

The cost of a college education has been rising and continues to rise.

What can you do about it?

You can make sure that you're getting the best value for your money. You can make sure that every hard-earned dollar that you spend on a college education is there. Visible. Obvious. In the caliber of the faculty. In the quality of the student body. And in the rigor of the academic program. It's all got to be there. Plus important, value-added services such as a secure campus, enhanced technology and healthy dining choices.

LaGrange College is a remarkable private, values-oriented college, recognized repeatedly by U.S. News & World Report as one of the South's top colleges and a "best value."

In an effort to enhance that value, LaGrange College awards over \$23 million annually in financial aid packages to eligible students. Four types of financial aid are available: scholarships, grants, loans and work-study programs. Each is explained here.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Free money that does not have to be paid back.

Merit Scholarships

Merit-based scholarships are awarded based on ability and/or talent rather than financial need. You must be admitted to and attend LaGrange College in order to receive any of the scholarships listed.

RECALCULATED GPA – TAKE NOTE
Except for the Gateway and Hilltop Scholarships, which utilize the high school reported cumulative GPA, the grade point average used to determine a student's eligibility for an academic scholarship is recalculated by LaGrange College based on the following college preparatory subjects earned in grades 9 through 12:

- Academic or College Prep English
- Foreign Languages (including Latin)
- Social Studies (including economics, geography, government, history, psychology and sociology)
- Mathematics (including algebra, geometry, trigonometry, pre-calculus, calculus and functions)
- Laboratory Science (including biology, chemistry and physics)

In instances where a candidate qualifies for more than one academic scholarship, he or she will only receive the largest academic scholarship package (except the Presidential Scholarship) for which he or she is eligible.

THE GATEWAY SCHOLARSHIP

\$5,000 per year/\$20,000 over four years

Awarded to entering, full-time, first-year day students only. **Eligibility** is determined by a combination of grade point average and test scores. **Typically**, recipients of the Gateway Scholarship demonstrate above average academic achievement in college preparatory coursework (listed above) over the duration of their high school career. **Renewable** with a 2.0 or better college GPA. Apply online at www.lagrange.edu admission.

Deadline: June 15

THE HILLTOP SCHOLARSHIP

\$7,500 per year/\$30,000 over four years

Awarded to full-time, first-year day students only. **Eligibility** is determined by a combination of high school reported cumulative grade point average and test scores. **Typically**, recipients of the Hilltop Scholarship have an SAT combined Critical Reading and Math score of 1000 or higher (or ACT composite score of 21 or higher) and a cumulative high school GPA of 3.2 or higher in the college preparatory courses listed above. **Renewable** with 2.0 or better college GPA.

Deadline: June 15

TOWER SCHOLARSHIP

\$10,000 per year/\$40,000 over four years

Awarded to full-time, first-year day students only. **Eligibility** is determined by a combination of recalculated high school grade point average and test scores. **Typically**, recipients of the Tower Scholarship have an SAT combined



Critical Reading and Math score of 1050 or higher (or ACT composite score of 23 or higher) and a recalculated cumulative high school GPA of 3.5 or higher in the college preparatory courses listed above. **Renewable with 2.5 or better college GPA.**

Deadline: June 15

THE FOUNDERS SCHOLARSHIP

\$11,000 per year/\$44,000 over four years

Awarded to full-time, first-year day students only. **Eligibility** is determined by a combination of recalculated grade point average and test scores. **Typically**, recipients of the Founders Scholarship have an SAT combined Critical Reading and Math score of 1100 or higher (or a minimum ACT composite score of 24 or higher) and a recalculated high school GPA of 3.7 or higher in the college preparatory courses listed above. **Renewable** with 2.5 or better college GPA.

Deadline: June 15

THE FELLOWS SCHOLARSHIP

\$13,500 per year/\$54,000 over four years

Awarded to full-time, first-year day students only. **Eligibility** is determined by a combination of recalculated grade point average and test scores. **Typically**, recipients of the Fellows Scholarship have an SAT combined Critical Reading and Math score of 1200 or higher (or ACT composite score of 27 or higher) and a 3.9 recalculated cumulative high school GPA or higher in the college preparatory courses listed above.

Renewable with a 2.5 or better college GPA.

Deadline: June 15

THE PRESIDENTIAL SCHOLARSHIP

Full tuition, fees, room and board

Selected by a panel of judges. Two Presidential Scholarships will be awarded annually, and contestants will be chosen from among the most academically gifted applicants for admission.

New, first-year students admitted by January 15 who qualify for a Fellows Scholarship may be invited to compete for a Presidential Scholarship. Successful candidates will

have completed a strong college preparatory curriculum and show evidence of an exceptional record of leadership or service to school, community or church. **Renewable** with a 3.25 or better college GPA, the Presidential Scholarship supersedes all other LaGrange College scholarship and aid.

Deadline: High school seniors interested in being considered for the scholarship must apply for admission no later than January 1 of their senior year.

Departmental Scholarships

Amounts vary based on funding.

Funded through the generosity of alumni and friends of the College. **Past scholarships** have been awarded to students in Art, Music, Theater and Nursing. Students who indicate intent to major in specific areas may receive applications for available Departmental Scholarships through the Office of Admission. **Students who receive an academic scholarship may not always qualify for a departmental scholarship as well.**

Deadline: March 1

Transfer Scholarships

Available exclusively to students transferring to LaGrange College from other schools.

THE PHI THETA KAPPA SCHOLARSHIP

\$7,500 per year

Awarded by the Admission Office to qualified transfer students who are U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens fully inducted into Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. **Requires** students be admitted to and attend LaGrange College in order to receive this scholarship. **Renewable** with a 3.0 or better college GPA.

Deadline: June 15

LaGrange College Transfer Scholarship

\$4,000 per year for transfer students with a 2.5 cumulative college GPA

\$5,000 per year for transfer students with a 2.75 cumulative college GPA

\$6,000 per year for transfer students with a 3.0 cumulative college GPA

Awarded at the discretion of the Admission Office at the \$4,000, \$5,000 or \$6,000 level based on students' completion of a minimum 30 semester hours of transferrable credit and their having attained a specific minimum grade point average. **Renewable** from year to year, provided the student attains the minimum 2.5 GPA.

Deadline: June 15

Scholarships for Georgia Residents

HOPE MATCH SCHOLARSHIP

\$4,000 renewable over four years

Awarded to Georgia residents who graduated from high school as a final HOPE scholar. Must be a new, first-time student accepted for admission. **Tentative awards** will be based on preliminary information reported by the high school on calculated institutional academic GPA. Final eligibility will be determined after June 30th. **Students who also qualify for a LaGrange College merit scholarship will receive the greater of the two awards, but not both.**

Deadline: June 15

HOPE SCHOLARSHIP

\$1,800 per semester for full-time students

\$900 per semester for part-time students

Awarded by the State of Georgia to residents who graduated from high school on or after June 1996 with a 3.0 average. **Requires** being a Georgia resident for at least 12 months prior to high school graduation and at the time of enrollment at LaGrange College. Must have

graduated high school with a GPA of 3.0 or higher in college preparatory courses that could have met a graduation requirement. You must be enrolled at least half-time in order to receive this scholarship. **Apply** by completing the HOPE Scholarship application at www.gacollege411.org. **Deadline:** September 1

ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP

\$2,000 per semester for full-time students

\$1,000 per semester for half-time students

Awarded by the State of Georgia to residents who graduate from an eligible high school in 2011 or later as the class Valedictorian or Salutatorian; or graduated with a minimum of a 3.7 cumulative grade point average in the college preparatory core-curriculum subjects and earned a minimum score of 1200 combined Critical Reading and Math on a single administration of the SAT or a composite score of 26 on a single administration of the ACT on a test administered before the time of high school graduation. **Eligible students** receive the higher level HOPE Scholarship award of \$2,000 per semester if full-time, and \$1,000 per semester if enrolled half-time for students attending a private college or university. **Renewable** with a 3.3 GPA.

For free application and deadline information visit www.gacollege411.org.

GEORGIA TUITION EQUALIZATION GRANT

Annual amount is contingent on State appropriations.

Awarded on a non-need basis to Georgia residents attending a private college or university as a full-time student. **Requires** you to be a Georgia resident for at least 12 months prior to the term of enrollment at an eligible college or university. Must be enrolled full-time. The annual amount is contingent on State appropriations. **Apply** by completing a Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant Application at www.gacollege411.org.

Deadline: September 1

United Methodist Church

UMC DOLLARS FOR SCHOLARS

Matching scholarship valued at \$2,000 to \$4,000

This is a matching scholarship fund **awarded** by the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation to churches that raise and provide \$1,000 on behalf of student congregation members attending or planning to attend a United Methodist College. **Renewable** by reapplication each year. LaGrange College's participation in the **Triple Your Dollars** program may provide an additional \$1,000 for a total of \$3,000.

Conferences participating in the **Quadruple Your Dollars** program may contribute an additional \$1,000 for a potential total of \$4,000. **Application forms** available at www.umhcf.org.

Deadline: March 15

UMC LEADERSHIP SCHOLARS

Matching scholarship valued at \$2,000 to \$3,000

Awarded to United Methodist youth planning to enroll at a UMC-related college or university. **Renewable** by reapplication each year. Requires the sponsoring church to contribute \$1,000 to the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation, and the UMC-related college or university matches it. **Application Forms** available at www.umls.umc.org.

Deadline: April 1

LAGRANGE COLLEGE METHODIST SCHOLARSHIP

Awards range from \$500 to \$1000

Awarded to active members of the United Methodist Church on a need basis. **Requires** you be a currently enrolled or admitted student who is an active member of a UM Church, have financial need and a GPA of 3.0 or higher. **Apply** by filling out a United Methodist Scholarship form available from the LaGrange College Financial Aid Office.

Deadline: April 1

LAGRANGE COLLEGE METHODIST MINISTERIAL DISCOUNT

\$4,000 non-need-based tuition discount

Awarded to dependents of ordained ministers of the United Methodist Church. Award is subject to reduction if it, when added to other institutional aid, exceeds the established institutional cap. **Requires** you be a currently enrolled or admitted student whose parent is an active, ordained minister in the United Methodist Church. **Apply** by submitting a United Methodist Ministerial Discount Form available from the LaGrange College Financial Aid Office.

Deadline: June 15

GRANTS

Funds awarded on the basis of specific criteria.

LAGRANGE COLLEGE GRANTS

Award amounts vary based on need and available funds.

A variety of need-based grants are made possible by the generous gifts of alumni and friends of LaGrange College. **Requires** students be

accepted for admission and demonstrate financial need. **Apply** by completing the 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (2012-2013 FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Deadline: June 15

FEDERAL PELL GRANT

Awards based on the student's Expected Family Contribution and enrollment status.

Awarded to undergraduate students pursuing their first bachelor's degree. **Requires** you be accepted for admission and eligible to participate in financial aid programs. **Apply** by completing the 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (2012-2013 FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

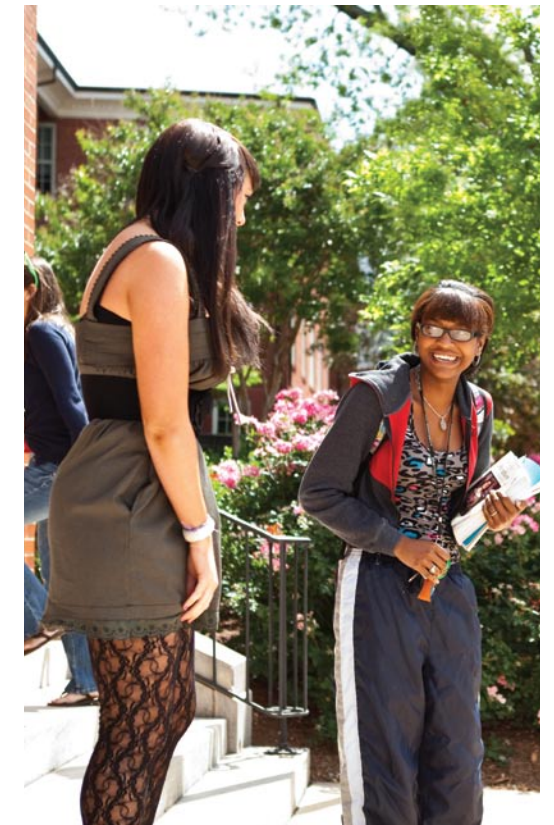
Deadline: June 1

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT (FSEOG)

\$100 to \$2,000 annually based on availability of funds

Awarded to undergraduate students with exceptional financial need. **Priority** is given to Pell-eligible students with the lowest Expected Family Contribution. **Requires** you be an undergraduate student, meet general financial aid eligibility requirements, be Pell eligible and have exceptional financial need. **Apply** by completing the 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (2012-2013 FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Deadline: June 1





LOANS

Require repayment upon graduation or withdrawal from school.

FEDERAL PERKINS LOAN

Allows students and parents to borrow low-interest loans directly from the federal government to help defray the cost of college attendance.

Awarded to undergraduate and graduate students with exceptional financial need. **Interest rate** is five percent, and no interest accrues on the loan while the borrower is enrolled half-time and during the grace period. **Repayment** begins nine months after graduation or withdrawal from school. This loan program has cancellation provisions for critical fields of study. **Apply** by completing the 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (2012-2013 FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

Deadline: June 1

WILLIAM D. FORD DIRECT FEDERAL LOAN PROGRAM

Allows students and parents to borrow low-interest funds directly from the federal government to help defray the cost of college attendance.

The Direct Loan Program provides both need-based (subsidized) and non-need-based

(unsubsidized) loans to eligible students. A subsidized loan is awarded to eligible students with demonstrated financial need.

No principal payments are due and the accruing interest is paid by the federal government while the student is in school, during the grace period and during authorized periods of deferment. An unsubsidized loan is awarded to eligible students regardless of financial need or family income but interest accrues on the loan while the student is in school and during the grace period and authorized periods of deferment. An eligible student is a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen enrolled at least half-time and who is not in default on a federal loan program or does not owe a repayment on a federal grant.

The amount of a Federal Direct Loan a student may receive is dependent on the student's classification and dependency status (independent or dependent):

- An undergraduate dependent freshman may borrow up to \$5,500 (no more than \$3,500 may be subsidized), a sophomore may borrow up to \$6,500 (no more than \$4,500 may be subsidized), and a junior or senior may borrow up to \$7,500 (no more than \$5,500 may be subsidized).
- An undergraduate independent student

may borrow up to \$9,500 (no more than \$3,500 may be subsidized), a sophomore may borrow up to \$10,500 (no more than \$4,500 may be subsidized), a junior or senior may borrow up to \$12,500 (no more than \$5,500 may be subsidized), and a graduate student may borrow up to or \$20,500 (no more than \$8,500 may be subsidized).

- Interest rate on Federal Direct Loans is 6.80 percent. Apply by completing the 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (2012-2013 FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

FEDERAL DIRECT PARENT LOAN FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS (PLUS)

Eligible applicants may borrow up to the cost of attendance less other financial aid.

Available to the parents of a dependent student to defray remaining educational expenses after all other financial aid resources are exhausted.

Interest rate is fixed at 7.90 percent. **Repayment** on a PLUS Loan begins within 60 days of the disbursement of the loan. **Requires** parents and student to be U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens in good standing with any federal loan program and not owe a refund on a federal education grant. Parents must be credit worthy. **Apply** at www.studentloans.gov. The parent applying for the loan must have a U. S. Department issued PIN to log in to the site and select "Complete the PLUS Request Process" to initiate the PLUS Loan. A PIN can be obtained at www.pin.ed.gov.

WORK-STUDY PROGRAMS

Part-time employment opportunities offered by LaGrange College and the federal government that allow students to earn extra money for school.

LAGRANGE COLLEGE WORK AID

Funds awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, until funds are depleted, with priority given to students with financial need.

Required to be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen. Must be enrolled at least half-time as an undergraduate or graduate student. Must demonstrate financial need. **Apply** by completing the 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (2012-2013 FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Indicate your interest in participating in work-study in step one of the 2012-2013 FAFSA.

Deadline: June 1

FEDERAL WORK-STUDY

Funds awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, until funds are depleted, with priority given to students with financial need.

Required to be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen enrolled at least half-time as an undergraduate or graduate student. Must demonstrate financial need. **Apply** by completing the 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Indicate your interest in participating in work-study in step one of the 2012-2013 FAFSA.

Deadline: June 1



THINGS TO REMEMBER

1. Apply for financial aid by **March 1st**.
2. **Keep copies** of all forms.
3. Be mindful of **deadlines!**
4. When filling out the FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov, LaGrange College will only receive the results if you include the **Title IV School Code, 001578**, in step six of the form.
5. You must be enrolled or accepted for admission before any financial aid can be awarded.
6. You can pay for your LaGrange College education via an installment plan. Call **(706) 880-8278** or e-mail bcarter@lagrange.edu.