



April 2024

Office of Student
FINANCIAL AID
and SCHOLARSHIPS
Newsletter



FEDERAL AID
ASSISTANCE

Complete the 2024-2025 FAFSA



Requirements: 2022 taxes & W2s

- If a dependent student - you and your parent(s) FSA ID and password.
- If an independent student - you and/or your spouse's) FSA ID and password.



FAFSA is available now!



24/7

<https://studentaid.gov>



FAFSA UPDATE

Starting in 2024-2025, the FAFSA Simplification Act will take place, representing a significant overhaul of the processes and systems that were previously used. Major changes included:

CONTRIBUTORS

A **contributor** is anyone who is required to provide information in support of the student's financial aid application. A contributor is a parent, guardian, or student spouse.

IRS DIRECT DATA EXCHANGE

Instead of entering their financial information manually, all contributors on a student's FAFSA application must consent for **DDX** allowing their data to be transferred directly to the FAFSA. There is no opt-out for this requirement

STUDENT AID INDEX

The **SAI** is replacing the EFC formula. This is a new need-analysis formula that financial aid staff will use when awarding need-based grants and scholarships. This formula change links eligibility to family size and the federal poverty level, and will mean Pell grants will be offered to more students.

Want to learn more? Visit studentaid.gov



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Complete MANDATORY Exit Counseling!

Spring Graduates

Class of 2024

Final Deadline:
May 1st



DO YOU HAVE?

**Graduate
PLUS
Loans?**

**Teach
Grant?**

**Federal
Loans?**

 **SCAN ME**



IMPORTANT

All federal loan borrowers and Teach Grant Recipients must complete the mandatory Exit Counseling as required by federal government. In accordance with the University policy, to receive your diploma during the graduation ceremony, this Exit counseling must be completed by the stated deadline.

Summer 2024 Aid

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Important
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NO SUMMER 2024 APPLICATION IS REQUIRED!

We are using your pre-registered enrollment hours to create an award offer for you, however, there are some enrollment requirements



- All XU students anticipating Summer 2024 Financial Aid offers must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours for the summer terms.
- If you fail to attend 6 or more hours, your financial aid offer will not disburse to your student account.
- After your attending hours have been verified of being at least 6 hours, your Federal Financial Aid will disburse for Summer 2024.

NOTE:

If you are awarded College Work-Study, your contract will be prepared for working during Summer 1 session only (must be enrolled in 6 or more hours). Students who attend classes virtually are not eligible to participate in the Federal College Work-Study program.

NOTE:

All XU students must be meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). SAP will be ran after the end of Spring 2024, so if your SAP status changes, your award offer is no longer valid.



ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIP RENEWAL REQUIREMENTS

Cumulative GPA

Maintain an overall cumulative GPA of **3.1** or higher at the end of each academic year.

Credit Hours

Complete at least:

- **30** Credit Hours by the end of your 1st year
- **60** Credit Hours by the end of your 2nd year
- **90** Credit Hours by the end of your 3rd year

**Transferred credit hours and accepted AP courses are counted toward your credit hour requirement.*



Dropping below full-time after mid-terms does not affect your Academic Scholarship eligibility for the current or following semester. However, you must be sure to have completed the total credit hours required by the end of the academic year.

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COUNSELOR HOURS



SET UP AN APPOINTMENT WITH A FINANCIAL AID ASSOCIATE

In Person

Mon and Wed **8:30am– 10am**
Tues and Thurs **1 pm–2pm**

Virtual

Mon and Wed **10:15am– 12:15am**
Tues and Thurs **2:15pm–4pm**

Office Hours of Operation

Mon – Fri **8:30am – 4:30pm**



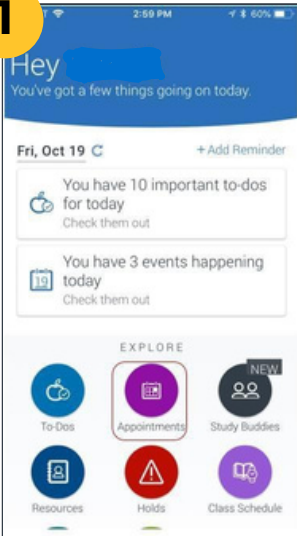
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FINANCIAL AID APPOINTMENTS

Student Scheduling

Scheduling Instructions

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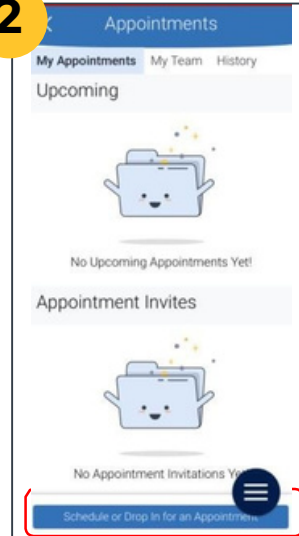


Log in to Navigate → Select “Appointments”

Log in instructions

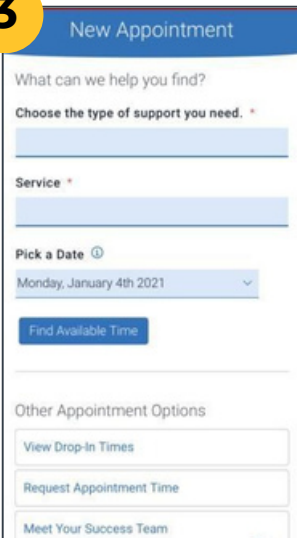
- Follow link below: xula.guide.eab.com
- Or download Navigate Student from Apple’s App Store or Google’s Play Store
- Use your XULA credentials to log in

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Choose Schedule an Appointment at bottom of screen

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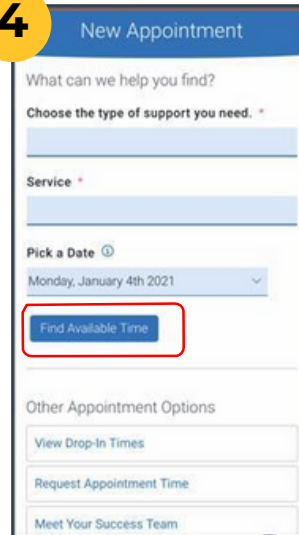


Choose Support Type → Student Financial Aid and Scholarships
Choose Service based on the reason for your appointment:

General Financial Aid Question, Work Study, or Scholarships.

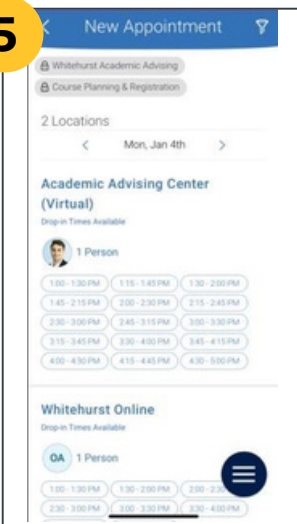
For General Financial Aid Question, you will also need to indicate the first letter of your last name.

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Choose preferred date and then select “Find Available Time”

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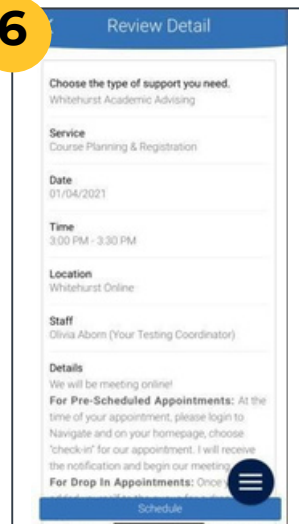


Select Preferred Location and Time

Most appointments will only be offered virtually for the current semester.

For select services, you may also need to select a staff member.

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Review selections, Enter any Additional Comments → Click “Schedule”



FINANCIAL AID vs FISCAL SERVICES/ STUDENT ACCOUNTS

- Assistance with completing FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- Conduct student need analysis.
- Perform federal verifications (audit of information reported on your FAFSA).
- Certify federal loan eligibility, provide financial aid counseling
- Make professional judgment decisions regarding student aid eligibility
- Package and offer federal student aid
- Transmit aid to fiscal to post to student accounts for disbursement of funds
- Scholarship outreach assistance

- Billing and collection of tuition, fees, and room and board charges for students attending Xavier University of Louisiana.
- Student Accounts provides all assistance to parents and students with respect to student account inquiries (billing transactions).
- Responsible for disbursing federal financial aid to student's accounts.
- The processing of refunds to students and parents.
- Issue IRS Form 1098-T for tax filing purposes



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