Financial Aid Information

The Financial Aid Office has increased the cost of attendance for participants in the Notre Dame Law in Chicago program in recognition of the extra costs that participants may incur for housing in Chicago and for transportation back and forth to South Bend. Program participants are eligible to borrow an extra $4,100.00 above the normal cost of attendance for Notre Dame Law School during the academic year in which they are enrolled in the program.

Once a student enrolls in the Notre Dame Law in Chicago program, the Law School Registrar will so inform the Financial Aid Office, thereby making the student eligible for the additional assistance. The student MUST then contact the Financial Aid Office (631-6436) to make arrangements for the additional loans.

The Financial Aid Office normally divides student aid in equal amounts between the fall and spring semesters. Students participating in the program during the fall semester and who need the entire additional aid amount during that semester should contact the Financial Aid Office and specifically request that the entire additional amount be disbursed in the fall.

There are two separate ways to arrange for additional loans. During the summer, when a student fills out the electronic online student loan documents, the student has an opportunity to check a box indicating that the student wishes to borrow up to his or her “maximum loan eligibility.” If a student has previously checked that box, the student can simply ask the Financial Aid Office to extend additional loans consistent with the formula for the Notre Dame Law in Chicago program. If the student did not check the “maximum loan eligibility” box during the summer, then the student will have to fill out an additional loan application for the appropriate term in order to access the additional borrowing available to Notre Dame Law in Chicago participants. Either way, the Financial Aid Office will guide the student through the process.

Students should be aware that federal student loan funds are typically disbursed 10 days before the start of classes each semester; however, students will not have access to funds until after the first day of classes in each semester.