggregate Loan Limit	\$31,000-No more than \$23,000 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.	\$57,500 for undergraduates-No more than \$23,000 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.  \$138,500 for graduate or professional students-No more than \$65,500 of this amount may be in subsidized loans. The graduate aggregate limit includes all federal loans received for undergraduate study.

\*Does not include PLUS loans

For PLUS loans, no packaging processes are carried out, only at the request of the student.