

# Paying for School

Even though nursing education is a great value, paying for college can be a challenge. **Every** nursing student should submit applications for grants, scholarships, and financial aid **even if assistance is not needed at admission**. If you are not prepared to pay for nursing school out-of-pocket, there are several other resources from which to choose. Follow the links below for more information.

## Scholarships/Grants

- COM Foundation (<https://www.com.edu/giving/com-foundation>)
- Other scholarship opportunities (<https://www.discovernursing.com/scholarships#no-filters>)

## Federal Financial Aid

- (<http://www.com.edu/financial-aid>)
- Financial Aid Refunds - Important information:

### YOUR FINANCIAL AID REFUND IS BASED ON THE FOLLOWING SCALE:

12 or more hours	100%
9-11 hours	75%
6-8 hours	50%
1-5 hours	25% (approximately)

If you are taking classes not required for your active degree, your financial aid will not include these classes to determine your financial aid payment. However, in some cases, your financial aid payment can cover the costs of these classes.

**Got questions? Call the COM Financial Aid staff at 409-933-8274!**

## Private Loans

- (<http://www.consumerfinance.gov/paying-for-college/choose-a-student-loan/#01>)

Many hospital employers offer **tuition reimbursement** to their employees. Some nursing students work as nurse aids/technicians to qualify for employee benefits and get all or part of their college costs reimbursed. Other students use tuition reimbursement programs to advance their nursing education from associate degree to bachelor or master's degree levels.