

Once you receive your Financial Aid Award Letter, there may be additional steps required to finalize your aid.

TAX VERIFICATION

This process requires submitting additional documents to the financial aid office in order to support and verify information entered on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Complete and return the following ONLY if you are requested to do so.

2015 Federal Taxes

Required if one of the following is listed on your award letter:

- 2015 Tax Verification – PARENTS
- 2015 Tax Verification – STUDENTS

Option 1: *The DRT is no longer available for the 2017-2018 FAFSA. Please request your 2015 Tax Return Transcript if you were unable to use the DRT prior to its suspension in March 2017.*

IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) – This is the fastest and easiest option. The DRT allows you and your parents to transfer your IRS data directly into your [FAFSA form](#). The [DRT tutorial](#) will guide you through the process.

Option 2:

Tax Return Transcript – Request your transcript by mail with the [IRS transcript service](#). The service offers multiple options; select TAX RETURN TRANSCRIPT. The transcript will be mailed to you, usually within 5-10 business days; you will then be required to email, fax or mail it to the Financial Aid Office.

PLEASE NOTE: It may take up to three weeks for your IRS information to be available for electronic IRS tax return filers, and up to eight weeks for paper filers.

Dependent or Independent Verification Worksheet

Required if one of the following is listed on your award letter:

- [Colby-Sawyer Independent Verification Worksheet](#)
- [Colby-Sawyer Dependent Verification Worksheet](#)

You are an independent student if you were **not** required to include your parent(s) tax information on your FAFSA form. You are a dependent student if you were required to include your parent(s) tax information on your FAFSA form.

The required form(s) need to be completed, emailed, faxed or mailed to the Financial Aid Office.

YOUR ESTIMATED REMAINING COST

Colby-Sawyer award letters include an “Estimated Remaining Cost,” which gives an approximate balance that you will owe to Colby-Sawyer for the academic year. This figure is calculated by subtracting any scholarships, grants and loans you have qualified for from Colby-Sawyer’s direct costs (tuition, room and board).

PLEASE NOTE:

- Colby-Sawyer recommends that you allow for an additional expenditure of \$2,000 each year for books and personal expenses; international students should also plan for medical insurance.
- The “Estimated Remaining Cost” does not include: loan origination fees, specialty housing costs, credit overload charges, etc.

FEDERAL WORK STUDY

Federal work study is a federal eligibility that is determined by the FAFSA; if you qualify, an amount will be listed on your financial aid award letter. Federal work study is not calculated towards the “Estimated Remaining Cost” on your award letter; it is listed to notify you of eligibility to pursue a federal work study job on campus. Federal work study positions are not guaranteed. If you are eligible and you secure a job, funds are paid directly to you biweekly and you may only earn up to the amount listed on the award letter.

ACCEPTING YOUR FINANCIAL AID AWARD

By submitting the \$500 enrollment deposit to Colby-Sawyer, you accept the Colby-Sawyer aid offered. Federal loans listed on the award letter require additional steps to secure or decline.

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Reapplying for Financial Aid

You must reapply for financial aid every year by completing a FAFSA by March 1.

Housing Status

Full time students are required to live on campus for all four years of enrollment; your financial aid award is based on this policy unless otherwise noted.

PLEASE NOTE: Any changes in your housing status will result in an adjustment to your financial aid.

Enrollment Status

Your award package is based on enrolling in and completing 12 – 18 credits per semester (full-time status). If you drop below 12 credits, some or all of your aid may be prorated or cancelled. Enrolling in more than 18 credits will incur an additional charge, for which additional aid will not be awarded.

Withdrawals

If you withdraw from Colby-Sawyer during a semester, Colby-Sawyer is required to use a federal formula to calculate the amount of aid that you have earned up to the date of your withdrawal. If you receive more aid than what you earned, you are required to return the excess funds, which may create a balance owed. Colby-Sawyer’s Financial Services Office will notify you if any aid funds need to be returned and if this will create a balance owed.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

Federal financial aid programs require satisfactory academic progress (SAP) in order to receive federal financial aid. When SAP requirements are not met, colleges must remove federal aid until such time that satisfactory status is achieved. Learn more at Colby-Sawyer’s [SAP requirements webpage](#).

Study Abroad

You may choose to participate in a study abroad experience while attending Colby-Sawyer. Depending on the program, you may be able to apply federal financial aid (Pell Grant, Federal Direct Loans). Institutional aid may not be used toward a study abroad experience.

MISCELLANEOUS FORMS

Outside Scholarship Form

This is required if you receive scholarships from outside sources. Please fill out and return to the Financial Aid Office with copies of the award and/or letter pertaining to the outside scholarship(s).

Special Consideration Form

This is available if you have endured a financial hardship in the past year. It allows you and your family to update Colby-Sawyer's Financial Aid Office of any major financial changes. In some cases, Colby-Sawyer is able to adjust awards based on a change in financial need.

Enrollment Deposit

The \$500 deposit secures your spot in the incoming class. For fall semester the deposit is due by May 1. It is refundable up until May 1.

PLEASE NOTE: This money is not applied to your bill.

Make your deposit at Colby-Sawyer's [enrollment deposit webpage](#).

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