Summer 2017 Financial Aid for Law Students

**Important Dates for Summer Financial Aid**
- The preferred deadline to request summer financial aid is May 1, 2017.
- The final deadline to request summer financial aid is June 30, 2017.

**Processing of Summer Financial Aid Requests**
- Requests for summer financial aid are processed in date order.
- Summer Financial Aid Requests must be submitted by **May 1** in order for the request to be processed, and for aid eligibility to be determined, by the summer payment deadline.

**General Eligibility Requirements**
- Submitting a Summer Financial Aid Request does not guarantee eligibility for summer financial aid.
- You must be fully admitted to a degree program at the University of Arkansas at Little Rock Bowen School of Law.
- You must meet **Satisfactory Academic Progress** standards.
- You cannot be in default on a student loan nor owe a repayment to a federal grant.
- UA Little Rock must have received valid results from the 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) before we can determine summer aid eligibility. **The deadline to file the 2016-2017 FAFSA is June 30, 2017.**
- The online **Summer Financial Aid Request** is also required in order to apply for summer financial aid.
- You must be registered in classes for the summer term before you can submit a Summer Financial Aid Request.
- You must have submitted all **required documents** (tax forms, verification worksheet, etc.) to the UA Little Rock Office of Financial Aid before you can receive summer financial aid.
- Additional financial assistance from any source will affect federal loan eligibility. Failure to report other sources of aid may result in the required reduction or repayment of federal loan funds.

**How to Apply for Summer Aid**
1. Complete the 2016-2017 **Free Application for Federal Student Aid** (**FAFSA**). If you have already completed a 2016-2017 FAFSA, you do not need to complete a new one.
2. Complete the online Summer Financial Aid Request:
   - Log in to **BOSS**
   - Click on “Secure Login”
   - Enter your ID number (Your “T” number) and your PIN and click on “Login”
   - Click on “Financial Aid”
   - Click on “Summer 2017 Financial Aid Request”
   - Follow the instructions for submitting the Summer Financial Aid Request

**Summer Registration Requirements**
You must be registered in classes for the summer term, with at least half-time enrollment status, before you are eligible to submit a Summer Financial Aid Request.

If you change your summer enrollment after submitting your application, you must notify the Office of Financial Aid immediately. Any change in enrollment could affect aid eligibility.

Eligibility for Federal Student Loans during the Summer Term

- Stafford Loan funds received during the preceding fall and spring terms will determine eligibility for summer loan funds. If you receive the maximum annual Stafford loan amount, $20,500, during the fall and/or spring semesters, you will not be eligible for a summer Stafford loan.
- If you have exhausted your annual Stafford Loan eligibility, you should pursue a Federal Graduate PLUS loan.
  - Eligibility for a Graduate PLUS loan is based on your credit history.
  - The lender may require an endorser (co-signer).
- You must be enrolled at least half-time, a minimum of 4 law hours in the summer term, in order to qualify for federal loan funds. Your summer enrollment status is calculated by adding together your enrollment in all law summer sessions.
- If you are pursuing a dual degree program and are enrolled in graduate hours only for the summer semester, you must meet the half-time enrollment requirements for a graduate student in order to be eligible to receive federal loan funds.
- Additional financial assistance from any source will affect federal student loan eligibility. Failure to report other sources of aid may result in the required reduction or repayment of federal loan funds.

Summer Disbursement of Federal Student Loan Funds

All summer loans will be disbursed in two disbursements.
- The first disbursement date is determined by the date you begin attending summer classes:
  - May 15, 2017, if summer attendance begins with the first Law School Intersession
  - May 22, 2017, if summer attendance begins with the second Law School Intersession
  - June 5, 2017 if summer attendance begins with the regular Law School Summer Session
- The second disbursement date for all loans is scheduled for June 27, 2017.
- If you are attending a summer study abroad program, the loan disbursement dates will be determined by the study abroad program dates.
- You must be enrolled at least half-time, as of the date of each disbursement, in order to receive a payment of loan funds.
  - The University of Arkansas at Little Rock defines half-time enrollment as a minimum of 4 law hours in the summer term.
  - Study Abroad programs may define half-time status differently.
- All charges must be paid in full before any funds are released to you.
  - The amount of financial aid funds credited to your UA Little Rock student account must be greater than the charges due in order for a refund check/direct deposit to be created.
  - It is possible you will not receive a refund check or direct deposit until the second disbursement of your loan has paid to your student account.

Private Education Loans

- Law School students who are eligible for federal financial aid are encouraged to pursue a Federal Graduate PLUS loan instead of a private education loan.
- Private education loans are private sources of student financial assistance.
  - You may apply for a private education loan if you do not qualify for federal financial aid or if you need additional financial aid resources to meet the cost of attendance.
- Eligibility for the loan is based on your credit rating.
- A co-signer may be required.
- The Office of Financial Aid provides a [historical list of lenders](#) for private education loans. However, you may pursue a private education loan from any lender you choose.
- The total amount of aid received from all sources cannot exceed your summer cost of attendance.
- Additional financial assistance from any source will affect your loan eligibility. Failure to report other sources of aid may result in the required reduction or repayment of loan funds.