How to Buy Books Using Financial Aid

Office of Student Financial Aid
Option 1: Short Term Advance

A University monetary advance available to degree-seeking students enrolled at least half-time at FAU for assistance with purchasing textbooks, emergency funds relating to educational expenses and unanticipated living expenses until the disbursement of financial aid.

✓ Applications open typically 2 weeks prior to the beginning of each semester
✓ Max limit is $750
✓ Processing fee of $7.50
✓ Must meet eligibility criteria:
  • Must be degree-seeking
  • Must be enrolled at least half-time
  • No previous balance with FAU
  • Minimum 2.0 institutional GPA for undergrad and a 3.0 institutional GPA for grad students
How do I apply for the Short Term Advance?

Sign into your myfau.fau.edu
Read and review the terms and conditions, then click

I have read and accepted the above Short Term Advance Terms and Conditions for SPRING 2020 term.

Proceed to SPRING 2020 Short Term Advance application...

This will bring you to the application form.
Must be minimum half time (undergrad 6 credits, grad 4.5 credits in Fall/Spring, 3 credits in Summer)

Whole number only; max $750

Please fill out each section carefully.
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Submit by clicking on Continue to Confirmation Page

You must read and respond to the following statements in order to complete your application to this university. You will be submitting an electronic signature which is legally recognized by Florida Statutes, when you press the following 'Continue to Confirmation Page' button.

Important Notes

✓ You will receive an email to let you know if you are approved or denied
   ✓ If denied, it will tell you what eligibility criteria you did not meet

✓ Make sure that your direct deposit account is set up:
   https://www.fau.edu/controller/student-services/refunds/

✓ Disbursement starts 3 business days before the start of each semester

✓ More information here: https://www.fau.edu/finaid/other/sta/
Option 2: Book Store Line of Credit

Eligible Financial Aid recipients may receive a $400 line of credit for textbook purchases from the FAU Bookstore. The line of credit can be used for online and in store textbook purchases only.

Eligibility Criteria:

• Must be degree-seeking
• Must have an accepted financial aid offer
• No previous balance with FAU
• Must be enrolled at least half-time
• The student must have a Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress status which is eligible for financial aid
• Must not have any disbursed aid for the current term.
• Must complete TITLE IV Authorization form
Complete the Title IV Authorization Form

Sign into your myfau.fau.edu
Please read, check the box, and click Submit

Program regulations permit students to authorize use of Title IV financial aid funds for non-institutional expenses. If you are eligible for Federal financial aid in excess of tuition and fees, and you wish to use this excess to cover non-institutional charges (such as parking, health fees, etc.), you must authorize Florida Atlantic University to pay these charges from your account balance.

You may rescind this authorization at any time prior to incurring such charges to your student account for books purchased thru FAU Campus Bookstore Line of Credit Program, and other non-institutional charges.

This authorization is valid for funds in excess of tuition and fees, based on your financial aid eligibility and enrollment status.

By checking here and clicking the Submit button, I authorize Florida Atlantic University to apply the credit balance derived from Federal funds/aid to charges to my student account for books purchased thru FAU Campus Bookstore Line of Credit Program, and other non-institutional charges.

Submit

If you meet the eligibility criteria and complete the TITLE IV Authorization form:

✓ You will be notified of your eligibility via FAU email
✓ Bookstore line of credit opens Monday of the week prior to the start of each term and expires in store at 5 p.m. on Friday of drop/add week. (2 week slot)
✓ At check-out, you are using ‘financial aid’ as payment method