FINANCIAL AID PROGRAM
Scholarships, Loans & Federal Assistance

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ONLY FOR J.D. STUDENTS

MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS
• Awarded by the Admissions Committee based on the strength of admissions application. (No separate scholarship application required.)
• Award is prorated for those who elect the four-year program.
• Class rank may be required for renewal.

SUNY LEGAL FELLOWSHIP
• Awarded to SUNY students who are accepted for admission to Albany Law School’s program for Spring 2021. Awards are $20,000 annually. SUNY students who qualify for higher merit-based scholarships will receive the higher amount in place of the SUNY Legal Fellowship.
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FELLOWSHIPS
• Half of the annual amount is credited toward the tuition bill each semester for up to six full-time (or eight part-time) semesters.
• Note: A third of the annual amount is credited toward the tuition bill each semester for students in the accelerated (two-year) J.D. program.

FEDERAL STAFFORD LOAN PROGRAM
• Annual maximum is $20,500.
• Aggregate maximum is $138,500, including undergraduate debt.
• Interest rate for 2020-21 is fixed at 4.3%. New rates are set each academic year.
• Six-month grace period.
• Interest may be paid quarterly or capitalized (added to the principal).
• Currently has an origination fee of 1.059% (subject to change in the future).

FEDERAL WORK STUDY PROGRAM
• Participants may work up to 40 hours per week during the summer and breaks.
• Available positions are advertised on our on-line job database, AlbanyLaw Link. Access to AlbanyLaw Link is provided to students upon registration.

FEDERAL GRAD PLUS LOAN PROGRAM
• Maximum eligibility is equal to the Cost of Attendance less other aid.
• Approval is based on satisfactory credit review.
• Interest rate for 2020-21 is fixed at 5.3%. New rates are set each academic year.
• Currently has an origination fee of 1.059% (subject to change in the future).

PRIVATE LOANS
For students studying less than half-time or who would prefer a private loan over federal loans, there are many lenders offering private education loans. You are free to choose whichever lender you wish. We have a small lender list, built on prior student selections at www.elmselect.com.
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FEDERAL LOAN REPAYMENT PROGRAMS
• Federal Work Study Program.
• Federal Stafford Loan Program.
• Federal Grad Plus Loan Program.

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ALBANY LAW LOANS OVER $2 MILLION IN MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS EVERY YEAR. MORE THAN 75% OF 2020 FIRST-YEAR STUDENTS RECEIVED MERIT SCHOLARSHIPS RANGING FROM $5,000 TO FULL TUITION.

1 Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Albany Law School’s Title IV code is: 02886. You will need to create an FSA login. The FAFSA for the upcoming academic year is now available as early as October 1.

2 Go to www.studentloans.gov to complete the following three steps. (You will need your FSA login.)
• Complete mandatory entrance counseling. (Be sure to indicate that you are a graduate student.)
• Complete the Stafford (listed as subsidized/unsubsidized on the website) Master Promissory Note (MPN).
• Complete the Grad PLUS Master Promissory Note. (Please note that going to “Apply for a Direct PLUS Loan” is not sufficient. You must also sign the MPN.) Be sure after signing each MPN to hit the “submit” button or we will not receive your information. No loans will be disbursed on your account until all of these steps have been successfully completed.

ALBANY LAW LOAN REPAYMENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM (LRAP)
Open to Albany Law J.D. graduates from the most recent graduating classes who are working full-time in a qualified public interest or government law position.

For additional details, visit albanylaw.edu/finaid.

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