## The UNIVERSITY of OKLAHOMA HEALTH SCIENCES

# STUDENT FINANCIAL AID TOP TEN

### **FAFSA IS AN ANNUAL PROCESS**

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed each academic year. OU Health Sciences is a separate entity from the OU-Norman Campus. Endsure you are using the OU Health Sciences Federal School Code: 005889.

## YOU NEED A BUDGET

College is expensive and can be accompanied with additional costs such as living, transportation, healthcare, and more. Student Financial Aid encourages all students to utilize a budgeting method that works for you - a spreadsheet, an app, whatever works to ensure you stick to a budget.

## YOU DON'T HAVE TO **BORROW (OR KEEP) EVERYTHING**

Students are often approved for more financial aid than they need after tuition, fees, cost of living, health insurance, etc. is covered. You do not need to accept the entire offer package. This can help in reducing overall student debt amounts.

### WE DIVIDE YOUR TOTAL **LOAN AMOUNTS**

Your total loan amounts are divided by academic term. The standard distribution is 20% for summer and 40% each for fall and spring.

If you need it split differently, let's chat about your options.

### **CHECK ON YOUR EXISTING** LOANS



Periodically check studentaid.gov to see your loan totals. Also check your online accounts with your loan servicers to stay updated on interest accrual. We recommend keeping tabs on your loans at least once a year to be prepared for repayment.

### LOAN REPAYMENT IS COMPLEX



Loan repayment can be confusing, subject to change, and challenging to begin. If you have questions about repayment and the varying plans out there, do not be afraid to ask!

### **FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID** IS FOR THE STUDENT



While many family-related expenses can be included in your federal financial aid offers, some expenses cannot. We are happy to review your potential expenses with you and provide advice for payment.

### **REPAYMENT CALCULATORS EXIST**



Log in with your Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID at studentaid.gov to look at your own loans in a repayment calculator

Check out finaid.org/calculators/ to see other calculator options.

### **INTEREST ACCRUAL IS EXPENSIVE**



Interest accrues on your loans' principal balance while you are in school, but then...

Once you enter repayment, interest accrues on principal plus previously accrued interest.

**ASK US ANYTHING, ANYTIME!** 

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### **ARE YOU A NORMAN CAMPUS STUDENT?**

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