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## Welcome Statement

The **Student Financial Aid** office staff welcomes our new students and welcomes back our continuing students to LSU Health Shreveport for another academic term! Although this year may be unique and a change from years past, the financial aid office is still here to provide students with the same level of service and commitment to keeping you up to date on debt management, repayment options, financial literacy and scholarship information. You can contact our office with your questions and concerns.

### SAP Appeal Process

1. Submit appeal by Jan. 29th
2. Appeal Committee meets on Feb. 5th
3. Students are notified of the decision
4. Awards are posted
5. Students must accept award 1 week



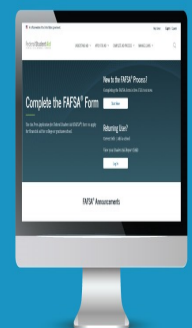
## WHAT'S NEW

1. Financial Aid Text Service Available
2. Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement
3. COVID-19 UPDATES

School Code	Program Start Term	FAFSA to file (use this form)	Tax Year (tax form needed)
008067	Fall 2020	2020-2021	2018
	Spring 2021		
	Summer 2021		
	Fall 2021	2021-2022	2019
	Spring 2022		
	Summer 2022		

2021-2022  
**FAFSA**  
Now Available

Submit the FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)



Students who take a leave of absence typically do so for a full academic year. Individual circumstances may require more or less time; the length of the leave is determined by the school. Students on leave should remain in contact with their program Dean and update them about changes in plans. The return from leave process supports students in a successful re-entry to academic life at LSUHSC.

For more information, review your Student Handbook



## Financial Literacy

### Empowering Individuals to

### Make Healthy Financial Decisions

At LSU Health Shreveport, part of our mission is to prepare you to be an informed citizen and leader. School can be challenging, but managing your money shouldn't be. After creating a personalized account, you can:

- ◆ Measure your financial health and get personalized recommendations.
- ◆ Complete online courses on topics relevant to your life.
- ◆ Assess your risk of identity theft, calculate the cost of borrowing, create financial goals and a spending plan, track your expenses, and much more!

Start building your financial future today with [AAMC Financial Wellness](#). That means knowing not only what you want to do with your life, but also with your financial resources.



**financial wellness**

## TOPIC OF THE TERM

### OVERAWARDS

Per Federal Regulations, LSU Health Shreveport is required to resolve all Overawards (OAs) before additional financial aid can be released. OAs are resolved by reducing and/or canceling financial aid offered. Undisbursed loans will be reduced before any reduction is made to other awards. You may be asked to submit a COA Appeal Form to assist in resolving your OA.

OAs typically occur when the Office of Student Financial Aid (SFA) is not aware of financial assistance a student is receiving at the time of awarding their aid package. Students are responsible for notifying SFA as soon as they are aware of additional aid they will receive.

OAs can also occur as a result of verification being completed or other changes being made to a student's FAFSA and/or account status (i.e. Residency, Housing). You should complete all necessary To Do items in your student portal as soon as possible to prevent changes from having to be made to your aid package.





## Ask Mr. Penny Bank\$

### Mr. Bank\$, who has to repay my student loans?

Repayment of student loans is the student's responsibility. Whether a student borrows Federal Direct Subsidized, Unsubsidized Loans, Direct PLUS Loans and/or private alternative loans, it is the student's responsibility to repay the loans. Students with private alternative loans will have separate payments to make on these in addition to the payment for their Federal Direct loans.

It is also the student's responsibility to keep their lender or servicer informed of their current address, email address and phone number. Students are encouraged to register at their assigned servicer's website.

## LOAN REPAYMENT SUPPORT FOR PROSPECTIVE GRADUATES

February 25th	10:00 am & 4:00 pm
March 12th	12:00 pm & 4:00 pm
March 17th	4:00 pm
March 25th	12:00 pm
March 31st	10:00 am
April 9th	12:00 pm
April 15th	10:00 am
April 16th	4:00 pm
April 21st	12:00 pm
April 29th	10:00 am
May 6th	10:00 am & 4:00 pm
May 21st	10:00 am & 4:00 pm

[Click Here](#) to join any of the scheduled sessions

## Important Dates

Spring 2021			Summer 2021		
	Continuing Students	New Students		Continuing Students	New Students
Complete FAFSA 2020-2021	January 4th	January 4th		January 4th	March 1st
Complete FAFSA 2021-2022	March 1st	May 15th		March 1st	May 15th
Accept Awards	March 22nd			June 15th	
Document Submission	March 15th			June 8th	
Loan Repayment Session	<a href="#">Various Dates</a>			TBD	
CARES Act Fund Application	TBD			TBD	
SAP Appeals	January 29th			FRIDAY BEFORE CLASSES BEGIN	

## CARES Act

### Apply Now

The Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act includes a Higher Education Emergency Relief Fund (HEERF), which established emergency grants intended to assist college students with expenses incurred due to the disruption of campus operations. These funds are disbursed directly to students to assist with food, housing, course materials, technology, healthcare, child-care, or other expenses.

### Need to contact our office?

1. Email: [shvfinaid@lsuhsc.edu](mailto:shvfinaid@lsuhsc.edu)
2. Text: 318-217-2417

#### **LaTora Green, Financial Aid Counselor**

Counselor to students with last names that begin A-K

#### **Kimberly Dennis, Financial Aid Counselor**

Counselor to students with last names that begin L-Z

#### **Demario Tyson, Assistant Director**

Process scholarships, waivers, private loans, Go grant & TOPS

#### **Katranya Williams, Director**