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Xavier University of Louisiana

# Parent Financial Aid Newsletter

## Dear XU Parents and Guardians,

In an effort to keep you informed regarding updates and changes on Student Financial Aid, we will periodically send a financial aid newsletter to all students and parents. Please take the time to read the information below, as it includes important information pertaining to your child's financial aid for the 2020-2021 and 2021-2022 academic year.



Join us on Twitter @XUFinancialAid for weekly updates and reminders.

Ms. E. Jones, Director

### Action is Required on your Dependent's Financial Aid Application

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### Tips for Verification

- ✓ To start the process: Make sure to check your XULA email for the Verification link.
- ✓ Supply only the documentation requested of you.
- ✓ If you are dependent, your parent must create an account in order to submit their documents.
- ✓ The parent and student must attest to documents under each individual's portal.
- ✓ More information may be requested. Monitor your XULA email for updates.

Breaking News

Source: U.S. Department of Education  
Coronavirus: Impact on Financial Aid

**Important News**  
for all  
**Financial Aid Recipients**  
Students,  
Borrowers,  
& Parents

Can I stop payments? How?

What if I am in default?

Do I have to pay interest?

In repayment? You should contact your loan servicer! ACT NOW!

Please copy and paste this link for very important guidance. Read and share!

[studentaid.gov/announcement-events/coronavirus](https://studentaid.gov/announcement-events/coronavirus)

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## Important Information

### FERPA Release Waiver

The family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA), prohibits the release of information. Any student that would like to share their information with another individual must complete the FERPA waiver. The form enables the Financial Aid Office to disclose and/or discuss all financial assistance information only to those individuals the students grant access. For further details, you may visit the website link at <https://www.xula.edu/registrars-office-completing-a-ferpa-waiver>

## Summer Applications Now Available!

Applications Can be Found Here:

- ◆ [Undergraduate Students](#)
- ◆ [Graduate Students](#)
- ◆ [College of Pharmacy Students](#)

Forms can be found using these steps:

- [www.Xula.edu](http://www.Xula.edu)
- Admissions and Aid
- Financial Aid
- Forms and Resources for Undergraduates and Graduates
- College of Pharmacy Applications are under the College of Pharmacy Tab

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## SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES NEED-BASED GRANT

Have you and/or your parent incurred unusual expenses such as:

- High medical/dental expenses
- Educational debts of siblings
- Child/elderly care
- Loss of employment

Application can be found at [xula.edu/financialaid](http://xula.edu/financialaid)

All inquiries and applications along with supporting documents should be emailed to [spcnbrgrant@xula.edu](mailto:spcnbrgrant@xula.edu)

**T.E.A.M. Together Each Achieves More**



## Important Dates for Spring 2021

**April 16, 2021 — Last Day to Officially Withdraw from Xavier**

**April 22, 2021 — Last Class Day before Final Examinations**

**April 23, 2021 — Quiet Day**

**April 26, 2021 — Senior Final Grades due (Noon)**

**April 26-27, 2021 — Contingency Days**

**April 28- May 5, 2021—Final Exams**

**May 7, 2021 —All Final Grades Due (Noon)**

**May 7, 2021 — Baccalaureate**

**May 8, 2021 — Commencement**

**June 1, 2021— Final Day to Submit Summer Financial Aid Application (All Sessions)**



XAVIER UNIVERSITY OF LOUISIANA

Dr. Reynold Verret  
President

April 8, 2021

Dear Students,

Your vigilance during this past year has allowed Xavier to open its doors and remain open by keeping our COVID-19 infection rates very low. To continue our shared commitment to each other, we are requiring that all students receive their Coronavirus vaccines before returning for the Fall 2021 semester. Proof of vaccination will be required for all students planning to attend this fall.

Xavier has partnered with many health providers to make vaccines available to you. This includes DePaul Community Health Center and Tulane University Medical Center. I am happy to announce that our efforts to make vaccines as readily accessible to you and our entire community continue with the first of many vaccination events with Ochsner starting this Friday, April 9, 2021. The vaccine being given is the Pfizer vaccine. The Second Dose will be on April 30th on campus. The events above are by appointment only. Please call 844-888-2772 or visit [MyOchsner](https://myOchsner.com) to schedule.

The University will be officially updating its Immunization Requirements for Students to include the COVID-19 vaccine. This health policy update means that, with limited exceptions, all students planning to attend in the Fall 2021 semester must be fully vaccinated unless granted a limited exception for documented medical or religious reasons.

The benefits of COVID-19 vaccination include prevention of serious illness, hospitalization, and death from the virus. The vaccine also prevents your transmitting the virus to your loved ones. Broad immunization is critical to help stop the current pandemic and to protect our University community. Benefits specific to the Xavier community include:

- An expedited return to normal operations
- Expanded face-to-face course offerings
- More student life experiences
- Opportunities for a wider range of events and activities offered at our campus
- More normalized pre-pandemic dining and recreation opportunities
- Greater opportunities for personal interactions between faculty, students, and staff that contribute significantly to your success

Xavier has been a leader in providing a safe campus for our community to continue to learn while remaining healthy and safe. The need to stay the course has never been more necessary. An effective vaccination program will make our community safer for all.

I urge you to take advantage of the vaccines now available on campus prior to the close of the 2021 Spring semester. You will return to your homes healthier, safer, and with the ability to protect your most vulnerable family members. If you have family in the vicinity, we encourage you to register them for the vaccines here on campus and affirm their attendance. You are called as a Xavierite to lead and serve those around you.

With our commitment to each other and those around us, I look forward to seeing you in person for the Fall 2021 semester.

Reynold Verret  
President  
Xavier University of Louisiana

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Listed below are the directions to complete the plus loan credit check:

### To Request the Parent PLUS:

- Go to [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) (secure site)
- Choose "Parent Borrowers" and choose "Apply for a PLUS Loan".
- Sign in using parent FSA ID and password.
- Proceed to complete the PLUS Application and read the results.
- Complete the PLUS Loan Agreement- Master Promissory Note (MPN) if you are a first-time borrower or if you have had an endorser on a previous PLUS loan.
- Complete the XULA Certification Form: Within three (3) business days after the Direct PLUS loan has been approved, the XULA Financial Aid Office will send XULA certification form to the parent's email address that was provided on the FAFSA.
- Complete, Submit and Return the XULA Certification Form: Once this form is submitted back to the XULA Financial Aid Office the form will be reviewed and the loan will appear as accepted on the student's Banner Web.

### If Your PLUS Loan Request Is Denied:

There are three possible courses of action:

1. Appeal the credit decision:
  - Call Direct Loans at 1-800-557-7394.
  - Appeal online at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
2. Pursue the PLUS with an endorser (cosigner):
  - Complete online at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
3. Student requests additional unsubsidized loan in lieu of the PLUS:
  - The parent and student are required to complete the Non Co-Endorser Form, which is available on our XULA Financial aid webpage.

Note: The maximum amount of additional unsubsidized loans is up to \$4,000 per year for students with fewer than 90 earned credit hours, and up to \$5,000 per year for students with 90 or more earned credit hours.

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NOTE: Your monthly repayments begin 60 days after the Federal Direct PLUS Loan has been fully disbursed usually after the second spring disbursement. Contact Direct Loan Servicing to inquire about your scheduled monthly repayment plan or to inquire about the possibility of temporarily postponing your monthly repayments (called an administrative forbearance).

## Set up a virtual appointment with a Financial Aid Associate

### All Enrolled Students

Monday and Wednesday 8:30am-12:15pm

Tuesday 12:30pm-4:00pm

\*Late Day Tuesday (first 3 months of the semester) 12:30pm-6:00pm

You must click "Confirm Appointment" this ensures your appointment time and date

### To schedule an appointment:

<https://xula.navigate.eab.com/app/>



The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships  
[www.xula.edu/financialaid](http://www.xula.edu/financialaid)

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