

Eligibility Criteria:

1. The student must be admitted to a degree-seeking program of study at Lander University. **Transient students are not eligible for federal or state financial assistance.** Lander University students who will be transient students elsewhere are not eligible for financial aid through Lander University.
2. Summer eligibility is primarily based on any unused student loan assistance from the preceding Fall and Spring terms. Federal Pell Grant funds are reviewed and awarded to eligible students automatically. **NOTE: Students must enroll in at least 6 credit hours to remain eligible for Federal Pell Grant. Students who do not begin enrollment in 6 credit hours will have to repay the Federal Pell Grant awarded for summer 2021 terms.**
3. **Undergraduate students must enroll in six or more hours in order to be eligible for Federal Loans. Graduate students must enroll in three or more hours in order to be eligible for Federal Loans.**
4. The student must meet all eligibility criteria of the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy for federal and state financial aid. Students will be reviewed for Satisfactory Academic Progress after **Spring 2021** grades are posted. Failure to comply with this policy will result in the cancellation of any aid that had previously been offered for the summer school sessions. This policy can be found at <https://www.lander.edu/admissions/tuition-financial-aid/satisfactory-academic-progress-sap> .

Award Notification:

Summer aid awards will be posted on the student's **2020-2021** Bearcat Web Award Summary screen via <https://www.lander.edu/bearcatweb> (or <http://mylander.lander.edu> if you have a MyLander account) and notices are sent via Lander e-mail. To decline or reduce the summer aid awarded, you need to access your Award Summary screen in Bearcat Web to submit your decision. Please review and update your address as necessary on the Bearcat Web.

Application Procedure for Summer Federal Assistance:

1. The **2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** must be received and verification completed (if required) by **April 1, 2021**. **Transfer students must submit all final, official transcripts from all schools attended so that the hours can be articulated BEFORE their aid eligibility can be finalized for summer 2021.** Students must also submit the Summer Aid Application no later than **April 1, 2021** in order to guarantee processing before summer school starts. Students who submit applications after the deadline are responsible for paying all fees due to the University while financial aid is pending. The last day an application can be accepted for processing is the first day of the first session in which you plan to enroll.
2. **Summer awards are based on the actual number of hours you enroll and attend through the Drop/Add period and your housing status. You must inform the Financial Aid Office at any time that your enrollment or housing status changes. This updated information may affect your aid eligibility.**

NOTE: Any change in enrollment could result in a change to your financial aid eligibility. Decreases in enrolled credit hours, non-attendance in a class, or a total or unofficial withdrawal from summer classes may result in a loss of eligibility for Federal aid. You may lose eligibility for aid you've already received, including returning funds already received.

3. Students who wish to apply for a Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan (DLPLUS) for summer should have their parent borrower complete and submit the **Summer Parent PLUS Loan Application Supplement** to the Financial Aid Office for processing. The form is available on-line at: <https://www.lander.edu/admissions/tuition-financial-aid/forms> .
4. Work-Study positions available for the summer will be posted at <https://www.lander.edu/student-life/career-services/campus-student-employment> .

Disbursement of Aid:

Any loans for which you are eligible will be credited to your Business Office account after the Drop/Add period ends. Pell Grant and SEOG funds will be credited to your account during your first term of summer enrollment. It will be your responsibility to pay for all other terms of enrollment from any refund check you may receive. **Failure to enroll in the proper number of hours will result in your having to immediately repay the over-paid funds.** Financial aid funds cannot be disbursed until you have validated your enrollment with the Business Office. **Failure to validate your enrollment with the Business Office will result in courses being dropped.**

If you are eligible for a refund, the Business Office issues refunds approximately 3 – 5 business days once the aid application file is complete and funds have been posted to your account. Once Lander posts your loan disbursement to your account, you will receive an e-mail on your Lander e-mail account within 24-48 hours. **Please review and update your address as necessary on the Bearcat Web.**

Adjustments to Aid:

Lander University reserves the right to adjust any aid awarded based on verification of eligibility or enrollment status. Furthermore, at any time that new, corrected, or additional information becomes available, Lander University reserves the right to review any aid for accuracy and eligibility.

If you plan to attend Lander University for the Fall 2021 semester, do not forget to file your 2020-2021 FAFSA on-line at <https://www.fafsa.gov>.