

FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS

As a Catholic Franciscan institution, University of St. Francis wants to provide every qualified student the opportunity to attend our institution. We invest in our students and are committed to making a private education more affordable for all students.

At the University of St. Francis, financial assistance opportunities are provided for all eligible and accepted students. The institution administers programs in cooperation with federal, state and private agencies. In addition, the university has made a commitment to provide significant funding to students through its scholarship, grant and student employment programs. The university has also chosen to enhance financial offering in areas that promote academic excellence, leadership and/or talents. This financial support includes educational pursuits that fulfill the institution's mission and encourage the values of respect, service, integrity, and compassion. At the University of St. Francis, the responsibility of funding a student's educational expenses is a partnership between the student, the student's family and Financial Aid Services. We work with our students and their families to educate them about financial aid options and the application process to ensure that their needs are met.

To apply for financial assistance, a student must meet the following criteria:

- be a U.S. citizen or eligible permanent resident or non-citizen
- be officially accepted for admission into a degree seeking program at USF
- enroll at least half-time (undergraduate: 6 credit hours or more; graduate and doctoral: 4 credit hours or more)
- complete the required federal and institutional financial aid applications
- make reasonable progress in his/her academic program (see Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress)

Applying for Financial Aid

Eligible students at USF are strongly encouraged to apply for all types of federal, state, and institutional assistance. To apply, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This application may be submitted on-line at studentaid.gov/ (<https://studentaid.gov/>) and submitted to the federal processor. Students are also required to complete the USF Financial Aid Services Student Profile to provide information regarding the student's anticipated enrollment, program of study, and eligibility for institutional scholarships. The financial aid process begins when the student's FAFSA is received electronically and the student is accepted into a degree-seeking program at University of St. Francis. Other information, such as tax and income documents, will be requested if needed for federal verification purposes. Once the financial aid file is complete, a student will receive the Financial Aid Award letter outlining the total assistance offered toward the student's cost of attendance.

Financial assistance will not be credited to the billing statement until the student's financial aid file is complete and, if required, verified by Financial Aid Services. This includes all federal, state, and certain types of institutional scholarships and grants. It is the student's responsibility to comply with requests for information or late fees may be assessed by the Business Office. If the student or parent is borrowing a loan through

the Federal Direct Loan programs, estimated loan funds may appear on the bill. The Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loan program requires a one-time entrance counseling session and a completed Master Promissory Note (MPN). Both the entrance counseling and promissory note requirement must be finalized, along with verification of the student's enrollment. Once complete, the loan proceeds may be disbursed to the student's billing account. The Federal Direct Parent Loan (PLUS) also has a promissory note requirement and it may be required for each new loan during an academic year. After the PLUS promissory note is signed and enrollment is verified, the loan proceeds will be disbursed to the student's account. If the combination of grants, scholarships, and loans results in a credit on the student's account with the university, the Business Office will issue a refund check.

On campus employment is available for students who qualify through the Federal College Work-Study Program and/or part-time employment programs. Students are paid twice a month based upon the amount of hours worked. Please note that students receiving a Federal College Work-Study award are not guaranteed to earn the amount awarded and funds earned are not directly credited to a student's tuition bill. Actual award usage is dependent on the number of hours worked during each pay period. The average Federal College Work-Study award offered at USF is \$2,500 per academic year.

Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress

Federal and state regulations require that the University of St. Francis establish and implement a policy to measure the academic progress of degree-seeking students who are applying for financial assistance. Revised satisfactory academic progress standards, required by federal regulation through the Department of Education, are outlined below and may be referenced in the Federal Title IV, HEA Program Regulations for Standards of administrative capability and Student eligibility. Academic Progress is monitored at University of St. Francis at the end of each semester. Students receiving any federal, state, institutional or funds from outside sources, must meet the following minimum standards of academic progress in order to be considered eligible for financial assistance.

Program of Study or Educational Objective

A student must be enrolled in a program of study leading to a degree or certificate at University of St. Francis.

Grade Point Average (GPA) Requirement

An undergraduate student must have a cumulative grade point average of 2.00 or higher to be eligible for continued financial assistance. A graduate student must have a cumulative grade point average of 3.00 or higher to be eligible for continued financial assistance.

Course Completion Rate

A new, continuing, or transfer student must complete 75 percent of the courses attempted throughout his/her entire enrollment at University of St. Francis and comply with the academic policies outlined in the University of St. Francis catalog to remain eligible for financial assistance.

Courses in which students receive an "F" (Fail), "I" (Incomplete), "W" (Withdrawal), or "H" (audit) will not count as completed courses or earned grades.

Maximum Time Frames

A new, continuing, transfer or graduate student must complete their academic degree program within a specified time period as described below. A student cannot receive financial assistance beyond the specified time allotted for completion of his/her program. Whether or not the student received financial assistance during each term of attendance does not alter the specified time period.

In most cases, completion of a bachelor's degree program at USF requires completion of 120 credit hours. Students earning a bachelor's degree must complete the academic program with no more than 150% of the attempted number of credits required for graduation (e.g. $120 \times 150\% = 180$ credit hours). Students will not be eligible to receive financial assistance if they attempt more than 150% of their required number of credits.

In most cases, completion of a master's degree program at USF requires the completion of at least 36 credit hours. Students earning a master's degree must complete the program with no more than 150% of the attempted number of credits required for graduation (e.g. $36 \times 150\% = 54$ credit hours). Students will not be eligible to receive financial assistance if they attempt more than 150% of their required number of credits.

Financial Aid Warning

Students who do not meet University of St. Francis Satisfactory Academic Progress for the first semester will be placed on Financial Aid Warning. While on Warning the student is eligible to receive assistance. Students on Warning are highly encouraged to seek academic assistance from their advisor, instructors or the Academic Resource Center (ARC). Students placed on Financial Aid Warning will receive official notification from Financial Aid Services regarding their status and should schedule an appointment with their Financial Aid Services Advisor to discuss their situation.

Financial Aid Probation

Students who fail to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress for a consecutive semester will be placed on Financial Aid Probation. Students on Financial Aid Probation are suspended from all financial aid programs and may not receive any federal, state, institutional or outside assistance. Students who are suspended from financial assistance eligibility will receive official notification from Financial Aid Services. A student may not be reinstated until the Satisfactory Academic Progress standards are met or the student is approved by the appeal guidelines listed in this policy.

General Information

Course Withdrawals: Withdrawals will be counted as hours attempted but not as earned credit. **Incomplete Courses:** Incompletes will be counted as hours attempted but not as earned credit. **Repeated Courses:** Repeats will be counted as hours attempted.

Transfer Students: Accepted credits received from other schools for transfer students will be considered as part of the maximum time frame for University of St. Francis, even if financial assistance has never been received. Only those courses accepted by University of St. Francis will be

included in determining maximum timeframe for Satisfactory Academic Progress.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal Policy

All students placed on Financial Aid Probation due to failure to meet satisfactory academic progress have a right to appeal. In order for Financial Aid Services to evaluate your appeal, please follow the guidelines below, providing as much detailed information regarding the circumstances of the appeal. The details of the appeal must be thoroughly explained before your appeal will be evaluated. Appeals will be reviewed on a case by case basis. Students must submit the following items:

1. Official Letter of Appeal from the student explaining:
 - a. A written explanation of why they failed to meet satisfactory academic progress requirements.
 - b. Educational goals while at University of St. Francis and the strategy they will use to attain these goals.
2. Official documentation from an academic advisor supporting continued financial assistance. Documentation should also outline student strategy for attaining satisfactory academic progress.
3. Documentation from appropriate third parties (i.e. physician or other professional person) that support the circumstances of the appeal.

Students will be notified of the appeal decision upon review by Financial Aid Services. If a student's appeal for reinstatement of financial assistance is denied or no appeal is made, all future tuition and fee charges must be paid by the student until minimum standards of satisfactory academic progress at University of St. Francis are met.

Once suspended from financial assistance program, an undergraduate student will not be eligible to appeal again until they have successfully completed at least six consecutive credit hours with grades "C" or better at University of St. Francis or any other accredited institution. Courses taken at other institutions must be transferable towards the student's program of study at University of St. Francis. Payment for these classes will be from the student's own resources. Students who are denied appeal for the maximum timeframe (150%) are permanently suspended from financial aid eligibility for their academic program at University of St. Francis.

Once suspended, a graduate student will not be eligible to appeal again until they have successfully completed at least four consecutive credit hours with grades "B" or better at University of St. Francis or any other accredited institution. Courses taken at other institutions must be transferable towards the student's program of study at University of St. Francis. Payment for these classes will be from the student's own resources. Graduate students who are denied appeal for their academic program due to maximum timeframe (150%) are permanently suspended from financial aid eligibility for their academic program at University of St. Francis.

Veterans' Affairs

The University of St. Francis is approved for providing undergraduate and graduate education programs for veterans by the State Approving Agency for Veterans' Education in Illinois. Applications for benefits are processed by the Veterans Certifying Official located in Financial Aid Services. All inquiries regarding veteran services can be directed by E-Mail to veterans@stfrancis.edu or by calling 815-740-5097.

University of St. Francis is very proud to say that we have signed an agreement with the Veterans Administration to participate in the Yellow Ribbon *GI Bill*® program as well as other federal *GI Bill*® programs. Below is a listing of eligible programs:

- Post- 9/11 *GI Bill*® Chapter 33 of title 38, U.S. Code (Including Yellow Ribbon)
- Montgomery *GI Bill*® (MGIB) Chapter 30 of title 38, U.S. Code
- Montgomery *GI Bill*® – Selected Reserve (MGIB-SR) Chapter 1606 of title 10, U.S. Code
- Reserve Educational Assistance Program (REAP) Chapter 1607 of title 10, U.S. Code
- Post-Vietnam Era Veterans' Educational Assistance Program (VEAP) Chapter 32 of title 38, U.S. Code, or section 901 or section 903 of Public Law 96-342

GI Bill® is a registered trademark of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA). More information about education benefits offered by VA is available at the official U.S. government website at benefits.va.gov/gibill/ (<https://benefits.va.gov/gibill/>).

Veterans or their dependents are encouraged to visit our Veterans Programs web pages located at [stfrancis.edu/admissions/veterans/](https://www.stfrancis.edu/admissions/veterans/) (<https://www.stfrancis.edu/admissions/veterans/>). This is a full-service site that gives veterans all the information they need to apply for veterans' benefits at University of St. Francis. Through this site, first-time veterans at University of St. Francis can link to the VA-ONCE web site and complete the appropriate application form (VA 22-1990 for first-time applicants; VA 22-1995 for veterans who have used their benefits elsewhere). Veterans should be prepared to submit a copy of the Member 4 copy of their DD214 to complete their file. Active Duty Service Members should submit a copy of their current orders to complete their file. Any individual receiving veteran's benefits while enrolled at University of St. Francis is required to notify the Veterans Certifying Official of any changes in enrollment, regardless of the reason for the change. These changes would include any changes in class schedule, termination of enrollment, change of degree program, or return to active duty status. Early notification of these changes can prevent overpayment issues with the Veterans Administration.

VA Pending Payment Compliance

Beginning August 1, 2019, and despite any policy to the contrary, University of St. Francis will not take any of the four following actions toward any student using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® (Ch. 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Ch. 31) benefits, while their payment from the United States Department of Veterans Affairs is pending to the educational institution:

- Prevent their enrollment;
- Assess a late penalty fee to;
- Require they secure alternative or additional funding;
- Deny their access to any resources (access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution.

However, to qualify for this provision, such students may be required to:

- Produce the VA's Certificate of Eligibility by the first day of class;
- Provide written request to be certified;

- Provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies (see our VA School Certifying Official for all requirements).

USF Freshmen Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to freshmen based upon their high school achievements. The Admissions Office awards these scholarships to students who attend USF on a full-time basis in a traditional undergraduate program. Scholarships range from \$1000 up to **full tuition**. Students should contact the admissions office or speak with their admission counselor about their eligibility and the process for applying. Scholarships are awarded based upon academic performance in high school or upon academic majors the student wishes to pursue at USF. Most scholarships are renewable annually (four-year award) based upon academic standing at USF or other stated scholarship guidelines.

USF Transfer Scholarships

Transfer scholarships are awarded based upon previous college work prior to enrolling at USF. The Admissions Office awards these scholarships to students who attend USF on a full-time basis in a traditional undergraduate program. Scholarships range from \$1000 up to \$13,000. Students should contact the admissions office or speak with their transfer counselor about their eligibility and the process for applying. Most scholarships are renewable annually (three-year award) based upon academic standing at USF or other stated scholarship guidelines.

Other USF Undergraduate Scholarships

Catholic School Scholarship - This \$3,000 scholarship is awarded to entering first time freshmen who have graduated from an Illinois Catholic high school and are enrolled at USF full-time.

USF Grant - Institutional grant assistance awarded on the basis of financial need as determined by the USF packaging formula.

USF Athletic Scholarships - Scholarships awarded by the Athletic Department on the basis of athletic ability.

Federal Assistance Programs

Federal Pell Grant - Federal grant assistance awarded to undergraduate students on the basis of financial need as determined by the U.S. Department of Education. Awards vary depending on computed Expected Family Contribution.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant - Federal grant assistance awarded to undergraduate students with exceptional financial need. Priority for these funds is given to students who receive Federal Pell Grants. Awards may range from \$400-\$4,000. Normally, due to the limited funding nature of this program, awards are \$1,000 for full-time students and \$500 for part-time students. Priority consideration is given to those students who have completed their financial aid file by June 1st of the award year in question.

Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship - A federally-funded program, administered by ISAC, which provides scholarships to exceptional high school graduates who show promise of continued academic excellence. Awards are given for up to four years at most approved institutions of higher education in the United States. The scholarship awards \$1,500 per academic year, which is renewable for an additional three years of undergraduate study.

Federal College Work-Study - On-campus employment awarded to students on the basis of financial need. Student may work up to 20 hours per week while classes are in session. Students are paid an hourly wage and receive a check on a bi-monthly basis. Priority consideration for on-campus positions is given to full-time undergraduate students who are eligible for Federal College Work-Study.

William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Programs

Federal Direct Subsidized Loan - A subsidized loan is available to students who have financial need based upon the Federal Formula for financial aid. This program is a subsidized loan available to students to assist with their educational expenses. The loan is guaranteed by the Federal Government and the interest is paid on the student's behalf while a student is enrolled at least half-time. The loan has an origination fee, which is deducted from the loan proceeds prior to disbursement. The maximum loan amounts for the Federal Direct Subsidized loan vary dependent upon a student's class level in school. Repayment begins when a student ceases to be enrolled at least half-time for six consecutive months. Students may choose from four different repayment options offered by the Direct Loan Servicing Center.

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan - An unsubsidized loan is available to students to assist with their educational expenses. This federal loan is not based upon financial need therefore making it available to any student who is not in default or has not borrowed the full maximum aggregate in federal loans. The loan is guaranteed by the Federal Government and interest accrues on this loan while the student is enrolled in school. The loan has an origination fee, which is deducted from the loan proceeds prior to disbursement. The maximum loan amounts for the Federal Direct Unsubsidized loan vary dependent upon a student's class level in school and dependency status as determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Independent undergraduates and graduate/professional students are eligible to borrow an additional amount of unsubsidized loan funds. Repayment of principal and interest begins when a student ceases to be enrolled at least half-time for six consecutive months. Students may choose from four different repayment options offered by the Direct Loan Servicing Center.

All students that have borrowed federal loans must complete Federal Exit Counseling prior to graduation or if the student ceases to be enrolled at least half time. Exit Counseling is a federal requirement, which prepares and educates students about their loan repayment options.

USF students have an excellent record for the repayment of their student loans. Based on the federal records as of FY2018, the Federal Direct Stafford Loan cohort two-year default rate at USF is 2.8%

Federal Direct Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) - PLUS loans are available for parents to assist with their dependent student's educational expenses. There are no yearly or aggregate maximums for the Federal PLUS loan program. Maximum amount for this program is determined by the student's educational expenses minus all other forms of financial assistance. This loan is subject to credit approval by the Federal Direct Loan Origination Center. Payment begins 60 days after the first loan is fully disbursed to the student's account. The PLUS loan provides parent a variety of repayment, deferment, and forbearance options that may be arranged for with the Federal Servicer of the loan.

Illinois Student Assistance Commission Programs

Golden Apple Teacher Scholars Program - Students must be participants in the Golden Apple Foundation. Any Illinois high school student is eligible for consideration for the Golden Apple Scholars of Illinois program and nominations may be submitted by a teacher, counselor or other non-family adult or by the student themselves. Candidates must be enrolled in a program leading to teacher certification, pass the Basic Skills, have a 2.5 Cumulative GPA, and file a FAFSA form. In exchange for successful completion of undergraduate college and a commitment to teach for five years in a high need Illinois school, Scholars receive financial assistance and take part in summer programs that include teaching internships and enhanced teacher preparation. Contact the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for additional criteria. A separate application for this scholarship may be obtained on-line at the ISAC website: collegeillinois.org (<http://collegeillinois.org>).

Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) - Award given on the basis of financial need to undergraduate students as determined by the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. The MAP Award is available for both full and part-time students. The maximum award amount is dependent upon legislative action and available funding in any given year. Students should apply as soon as possible after October 1 as awards are processed for eligible applicants until funds are depleted. These deadlines are subject to change dependent upon appropriations. Information on academic year filing deadlines is available at: isac.org/ (<http://www.isac.org/>).

Minority Teachers of Illinois Scholarship - This program provides scholarship funding to minority undergraduate and graduate students majoring in education. Student must fulfill a teaching commitment for the assistance received. The scholarship changes to a loan if the student fails to fulfill the teaching requirements. Contact the Illinois Student Assistance Commission for additional criteria. A separate application for this scholarship may be obtained on-line at the ISAC website: isac.org/ (<http://www.isac.org/>).

Named Undergraduate Scholarships/ Annual Scholarships

Students are encouraged to have a current financial aid application on file to be considered for the USF Named Scholarship Programs. The majority of these scholarship awards are restricted to enrollment in a full-time traditional undergraduate program.

Alumni Legacy Scholarships – Awarded to relatives of alumni in order of priority (son/daughter, husband/wife or brother/sister, or grandchild). Selection is made on the basis of need, academic promise, and approval by the Alumni & Family Relations Office.

Mary Catherine Ward Abegg Scholarship – Awarded to first generation students with a preference for education majors.

Phyllis & Buel T. Adams Scholarship - Awarded to an undergraduate, with a minimum GPA of 3.0, who demonstrates financial need.

Alverno Grant Fund – Awarded to students participating in the USF Assisi Pilgrimage. Application essay required. Recipients must be committed to creative work, service, or presentation reflecting their experience in Assisi.

Donald C. Anderson and William W. Manion Endowed Scholarship – Awarded to full time students with demonstrated financial need and

a minimum of 3.5 GPA. Recipients may reapply to receive an award provided they maintain a 3.0 GPA and maintain full-time status. Students may receive a maximum of eight consecutive semesters of financial support from this scholarship.

Harold and Joyce Anglemire Scholarship – Awarded to students who demonstrate both academic achievement and financial need.

William and Jean Anson Scholarship - Awarded to a student from Joliet who typifies the spirit and qualities of the University of St. Francis. It shall be a non-athletic scholarship.

Barnes & Noble College Booksellers, Inc. – This textbook scholarship is awarded to USF students at the discretion of the University.

Barr Foundation Student Scholarship - Awarded to students from the Will County area, who demonstrate financial need, pursuing careers in the health care field. Special consideration will be given to students enrolled in pre-med or allied health programs and those seeking careers in physical rehabilitation, prosthetic application, or serving individuals who have a disability or prosthetic needs.

Margaret (Kennedy) '69 and William C. Benoit Endowed Scholarship - Awarded yearly to a junior or senior at the University of St. Francis with financial need and demonstrating academic achievement obtaining a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher. Margaret and William Benoit are long-time educators in the Joliet Public Schools District 86. Both Margaret and Bill have been active in the community and the sponsoring organization of Sisters of St. Francis and the University of St. Francis. Margaret, an alumna, and William, who also was a University supervisor in the College of Education for many years, value education and desire to make a positive impact on USF students. Their generous gift is not for the deserving student alone, but for the community that will benefit by the students' service and leadership in years to come. This scholarship was established in 2014.

Jennifer K. Bily Memorial Scholarship - Awarded to a student in good academic standing and with an identifiable financial need. First preference will be given to senior nursing students residing in Plainfield, IL, and /or with an expressed interest in emergency/trauma disciplines. Established by Anthony and Kathy Bily in memory of their daughter, Jennifer, a nursing student.

Lloyd Bowden Scholarship - Awarded to a student who participates in intercollegiate athletics.

LaVerne and Dorothy Brown Scholarship - Awarded to two students with demonstrated financial need, who have exhibited dedication and service to others and commitment to academic and personal excellence. Incoming freshmen must rank in the top ten percent of their graduating class. Sophomore, junior and senior students must have achieved at least a 3.0 cumulative GPA.

Helen Antonini-Bruskas Scholarship - Awarded to a sophomore or junior studying in the humanities. Applicants must submit an essay on an issue of their choice, (philosophical, theological, historical, or literary). Faculty members will review the essays.

Helen M. Burst Scholarship – Awarded to a nursing major demonstrating financial need.

Dorothy Kenney Busse '34 Nursing Award - The Dorothy Kenney Busse '34 Nursing Award will be given to a graduating senior nursing student who is passionate about their field of study. The Dean of the College of Nursing,

along with appointed nursing faculty will choose the recipient. This award was established by Kathleen French, daughter of Dorothy.

Joseph and Angeline Bydalek Scholarship - Awarded to students who are graduates of Bishop McNamara High School in Kankakee, who show good academic standing and demonstrate financial need; to a student with some physical or mental disability; or to a student with financial need.

CAPA (Cathedral Area Preservation Association) Scholarship - \$1,000 annual scholarship to a graduate of JCA, Joliet West or Joliet Central in good academic standing.

Richard Cheek Scholarship - Awarded to a student with demonstrated financial need.

Ed Chmielewski Scholarship - Awarded to one outstanding male basketball student-athlete and one outstanding female basketball student-athlete.

Jason Chonacki Scholarship – Awarded to two students who have a 2.5 GPA or higher as selected by Director of Campus Ministry the Director of Athletics.

Charlotte Codo Scholarship - Awarded to a student who is taking at least one course in Art or French.

Margaret Coleman and John Philip Coleman Memorial Scholarship - Awarded to a sophomore, junior or senior who majors or minors in literature or art. Awarded to one student per year, the scholarship is renewable each ensuing year until graduation. The recipient must show evidence of practicing Christian ideals.

Crane Fund for Widows and Children – Awarded to a needy, deserving widow (parent or student); student with disabled father; or wives or children whose father is not providing support due to age, disability, or financial neglect.

D'Amico Scholarship - Awarded to students pursuing a degree in Education with a demonstrated need for financial assistance. Students must have a GPA. of 3.0 or higher and write a one to two-page essay on how they emulate Amy's spirit and qualities.

Jonathan E. Ellis Scholarship - Awarded yearly, divided between an international student and an athlete (2.8+ GPA) who exemplifies the spirit of St. Francis. The student must have attended the University of St. Francis for a minimum of one year and must exhibit the qualities that include good moral character, integrity, and good sportsmanship. Jon was dedicated to the students and staff at the University of St. Francis. His job as a security officer utilized his talents from previous work and life experiences. Not only was Jon a faithful, hardworking and dependable employee; he was also able to demonstrate his Christian spirit in ministry. In his life, Jon exemplified the spirit of St. Francis. This scholarship was established in 2015.

Franciscan Sisters of the Sacred Heart Endowed Scholarship – Scholarships for students, faculty, and staff to participate in annual Assisi Pilgrimage. Also provides funding for same to take workshops through Association of Franciscan Colleges as well as salary support for USF faculty to teach courses on aspects of the Franciscan Intellectual Tradition.

Bridget (Fitzgerald) Garavalia '45 Nursing Scholarship - Awarded annually to a full-time undergraduate senior level nursing student in the Bachelor of Science in Nursing Program, demonstrating financial need and

maintaining a GPA of 3.25 or better. Awards cannot exceed an applicant's direct college costs.

Nancy K. Gosselin Memorial Scholarship - Awarded to full-time students from Illinois who rank in the upper half of their class and exemplify qualities of leadership. Preference will be given to students who have one deceased parent and who reside in Will County.

E. E. "Jim" Garrison Memorial Scholarship – Awarded to a nursing student.

Annalise "Lisa" Hathaway Memorial Scholarship – Awarded to a full-time senior nursing student in good academic standing.

Sheldon and Marie Hauck Memorial Scholarship - Awarded annually to undergraduate students. Priority given to employees of the Harris Bank, children or grandchildren of Harris Bank employees, and students who exhibit financial need. Students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Renewable based upon the recipient's achievements and financial need.

Hollywood Casino Scholarship – Minority undergraduate in social work, hospitality, business, marketing, or finance. Recipient must be involved in community service and be in good academic standing.

Bernadine Hudson Memorial Scholarship – Awarded to a sophomore or junior student showing leadership skills in extracurricular activities. Minimum GPA of 2.75 or higher. Recipient must attend the Senior Services of Will County annual event to honor Bernadine Hudson.

Charlene M. Huffman Memorial Scholarship - Awarded to students from the Joliet area to encourage service to others, commitment to Franciscan ideals, and academic excellence.

Sonja Jezidija Scholarship – Awarded to students with demonstrated financial need and who rank in the upper half of their high school class. Special consideration will be given to applicants from single parent families and of Croatian descent.

W. Starr Johnston Scholarship Fund – Awarded to students with a GPA of 3.0 or higher who demonstrate financial need.

Michael V. LaRocco Endowed Scholarship – Awarded to a business major who is a veteran or child of a veteran. Must carry a 3.0 GPA.

Cecily Leach Memorial Nursing Scholarship – Awarded annually to all full-time undergraduate senior level students in the BSN nursing program who have not already received a Leach Scholarship. Established in 1989 through the generosity of Joliet real estate developers, Cecily and John Leach, whose long history of support and friendship was permanently recognized through naming the College of Nursing the John and Cecily Leach College of Nursing.

John Leach Scholarship – Pre-nursing or nursing majors in the Leach College of Nursing are selected by the nursing faculty for a maximum award of \$250. Award is based on financial need.

Marcita and Joseph A. Ley Scholarship - Awarded to students with demonstrated financial need.

Bill Manner Student-Athlete Scholarship – Awarded to one or more student-athletes from the Joliet region. This annual scholarship gives preference to an individual who has overcome physical challenges or has a deceased parent.

Edwin G. and Sophie T. McAdoo/Rev. Harold Niedzwiecki Scholarship – Awarded annually to a third or fourth year student majoring in education

or sociology and whose future career goals include working with troubled youth. Preference is to be given to students from one of the six New England states (Maine, Vermont, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, or Connecticut), and if such student is not available, then to a student with financial need meeting all other scholarship criteria mentioned above.

Dr. James P. McCabe Scholarship - Awarded annually to a junior or senior pursuing a degree in Social Work. An application must be submitted, and awards are based on factors including academic achievement, community involvement and financial need. Scholarship recipients will be selected by the Social Work faculty in conjunction with the director of financial aid and a member of the McCabe family.

Rachel and Harold McDonald Memorial Scholarship - Awarded annually to students who are pursuing a degree in Education and who have a demonstrated need for financial assistance.

Carolyn and Bart Murphy Scholarship – Awarded to undergraduate students with preference given to those who have a strong academic record from a parochial high school, demonstrated financial need and who contribute to their own education with their personal resources. Incoming freshmen must rank in the top quarter of their graduating class. Sophomore, junior and senior students must have a minimum 3.0 cumulative GPA. Renewal based upon student's continued academic achievements and financial need.

Dale G. Nicholson Memorial Scholarship – Awarded to students who reside in Will County, rank in the upper third of their class, and exemplify qualities of leadership, service, and love for people.

Multicultural Education Recruitment in Teaching - Awarded to students graduating from Joliet Township High School and interested in pursuing an education degree. For more information, contact the College of Education. This scholarship was established in 2012.

Dr. Patricia Shelvy Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner Scholarship - Awarded to a student in good academic standing enrolled in the Psychiatric Nurse Practitioner program. Qualifying student must exhibit a strong desire to complete the program and become an asset to the community working in the field. The Dean of the College of Nursing coordinates the award. This scholarship was established by Dr. Patricia Shelvy in 2013.

Fr. Mychal Judge Scholarship, OFM - Awarded to students in need who are in good academic standing and demonstrate a personal commitment to respect for the dignity of every human person, while contributing to their education and completion of their degree. Preference will be given to students who have risen above circumstances of prejudice or some kind of assault on their human dignity particularly if that may have jeopardized their financial or academic standing. Mychal Judge was born Robert Emmett Judge on May 11, 1933 in Brooklyn New York. In 1992, Judge was appointed a chaplain to the New York City Fire Department. As chaplain, he offered encouragement and prayers at fires, rescues, and hospitals, and counseled firemen and their families, often working 16-hour days. "His whole ministry was about love. Mychal loved the fire department and they loved him." It was while serving in that capacity that he was killed, becoming the first certified fatality of the September 11, 2001 attacks. In New York, Judge was also well known for ministering to the homeless, the hungry, recovering alcoholics, people with AIDS, the sick, injured, and grieving immigrants, gays and lesbians and those alienated by the Church and society. The scholarship was established by alumna Gina Brandolino, Ph.D., Class of '94. This scholarship was established in 2015.

NBD Bank One Scholarship - Awarded to nursing students with a financial need. Established in 1996 by NBD Bank, Joliet. This gift was to provide assistants to the 75% of the students who were eligible for financial aid.

NuMark Credit Union Financial Literacy Scholarship – Awarded to a student who is a graduate of Joliet Catholic Academy, Joliet Township High School or Joliet Junior College, a business major with demonstrated financial need and is contributing to their own education. Student should exhibit academic achievement, leadership and community service; preference will be given to full-time traditional incoming or continuing undergraduate student.

Kathy Patton Oelrich Endowed Memorial Scholarship – Awarded to a student in good academic standing and with identifiable financial need. Preference will be given to a senior student who can be assisted to graduation.

John and Margaret Plese Scholarship - Awarded to students of Hispanic heritage living in Will County; applicant must complete FAFSA and show estimated contribution of \$4,000 or less for the academic year in question; must be working on or off-campus to help pay for their education (to be verified by 2 pay stubs); award amount varies with a maximum of \$2,000; student must maintain a 2.5 GPA to receive the scholarship in subsequent years; funds may be used for tuition, fees, books or required supplies.

Christine Poole Ponquinette Scholarship - Awarded annually to an undergraduate junior or senior majoring in Social Work or a graduate student. Awards are based upon academic excellence, financial need, and an interview with the Social Work Department Scholarship Committee. An application must be submitted.

Sister Joan Preising Scholarship – Awarded to a student pursuing a degree in the Natural Sciences or Mathematics with a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or higher and demonstrated financial need.

Dorothy Rapson BSN Emergency Fund – Emergency financial assistance for medical bills, books and other onetime unexpected expenses.

Remco Medical Scholarship - Awarded to students from the Joliet area. Priority given to students who attended Joliet Township High Schools, Joliet Catholic Academy or Providence Catholic High School. Students must show a strong academic record, demonstrated financial need, and contribute to their own education.

J.D. Ross Excellence in Education and Service Scholarship – Awarded to full or part time students pursuing degrees in Business, Computer Science, Education, Health Care Management, Organizational Leadership and Nursing – RN to BSN Degree Completion. Applicants must earn an Associate of Applied Science Degree (preferred) or a minimum of 60 credit hours from Joliet Junior College with a minimum of a 3.0 GPA, reside in District 525, exhibit academic promise and performance, leadership qualities and active community service involvement, and demonstrate financial need in accordance with Federal and State financial aid guidelines.

Joliet Rotary Club Scholarship – Awarded to students graduating from Joliet Catholic Academy or Joliet Township High Schools. The criteria to be utilized in the selection process will be need, talent, academic achievement, leadership and community service.

Dr. Ivo E. and Evelyn Rowland Scholarship - Awarded to a Joliet area student with demonstrated financial need.

Patrick G. and Shirley W. Ryan Scholarship - Awarded to students in the Recreation and Sport Management program specializing in recreation therapy.

Virginia J. Saxon Trust for Scholarships – Awarded to female students based on the student's ability, need, character, moral integrity and with an academic focus in Nursing, Teaching, Library Science, Social Work, Medicine, Law, Journalism, Psychology or Art & Design.

Sister Beatrice Schiller Endowed Scholarship – Awarded to one freshman, one sophomore, one junior and one senior undergraduate who is related to an alum, has good scholastic ranking and shows academic promise. This scholarship is renewable if directives in scholarship document continue to be met.

Mary Clare (Gordon '57) Sczepaniak Endowed Scholarship - Awarded yearly to a traditional age undergraduate student demonstrating financial need and majoring in elementary education. A single mother/father working to complete her/his degree may also be considered for this scholarship. The recipient of this scholarship should carry a GPA of 2.5 or higher.

Frances Naal-Sczepaniak Endowed Scholarship – Awarded to a traditional undergraduate or single mother/father with financial need working toward their degree. GPA of 2.5 or higher, majoring in social work or psychology.

Margaret "Peggy" (Schmitt '48) Sickley Endowed Scholarship – Awarded annually to at least two traditional age undergraduates with financial need and majoring in education. A single mother/father working to complete her/his degree will also be considered. GPA of 3.25 or higher.

Sister Rosemary Small Franciscan Values Award – \$1,000 award presented at May commencement exercises to an outstanding USF senior who has exemplified the Franciscan values of respect, integrity, service, and compassion during his/her years of study at USF.

Arthur and Vera Smith Scholarship – Awarded to students who have demonstrated financial need and contribute to their education with their personal resources. Incoming freshmen must have graduated from a parochial or public high school in the upper one-third of their class.

Virgil L. Smith Scholarship - Awarded to students with financial need who possess a commitment to academic and personal excellence and who contribute to their own education.

Jane Engleton Snyder '35 Scholarship - This scholarship is awarded annually to two or more selected students preparing to enter their junior or senior year within elementary education, social work, psychology, recreation and sport management majors. The award is based on academic excellence, financial need, as well as an interview with the Alumni Association Board of Directors' Scholarship Committee.

Clair and Josephine M. Southgate Scholarship - Awarded to a female student with demonstrated financial need, majoring in the biology pre-medical program with a commitment to academic and personal excellence.

Spirit of St. Francis Scholarship – Awarded to students with demonstrated financial need who have the determination and drive to become "far more than what they are" who demonstrate Christian values and a desire to spread the Gospel message through example and conversation with everyone they meet.

Mona Minard Stephen Scholarship - Awarded to a junior of academic note regardless of major, residing in the Joliet area.

Patrick J. Sullivan Endowed Scholarship – Awarded annually to an athlete, cheerleader, student athletic trainer, or student worker in the USF Athletic Department. USF student must demonstrate financial need. Director of Athletics will be involved in recommending recipient. Scholarship may be awarded for more than one year.

USF Foreign Study Scholarship - Awarded annually to student(s) enrolled in at least one full semester of study abroad (as defined within the criterion of this scholarship) with a GPA of at least 3.0 who demonstrate financial need and who have the maturity level and readiness for foreign study.

Trizna/Vargo Family Scholarship - Awarded to students who come from a family whose parent(s) is a teacher or in law enforcement and or is seeking a degree in Education. If there is no student who meets the aforementioned criteria, this scholarship will be awarded to students on a need basis.

Lillian M. Tunze Scholarship Fund – Awarded to student with financial need.

Michael J. Vinciguerra Endowed Scholarship - Awarded to University of St. Francis students in honor of former President Michael J. Vinciguerra who served the University of St. Francis for 11 years. Students must major in science with preference to minority students who are first in their families to attend college with a financial need. This scholarship was established in 2012. This scholarship was established to honor Michael J. Vinciguerra, who retired as the eighth president of the University of St. Francis in May 2013 after 11 years of service.

MaryAnne Walker Mathematics Scholarship - Awarded annually to a University of St. Francis junior or senior student majoring in mathematics or education with a concentration in mathematics. Recipient must have a GPA of 3.0 or higher and is eligible for additional support second semester if 3.0 GPA is maintained. MaryAnne Walker graduated from the College of St. Francis in 1970. She went on to pursue a master's degree from the Illinois Institute of Technology. A dedicated teacher, she taught for 10 years at Jefferson High School in Woodridge, followed by 25 years at Romeoville High School. In her role as a teacher, she molded, shaped, and influenced countless lives of young people. Her other accomplishments include co-authoring two calculus textbooks in the late 1980. This scholarship was established in 2012.

The Wadsworth Endowed Scholarship Fund – Awarded to undergraduate students of good moral character and who demonstrate financial need. Student will be in good academic standing and maintain an above average GPA while demonstrating leadership and good citizenship in the community and through University activities.

Packey and Eileen Webb Scholarship - Awarded to a resident of Joliet who has maintained a minimum GPA of 3.0 and exemplifies leadership and service while demonstrating financial need. The scholarship will be used for tuition purpose only.

Jeanette A. Wirt Endowed Scholarship - This scholarship will be awarded yearly to nursing students who show good academic standing with a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher, financial need and interest in advancing the nursing field. The scholarship was established in 2012.

Donald (Ziggy) Zier Memorial - Awarded at graduation to a senior security guard who best exemplifies the ideals of dedication and service to the University.

Marie Zielinski Memorial Endowed Scholarship - Awarded annually to a student who is a resident of Illinois; majoring in special education, education, or art and has a GPA of 2.0 and is a cancer survivor or currently diagnosed with cancer. Established by Gary and Jean Zielinski in memory of their daughter, Marie Zielinski, a University of St. Francis alum who graduated in 2007 with a degree in special education. This scholarship will preserve her legacy of touching lives and helping students succeed. Marie Zielinski was full of life and loved to have fun. A generous and loving young lady, her infectious smile would light up a room. Marie was diagnosed with cancer at the age of 25 while attending the University of St. Francis. Marie endured surgeries, chemotherapy, and radiation while completing her field experiences and student teaching. She received a bachelor's degree in Special Education from USF and earned the designation Learning & Behavior Specialist (LBS1) in 2007 at the age of 26. She began teaching in the fall of 2007 at Farragut Elementary School in Joliet, Illinois. Marie touched many young lives in her short time as a Special Education Teacher. Marie lost her battle to cancer in 2009, but her legacy lives on through the Scholarship that bears her name. The scholarship was established in 2012.

Jean Catherine Zipf Scholarship Fund - Awarded to students with demonstrated financial need.