



Step 1 – Review Options for Paying for College

- Put time on your side.** Applying for and receiving financial aid can take several weeks, even months, depending on your individual circumstances. Apply early and respond promptly to requests for information and action.
- Review all available options to assist you in paying for college**, including grants, loans, scholarships, workstudy, personal savings, etc. For more information about types of aid, visit <https://www.fhsu.edu/finaid/types-of-aid/>.
- Estimate your cost to attend college.** Your Cost of Attendance is an estimate of the total amount it will cost you to go to college, including tuition and fees, books and supplies, room and board, loan origination fees, travel expenses, parking fees, and personal/miscellaneous expenses. To estimate your COA at FHSU, go to <https://www.fhsu.edu/finaid/Forms/>, and select the "Cost of Attendance Worksheet." Current FHSU tuition and fee schedules are available at https://www.fhsu.edu/sfs/students_parents/tuition/. Tuition and fee rates for 2026-2027 will be finalized in early July 2026.

Step 2 – Apply for Admission to FHSU

- Apply for admission to FHSU.** Visit <https://www.fhsu.edu/admissions/admissions-application/> for more information.
NOTE: Financial aid will not be awarded until you have applied for admission and have been accepted as a degree seeking student at FHSU.
- Send all official college academic transcripts** to the FHSU Registrar's Office, 600 Park Street, Hays, KS 67601 if you have taken any college coursework at another institution. In most cases, aid cannot be calculated until all transcripts are received and reviewed by the Registrar's Office.

Step 3 – Activate your TigerNetID and Check your Workday/Email Regularly

- Activate your TigerNetID account** by visiting <https://www.fhsu.edu/tigertech/new-student-information/>. Upon activating your TigerNetID, you can sign into Workday.
- Check your Workday account and email regularly for information from FHSU.** We send correspondence through a Workday task or by email notification to the email address you provide on the FAFSA.

Step 4 – Apply for Scholarships

- Apply for FHSU scholarships** online at <https://www.fhsu.edu/finaid/Scholarships/>. The priority deadline for FHSU Scholarships is **November 15, 2025**, and the final deadline is **February 15, 2026**.
- Complete the State of Kansas Student Aid Application** online at http://www.kansasregents.org/scholarships_and_grants if you are a State of Kansas Scholar. Priority deadline is May 1, 2026.
- Search for other scholarship opportunities** on the FHSU Scholarship Search webpage - <https://www.fhsu.edu/Scholarship.aspx>.

Step 5 – Apply for Federal Financial Aid

- Obtain a Federal Student Aid FSA ID** which consists of a username and password combination that allows you to sign your FAFSA electronically. Your FSA ID can be used to sign loan contracts and to access certain information online. You can get your FSA ID as you fill out the FAFSA.
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** online at studentaid.gov. Complete your FAFSA as soon after October 1, 2025, limited types of aid are awarded to eligible applicants who apply first. If at all possible, use the Future ACT Direct Data Exchange (FADDX) option when you apply. The FHSU school code is 001915.

Step 6 – Review your FAFSA Submission Summary

- Review your FAFSA Submission Summary** which is sent to you via e-mail or postal mail after you file the FAFSA, for accuracy. If you filed your FAFSA online, you should receive an email and then you can review your FSS.

Step 7 – Submit Requested Documents to FHSU

- Submit any requested documents to FHSU.** The FHSU Financial Assistance Office will begin assigning Workday tasks requesting additional information to students who have submitted a FAFSA. Please respond promptly. Contact us if you have questions.

Step 8 – Accept or Decline your Financial Aid Offer

- Accept or Decline your financial offer.** Upon receiving notification that your financial aid offer is pending, you will find your award offer in Workday. Please be sure to “accept/ decline” all of your financial aid listed. Any items left at “pending” will result in a delay of your disbursement.
- If you wish to take out a Parent PLUS Loan,** please visit <http://www.fhsu.edu/finaid/Loans/> for more information.
- Outside scholarships must be sent to the Student Fiscal Services Office.**
All outside scholarships must be sent to the student fiscal services office on campus. Their address is 317 Picken Hall, 600 Park Street, Hays, KS 67601. You may also contact their office at 785-628-5251 if you have additional questions.

Step 9 – Early Enroll in Classes

- Early enroll in classes** and make sure your financial aid offer matches your enrollment level. If you indicate that you are going to be a full-time student but do not enroll in enough classes, we cannot disburse your aid. Registering in the right classes for your degree program is important, but it is also important to enroll in the correct number of credit hours. For more information about enrollment level and General Eligibility, visit <https://www.fhsu.edu/finaid/General-Eligibility/>.
- Notify the Financial Assistance Office if you no longer plan to attend FHSU** at finaid@fhsu.edu.

Step 10 – Sign your Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Complete Entrance Counseling, if Applicable

- For Direct Loans, sign a Master Promissory Note (MPN)** online at studentaid.gov if this is the first Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan you have received. Complete loan Entrance Counseling online at studentaid.gov.

Step 11 – Find a Student Job

- New students seeking employment will be reviewed for Work Study eligibility at the time of hire.** To find available positions at FHSU, log into Workday > Career > Find Student Jobs.
- Returning employed students will be awarded Work Study if eligible.** No action will need to be taken to receive the Federal Work Study award.

CONTACT INFORMATION FOR FHSU AND OTHER RESOURCES

FHSU Student Fiscal Services (billing, payments, student accounts) 785-628-5251 www.fhsu.edu/sfs/	FHSU Admissions Office 785-628-5666 www.fhsu.edu/admissions/	FHSU TigerTech HelpDesk 785-628-3478 https://www.fhsu.edu/technology/support-students	FHSU Student Employment Office 785-628-5227
Federal Processor/FAFSA 800-433-3243 studentaid.gov	FAFSA4caster studentaid.gov	Direct Loan Servicing Center 800-433-3243 studentaid.gov	Direct Loan MPN Issues 800-557-7394 studentaid.gov