Financial Aid Eligibility

To receive financial aid through a need-based grant, loan and/or the work-study programs, students must:

1. demonstrate financial need
2. have a high school diploma, GED or an equivalent (as determined by the Department of Education)
3. be enrolled at least half time as a regular student working towards a degree or certificate in an eligible program
4. be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
5. have a Social Security number
6. maintain satisfactory academic progress
7. not be in default on a previous student loan or owe an overpayment of aid
8. be registered with the Selective Service (if required)

As part of the financial aid application process, all students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) annually at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA is transmitted to a federal processing agency that evaluates information such as income and assets, household size, number of family members in college, etc. using a standard formula established by Congress. The formula determines an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) which is the amount a student or student’s family is expected to contribute toward their education. AULA uses the federal EFC to determine the student’s financial need, as follows:

\[ \text{Total cost of attendance} - \text{EFC} = \text{amount of financial need} \]

Total cost of attendance includes tuition and fees, books and supplies, rent and food allowances, transportation, personal expenses and loan fees. Costs vary depending on the student’s program and enrollment status.

Once a student’s EFC contribution is verified, the Financial Aid Office develops a financial aid award package that attempts to make attendance at Antioch University Los Angeles affordable.