

Overview: The mission of the Financial Assistance Office is to enhance student learning and personal development through the administration of federal, state, and local financial assistance and scholarship programs. In particular, the areas of service, counseling, information distribution, compliance, and aid equity will be emphasized.

Points of Pride: 2025-2026

- ❖ Received approval and hired and trained our new scholarship specialist position
- ❖ Coordinated and implemented a multi-department fraud prevention and identity theft process
- ❖ Completed the financial aid portion of the Resource Recruitment Center
- ❖ Hosted 2 scholarship and 2 FAFSA completion events on campus
- ❖ Expended all of the Federal Workstudy allocation through student payroll
- ❖ Developed the Workday Extend functionality to administer employee tuition assistance programs

Focus Areas for 2025-2026:

- ❖ Implement new processes for Pell grant funding related to the One Big Beautiful Bill
- ❖ Implement new loan processes for Direct Loans related to the One Big Beautiful Bill
- ❖ Enhance fraud and identity theft procedures incorporating the FAFSA enhancements
- ❖ Implement a default prevention program with a third party vendor to reduce the Cohort Default Rate to under 15%

By the Numbers:

- ❖ As of 5-28-26 we have processed 16,707 ISIRS for 11,963 unique students.
- ❖ 352 students have been identified either as confirmed fraud or potential as of 6-1-26.
- ❖ Received 529 files for verification, an increase of 71% over the prior year as a result of fraud prevention.
- ❖ 56 students participated in the FAFSA and scholarship application completion events.

- ❖ 7,825 students received some form of financial assistance including scholarships, grants and loans from all source types of local, private, institutional, state, and federal.
- ❖ Disbursed \$72,172,113.40 (see chart 1), and increase of \$1,110,883.35 over the prior year as of 6-1-26.

Student Award: Chart 1

Student Award	Total Awarded	Unduplicated Awards	Avg Award
Federal Awards	\$ 48,346,211.00	5,486	\$ 2,610.77
Grant	\$ 15,412,906.00	3,055	\$ 2,079.73
Federal Pell Grant	\$ 14,947,933.00	3,031	\$ 2,500.07
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant	\$ 414,667.00	897	\$ 298.97
Federal TEACH Grant	\$ 50,306.00	25	\$ 1,117.91
Loan	\$ 32,933,305.00	3,946	\$ 2,965.09
Federal DL Graduate PLUS Loan	\$ 121,101.00	18	\$ 4,325.04
Federal DL Parent PLUS Loan	\$ 859,003.00	92	\$ 4,908.59
Federal DL Subsidized Loan	\$ 7,606,690.00	1,994	\$ 1,911.23
Federal DL Unsubsidized Loan	\$ 24,346,511.00	3,374	\$ 3,516.25
Institutional Awards	\$ 7,384,660.54	2,899	\$ 1,243.42
Foundation Awards	\$ 6,363,700.51	2,398	\$ 887.92
Private Awards	\$ 6,135,039.53	1,434	\$ 1,542.63
State Awards	\$ 3,941,577.82	1,432	\$ 1,565.36
Kansas Comprehensive Grant	\$ 2,953,034.00	1,255	\$ 1,469.90
Scholarship	\$ 988,543.82	242	\$ 1,942.13
Total Awards	\$ 72,171,189.40	7,825	\$ 1,893.31