

# Applying for Financial Aid at KSC – 2010-11

FAFSA priority filing deadline – March 1, 2010

KSC school code – 002590

To apply for grants, loans, scholarships, and/or College Work-Study from Keene State College for the 2010-11 academic year, complete the following:

1. **Students & parents obtain a PIN number at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) to file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) electronically.**  
Why file on the Web?
  - a. Electronic filing at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) is faster and more accurate than filing a paper application.
  - b. *FAFSA on the Web* checks your application, before you submit, ensuring your data is ready to be processed.
  - c. Using a PIN number replaces the need for your manual signature.
2. **File the FAFSA online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) before March 1, 2010.**
  - a. The completed FAFSA will be your application for all possible types of need-based financial aid from KSC, Pell grants, and state scholarships.
  - b. The FAFSA should be completed as soon as possible after **January 1, 2010**. If actual tax information is not available, the student (and parents) should complete the FAFSA using estimated data. Priority consideration as an on-time applicant is dependent on the date the FAFSA is received by the Department of Education's processor. You should submit your FAFSA so that the processor receives it by **March 1, 2010**.
3. **Federal tax returns and other documents** – Student Financial Services (SFS) may request verifying documents to complete your financial aid application. This is a federal requirement in many instances and is not usually an indicator of a problem with your application. A signed copy of parent, student and/or spouse 2009 IRS 1040EZ, 1040A, TeleFile worksheet\*, or 1040 as filed with all applicable schedules is frequently requested. If the student or parent will not file a tax return, they may submit a *Non-Tax-Filer Statement*, available at [www.keene.edu/sfs](http://www.keene.edu/sfs) > Forms & Facts. This form, appropriately completed, will satisfy the tax return requirement. A verification worksheet may be requested. SFS will notify you in writing if any of these items are necessary.  
\* *TeleFilers must provide IRS confirmation number & signature to validate the tax return.*
4. **Notification of financial aid award from KSC.**
  - a. **First-year or transfer students** who have applied for financial aid by the March 1 priority filing deadline may normally expect to receive notification by April 30.
  - b. **Returning or graduate students** who have applied for financial aid by the March 1 priority filing deadline may normally expect to receive notification by June 30.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Students who complete their FAFSA application after March 1, 2010, should be aware that award notifications will not be made until late in the summer, and then only as available funds allow. Although late applications (after March 1) will be accepted, you **may be required to remit payment in full of all fall 2010 semester charges**. Your financial aid application may not be reviewed before the due date of the bill. If extenuating circumstances, such as the death of a parent or severe illness, have prevented you from completing and submitting your application on time, appropriate documentation will be required before a review may be granted.

## Academic Scholarships

- **First-year students** may be awarded merit-based (academic) scholarships through the admissions process. These scholarships do not require a separate application. Notification of merit scholarships is mailed from the Admissions Office and is also included on your financial aid award notification.
- **Returning students** are eligible to apply for KSC scholarships by a separate online application available in early March for the following academic year. You may visit [www.keene.edu/sfs](http://www.keene.edu/sfs) in early March for more information. The scholarship application is due early April. Scholarship recipients will be notified by letter during the summer.

Fees & Expenses for Fall 2009–Spring 2010	NH Residents	Out-of-state Residents	<b>Please Note:</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Current year charges are provided for reference only; fees and expenses will be higher for the fall 2010 and spring 2011 semesters.</li> <li>• The <u>Board of Trustees</u> of the University System of New Hampshire <u>adjusts charges</u> for tuition, room, board, and fees annually. Such changes are usually announced in <u>early July</u> of each year.</li> <li>• Students should also plan for their own personal and travel expenses, which are not included in the fees.</li> </ul>
Tuition	\$7,000	\$15,170	
Room (multiple)	\$5,520	\$5,520	
Board (19 meals/week)	\$2,654	\$2,654	
Fees (all mandatory)	\$2,334	\$2,334	
Books & Supplies (approx.)	\$600	\$600	
Enrollment Fee (new students)	\$225	\$225	
Damage Deposit	\$100	\$100	
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$18,433</b>	<b>\$26,603</b>	

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# Frequently Asked Questions

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## What happens after I file the FAFSA?

Two to three weeks after you file the FAFSA, you will receive your Student Aid Report. You should immediately forward all pages of the Student Aid Report to SFS if **Keene State College is not listed as a recipient**.

## What types of financial aid are available at KSC?

Keene State College participates in all of the federal financial aid programs, and in addition, has its own grant, loan, and work programs. You may visit us online at [www.keene.edu/sfs](http://www.keene.edu/sfs) for specific information about our financial aid programs. All financial aid, with the exception of academic scholarships, is awarded on the basis of financial data included on the FAFSA form.

## What's next?

### The financial aid award notification from KSC:

- a. The white copy is the student's official Acceptance Form of the financial aid offer.
- b. Read and follow the instructions in the Comment section and **complete all highlighted items**.
- c. The Acceptance Form must be completed, signed, and returned to SFS within two weeks of the date of the award notice.
- d. Students who do not complete, sign, and return the Acceptance Form by the required date will have their awards cancelled.

## What are the conditions of the awards?

### Eligibility for financial assistance also requires that the student meet the following conditions:

- a. The student must maintain satisfactory academic progress in his/her course of study; visit our website for more information ([www.keene.edu/sfs](http://www.keene.edu/sfs) > Award Conditions).
- b. The student must notify SFS in writing of any change in course load. Financial aid awards are based on the student's expected course load at the time of application. A change in the number of credits the student is carrying may affect the financial aid offered.
- c. If the student is offered a Perkins or KSC loan, he/she will be required to sign a promissory note agreeing to repay those funds in accordance with the terms and conditions of the note.
- d. If the award notification includes a Stafford loan, the student must take additional steps to actually receive the loan. It is important for the student to follow the instructions provided with the award notification.
- e. The student must provide any and all additional requested information within 30 days. Failure to respond to a request for additional information will result in the deactivation of the student's financial aid application.
- f. The student must notify SFS of any change in his/her family financial circumstances. Note that this includes the receipt of any funds not reported on the original application.

## If I accept the aid offered, am I guaranteed these awards?

If all information provided on the FAFSA is accurate, the student can normally expect that the dollar amount of the aid offer will not change for the 2010-11 award year. However, the source of the funds may change under certain circumstances (see below). Awards are made for a one-year period only – the student must re-apply each year – and are not guaranteed beyond that point.

If financial need is reestablished for the following year, the student can reasonably expect renewal of aid eligibility. The amount and type of aid offered from year to year will vary depending upon the student's financial need and the availability of funds.

## Will my award amounts ever be changed?

### Yes. The College reserves the right to adjust a student's financial aid awards if any of the following conditions exist:

- a. **The family provides inaccurate or under-estimated information on the FAFSA.** If SFS receives information which indicates that any of the financial data provided on the FAFSA is inaccurate, we will increase or decrease the student's awards according to any change in the student's need level. Depending upon the extent of the error(s), any part of the aid package may be changed. If this is a major concern for you, it is better to *over-estimate* your income figures to avoid any reduction in aid. Family size and number of family members in college can effect financial aid eligibility, so please read the instructions carefully. Contact our office if you have questions with specific considerations in these categories.
- b. **Receipt of funds (awards/scholarships) not reported on the FAFSA** or not expected when the original aid offer was made.
  - i. Students often receive unexpected awards/scholarships from local agencies after applying for financial aid. It is the student's responsibility to notify SFS promptly of the amount and conditions of the(se) award(s). Students can normally expect a revision to the original aid offer that will reduce the loan or work component of the award package if such scholarships are received.
  - ii. SFS will usually estimate the amount of the student's eligibility for scholarship funds to be received from the student's home state. This estimate is based on the most accurate information available at the time of the original offer. Should this estimate be inaccurate, the student may receive an adjustment to other financial aid.
  - iii. It is to your advantage to notify SFS as soon as possible if either of these conditions exist to ensure that revisions are made promptly and prior to the billing due date.
- c. Changes in the family's financial situation. SFS will review a student's financial aid package if a parent dies or becomes unemployed, separated, or divorced, or if some other circumstances negatively affecting the family's financial situation occur after the original FAFSA was filed. Students with these types of special circumstances should contact our office for instructions.