

Financial Aid Awarding and Packaging Policies

The Cleveland Institute of Art is committed to providing financial assistance to students through a combination of federal, state, institutional, and outside funding sources. Financial aid awards are determined based on a student's eligibility, demonstrated financial need, enrollment status, academic program, and the availability of funding.

Financial aid packages may include grants, scholarships, work-study, and student loans. CIA's goal is to maximize available gift assistance, such as scholarships and grants, before offering self-help aid, including work-study and loans.

Financial aid eligibility is determined using information provided on the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. Students selected for verification must complete all verification requirements before certain types of financial aid can be finalized or disbursed.

Financial aid offers are subject to review and revision if any of the following occur:

- Changes in enrollment status or housing plans
- Receipt of additional scholarships, grants, or other educational resources
- Corrections to FAFSA information
- Verification results that affect eligibility
- Changes in federal, state, or institutional funding levels
- Failure to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements

Students are responsible for reviewing their financial aid offer and notifying the Office of Financial Aid of any outside scholarships or other educational benefits they receive. Federal regulations prohibit students from receiving financial aid in excess of their Cost of Attendance. When necessary, CIA will adjust financial aid awards to comply with federal, state, and institutional regulations.

Students experiencing special or unusual financial circumstances may contact the Office of Financial Aid to discuss whether a review of their aid eligibility through a professional judgment process is appropriate.