



**PLEASE DISREGARD THIS NOTICE IF YOU ARE AN INTERNATIONAL STUDENT, GRADUATING, GRADUATED OR HAVE ALREADY FILED FAFSA FOR 2025-2026.**

**(FAFSA MUST BE FILED EVERY YEAR)**

### 2025-2026 Financial Aid Process Priority Dates

The priority dates are only for students who meet the FAFSA Eligibility Requirements \*

In supporting the FEC (Free Education Committee) 10 Year Plan and the Cooper Union financial budgetary needs, Student Financial Services has established the following financial aid priority dates for the 2025-2026 academic year.

The Cooper Union offers a half tuition scholarship to all undergraduate students who enroll full time at Cooper Union. The School also takes into account financial need beyond the Cooper Union half tuition scholarship using FAFSA information to assess a student's eligibility for additional need-based awards.

The amount of institutional aid, including grants and scholarships, to support Cooper Union students is limited. For students to have every opportunity to be considered for additional aid based on need, we strongly encourage you to complete the FAFSA application process before the priority deadline indicated below. These priority dates are established to facilitate a timely financial aid review and award by taking into account the possibility of additional steps in the review process due to the need for verification.

Verification is a federal regulation. There are several reasons for being selected for verification. Verification can add time to the financial aid review and delay the final determination of the Student Aid Index (SAI) and financial aid award. The final financial aid award beyond the half tuition Cooper Union scholarship is based on Student Aid Index (SAI) and outcome of final verification.

The following priority deadlines for FAFSA application submission have been established to facilitate our ability to provide you timely notification about your Student Aid Index (SAI) and eligibility for aid. Priority dates below provide time for you to work through any unforeseen concerns associated with the FAFSA submission.

Please be advised that due to limited institutional grants, financial assistance and scholarships, students are strongly encouraged to complete their FAFSA application process before the priority dates in order to receive a full consideration

with their financial aid packages above the Cooper Union half tuition scholarship based on the final results of the verification process.

**Current Enrolled Students:** The priority deadline for submission of the completed FAFSA application and documents is March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2025. Students who miss the priority date risk the opportunity to receive additional scholarship and need-based grant aid above the Cooper Union half tuition scholarship due to limited award availability.

**Current Enrolled Students Registering into the 2026 Spring Semester only:**

The priority deadline for submission of the completed FAFSA application and documents is December 30<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Students who miss the priority date risk the opportunity to receive additional scholarship and need-based grant aid above the Cooper Union half tuition scholarship due to limited award availability.

**\*To be eligible to receive federal student aid, you must:**

- Be a citizen or eligible noncitizen of the United States.
- Have a valid Social Security Number. (Students from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, Federated States of Micronesia, and the Republic of Palau are exempt from this requirement.)
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress.
- Not owe a refund on a federal student grant or be in default on a federal student loan.
- Register (or already be registered) with the Selective Service System, if you are a male and not currently on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces. (Students from the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands and the Republic of Palau are exempt from registering; see <https://sss.gov> for more information.)
- Not have a conviction for the possession or sale of illegal drugs for an offense that occurred while you were receiving federal student aid (such as grants, work-study, or loans). If you have such a conviction, you must complete the Student Aid Eligibility Worksheet to determine if you are eligible for aid or partially eligible for aid.
- Other requirements may apply. Contact the financial aid office or visit for more financial aid related information.