

February is Financial Aid Awareness Month, which provides a perfect opportunity to inform students and their families about the services Simpson offers to help our students with their financial journey. Students will be sent some reminders from the office of financial aid during the month of February and can expect a few fun surprises too!

FAFSA filing – it is NOW time to file the 2026-2027 FAFSA. It has been open since late September and is working great this year! Students are completing their FAFSA now and getting it done in as little as 15 minutes. Of course, the office of financial aid is available Monday – Friday, 8:00 am to 4:30 pm to assist with FAFSA filing and answer your questions. Most importantly, if you are an Iowa resident, don't miss the very important Iowa Tuition Grant filing deadline of July 1, 2026!

Financial aid offers are loaded to the student portal weekly as we receive FAFSA data. Students will receive an email from the office of financial aid informing them when their 2026-2027 financial aid offer is available to them. For any parent who has an email on file with the office of financial aid, we will send an email informing you that your student's aid offer is available to them at the same time we notify students.

Student employment: positions still available. If students are interested in picking up a few hours to work weekly, they should explore openings and apply on Handshake, which is available on their student portal.

Spring semester bills were due in January. Please check with your student to be sure their account is paid in full or you have made payment arrangements. As a reminder, students must have their accounts paid below \$200 or be current on a payment plan to register for the upcoming fall 2026 semester. Fall registration will begin in March!

Lastly, all students who receive the Iowa Tuition Grant will soon be asked to write thank you notes to their legislators and the Governor. We will be sending an email with some helpful hints for writing effective letters and also links for students to find legislators. We encourage parents to do the same. It is ALWAYS important for our legislators to have reminders of how important these funds are to our Iowa students and their families. If you would like to write your own letters, here is a link to [find your legislators](#). We appreciate your time and efforts in doing so!

Please remember, we want this to be a partnership. You are always welcome to call, email, or stop in to ask questions or just say hello!