

# GRADUATE FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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## QUALIFYING CRITERIA

For financial aid eligibility, graduate students must meet the rules in the following two areas:

- **Enrollment Status** - Students must be accepted into a curriculum authorized by the faculty of their respective school. Students enrolled on PTC status (permission to take classes) are not eligible to receive financial aid.
- **Course Load**—Students are awarded financial aid based on their percentage of full-time enrollment as defined in “Class Loads and Financial Aid” on p. 62. Special regulations apply to students who have completed all course work and are preparing theses, projects, or dissertations.

**College of Arts and Sciences, College of Technology, School of Business, and School of Education.** Students who have completed all course work in an approved graduate program may not have completed all work needed to complete a degree. Upon recommendation of the student’s committee chair or departmental chair, the dean of the school may determine the student to be enrolled full time provided the student:

1. Has enrolled for the required number of project, thesis, or dissertation credits but has not completed the work.
2. Is enrolled in EDPC810 or EDPC820 (Internship).
3. Is enrolled in FDNT594 (Practicum). In addition, doctoral-level students must enroll for Dissertation Continuation or EDPC810/820; master’s-level students must enroll for Project or Thesis Continuation, EDNT594, or GCAS650 to qualify for this status.

**Theological Seminary. Doctoral Students.** Students who have completed all course work in an approved doctoral program must register for 8 dissertation credits under GSEM796 DMin Dissertation or GSEM995 PhD-ThD Dissertation. If the candidate does not complete the dissertation, he/she must register for GSEM788 DMin Dissertation Continuation or GSEM888 Doctoral Degree Continuation until the dissertation is completed to qualify for status as a full-time student. Master’s Students. To obtain full-time status for the MA degree, the student must register for GSEM688 Master’s Degree Continuation after he/she has registered for the allowable thesis credits but has not finished the work.

## FEDERAL AID

Students should read the General Information (p. 61) and Satisfactory Academic Progress sections (p. 64), to determine their eligibility for financial aid.

Federal Direct Loans are available to graduate students. To apply for this aid, refer to p. 61, General Information, and the Financial Aid Chart, p. 71.

## STATE AID

Students from the College of Arts and Sciences, School of Business, and School of Education are eligible to apply for the **Michigan Tuition Grant** (with the FAFSA) if they are independent students who have resided in Michigan since June or before of the year preceding the enrollment year or if they are dependent students whose parents have resided in Michigan for the same

period of time. Students enrolled in the Seminary and Religious education degrees are not eligible for the Michigan Tuition Grant.

## INSTITUTIONAL AID

Student Financial Services forms need not be completed for students to apply for the Andrews graduate grant or scholarship; students must apply directly to the graduate dean or department head of the school/program. All aid received by the student (except assistantships), however, is taken into account when determining eligibility for a student loan and a Michigan Tuition Grant.

## GRANTS AND SCHOLARSHIPS

Grant, scholarship, and assistantship funds are available through the offices of the various academic deans and department chairs. Grants and scholarships are gift aid; however, if a student is given an assistantship, this is considered to be employment and is processed through the Student Labor Office. Application forms, if required, must be requested from and returned to the respective

**Loans**

- William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program (Subsidized)
- Federal Direct Loan Program (Unsubsidized)
- Michigan Alternative Student Loan Program (MI-Loan)