

Sources of Financial Assistance

Student Employment

St. Olaf College employs nearly 2,000 eligible students each year through the student employment program. These experiences, in a variety of settings on campus, provide students with the opportunity to gain professional skills and build relationships while earning money toward their higher education expenses. Most students find the program to be flexible and accommodating with academic and extra-curricular schedules. Search for available positions at this link: <https://www.stolaf.edu/apps/stuwork/>

Student Employment Office Contact: Amarin Chanthorn (chanth1@stolaf.edu).

Working on campus without a need-based work award:

- **Alumni, Parent Relations:** Alumni, Parent Relations--hires students without a work award for events such as Reunion Weekend. **Contact:** Joshua Lee (lee8@stolaf.edu)
- **Academic Success Center** hires students without student employment awards in specialty jobs, e .g. organic chemistry Supplemental Instruction (SI) leader. **Contact:** academic-success@stolaf.edu
- **Piper Center for Vocation and Career:** The Piper Center occasionally hires peer advisors who do not have a work award. Contact Kristi Kehrwald Adair or Marietta Ruppe (kehrwa1@stolaf.edu or ruppe2@stolaf.edu)
- **Employment outside of the student work award:** There are two employers on campus that exist outside of the Student Employment system. They are Bon Appetit and the Barnes & Noble Bookstore on campus. For Bon Appetit positions, contact Robin Preuss (preuss1@stolaf.edu)

Working off campus

Community Based Work Study there are other job opportunities available off campus. Students with a federally funded work award have the option to work with local non-profit organizations and the Northfield Public Schools through community-based student employment. This program provides students with an opportunity to make meaningful contributions to local organizations while connecting with the greater Northfield community.

Off-campus employment some students choose to work off campus in local establishments like Target, Cub Foods, and Walgreens etc. **However, this option is not open to International students.** We do not recommend students working off campus during the fall semester of their first year at St. Olaf.

Opportunities for short term/occasional employment helping with yard care, house sitting, babysitting, moving, or longer term employment such as nanny, dog walking, and respite care are often posted on the [stolaf-extra](#) mailing list. Local employment openings are also often advertised on stolaf-extra. Subscribe to the stolaf-extra list to learn about opportunities: <https://wp.stolaf.edu/it/email-mailing-lists/>

Working at St. Olaf over the summer

Summer student employment begins the day after finals and ends the day before the first day of classes in the fall. Students must use the Time Entry System (TES) to log hours worked. Students are eligible to work up to 40 hours/week in the summer and are paid every two weeks. St. Olaf students who are hired for either regular student employment or summer student research will need to complete an online Summer Employment Authorization. Your supervisor initiates this form. **Contact:** sse-hrstaff@stolaf.edu or call 507- 786-3480

Financial Aid

Talking to a Financial Aid Counselor

You can talk to any staff member in the Financial Aid Office. Either stop by the Financial Aid Office (Tomson120) or book online: <https://wp.stolaf.edu/financialaid/appointment/> or email the team at finaid@stolaf.edu. When making an appointment please select which method of communication you prefer: virtual, in-person, or over the phone.

Special circumstances or Change in Family Circumstances

Special circumstances are situations beyond a student's or families control that impacts the information reported on the FAFSA. Instances such as a change in household income, exceptional medical expenses and unforeseen educational expenses are appropriate examples for which your financial aid could be re-evaluated. Please allow two weeks for evaluation once the Financial Aid Office has received all documentation.

Contact: Any financial aid counselor (finaid@stolaf.edu)

Piper Center

Piper Center Internship Grant — unpaid or underpaid internships The Piper Center for Vocation and Career makes available to all students a one-time grant of up to \$2,500 to fund an unpaid or underpaid internship during Interim or the summer. The Piper Center's coaches or Peer Advisors, as well as faculty or staff advisors or coaches can help you find internships and apply for funding. To apply for this grant, student must be eligible according to these guidelines: <https://wp.stolaf.edu/pipercenter/funding-resources/piper-center-grant-award/> **Contact:** Kristi Kehrwald Adair (kehrwa1@stolaf.edu) or Nate Jacobi (jacobi@stolaf.edu).

Johnson Family Opportunity Fund the [Johnson Family Opportunity Fund](#) is intended to decrease the barriers caused by a lack of financial support and to provide greater access to resources, experiences, and opportunities to help students navigate the path from college to career. Johnson Funding is awarded to students with a high level of financial need, with a preference for first-generation college students, who are pursuing career enhancing opportunities. Students may apply for funding toward professional attire, interview expenses, expenses related to shadowing, conferences, and other experiences as well as funding toward graduate and professional school-related expenses (application fees, required exams, and more). Students may be eligible for up to a total of \$5,000. The Johnson Family Opportunity Fund was established in 2014 through the generous support of the Johnson Family. **Contact:** Kristi Kehrwald Adair (kehrwa1@stolaf.edu) or Nate Jacobi (jacobi@stolaf.edu).

Cohort Internship Programs the Piper Center administers a range of exciting cohort internship programs for the college. The [Rockswold Health Scholars](#), [Mayo Health Scholars](#), [Consultative Health & Medicine](#) internship, and The Physician in Clinical and Hospital Healthcare (see

Academic Catalog, Pre-Health Studies) are all pre-health internships. The [Mayo Innovation Scholars](#) and [Norway Innovation Scholars](#) are internships in innovation and entrepreneurship. The [PACON Grant Award](#) supports internships in public affairs; [Entrepreneurship Scholars](#) provides an opportunity for students to explore a range of career paths within startups, business accelerators or venture capital firms; ; [Svoboda Legal Scholars](#) offers internships in law school clinics; and [Social Impact Scholars](#) and [Davis Projects for Peace](#) offer internships in Social Impact. These programs, all of which are funded, are competitive opportunities that offer students unparalleled experiences in their areas of interest. See [Cohort Internship Programs](#) for additional information.

Connections Program the Connections Program brings students into alumni workplaces to explore careers and broaden their perspective on what they can do with a liberal arts education. The program aims to connect students with St. Olaf's vast network of alumni nationwide, specifically in metropolitan areas, including Chicago, New York, Washington, D.C., Boston, Denver, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Seattle, Portland and Madison, WI. Students have the opportunity to meet with alumni from specific interest and industry areas. Students contribute \$300 – \$350 towards the program. Costs vary by city. Scholarships are available based on financial need. **Contact:** Bryan Shealer (shealer@stolaf.edu)

The Ole Cup The [Ole Cup](#) is an annual student entrepreneurial competition, held in late April each year, that is open to all St. Olaf students. The grand prize winner receives \$10,000. The second prize winner receives \$5,000, and the third prize winner, \$3,000. There is an additional award of \$5,000 for the best social venture. Students work with the Associate Director of Entrepreneurship to develop a business plan, refine the venture, and practice their pitch. The winner of the Ole Cup automatically qualifies for the semi-final round of the [Minnesota Cup Student Division](#), where the winner (of the Student Division) is awarded \$30,000, and can compete for the Minnesota Cup Grand Prize of \$50,000. **Contact:** Meghan McMillan (mcmill2@stolaf.edu)

Entrepreneurial Grants This program awards grants to full-time St. Olaf students or teams that are in the early stages of developing an idea or venture. Grants of between \$500-\$1500 are awarded for the purpose of testing the idea through market research or development of a prototype. The goal is for tested and verified ideas to move toward a business plan and the Ole Cup. Students work with the Associate Director for Entrepreneurship to pitch their idea to a committee for consideration. Applications are taken on a rolling basis, October 1-March 1. **Contact:** Meghan McMillan (mcmill2@stolaf.edu)

Research

Center for Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (CURI)—summer research, conference attendance The St. Olaf Collaborative Undergraduate Research and Inquiry (CURI) program provides opportunities for St. Olaf students from all academic disciplines to gain an in-depth understanding of a particular subject through working closely with a St. Olaf faculty member in a research framework. We aim to promote and facilitate undergraduate research in all its forms by supporting students and faculty with various research opportunities during both the summer and the academic year, and by providing funding (up to \$5,000) for students to present the results of their research at conferences or in other appropriate venues. **Contact:** Erin Eltonga (eltong1@stolaf.edu) or Katherine Tegtmeyer Pak, CURI@stolaf.edu

Steen Fellowship Supports student-initiated projects that demonstrate independent scholarship, investigation and creativity. Administered and funded similarly to CURI but students work independently. **Contact:** Erin Eltonga (eltong1@stolaf.edu) or Katherine Tegtmeyer Pak, CURI@stolaf.edu

Magnus the Good Collaborative Fellowships:

Magnus the Good awards support faculty-student collaborations dedicated to research and/or reflection in any discipline. Awards support faculty-student teams with up to \$3000.

CURI Student Travel Support Program:

The CURI Student Travel Program aims to provide as many St. Olaf students as possible with the experience of presenting their research to an external audience. Student authors may apply for up to \$1,000 of travel support for reimbursable expenses. Individuals co-authoring a project may apply for up to \$1,000 of travel support each; however, the maximum funding a group can receive is \$2,000, regardless of the number of co-authors involved.

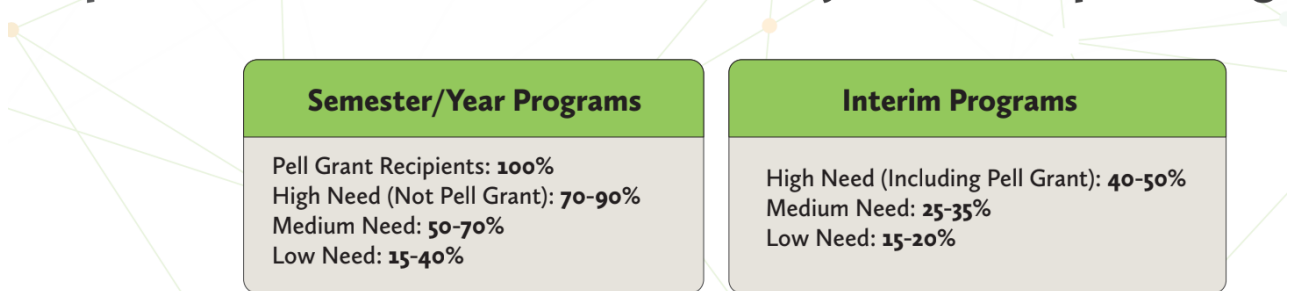
Smith Center for Global Engagement

There are a number of [funding and scholarship options](#) for approved study abroad/away programs. **Students are highly encouraged to seek funding support when studying abroad/away!** The Smith Center also provides scholarship application support to students applying for external funding, such as the Gilman Scholarship or funding from other external partners (e.g., CIEE, DIS, FEA)

Additionally, St. Olaf has many endowed scholarship funds that are made possible by generous St. Olaf alumni and friends of the College to help reduce the cost of a study abroad/away experience. Some of these funds are for specific programs, while others are for any study abroad/away program. These scholarships can be found by contacting the Smith Center for Global Engagement or by going to the [Smith Center website](#). **Contact:** smith.center@stolaf.edu or Brittan Duffing (duffin1@stolaf.edu)

St. Olaf Approved Programs (semester, academic year and Interim): Every student who applies for an approved study abroad/away program will be automatically considered for a scholarship from the College. The Financial Aid Office will review each student's financial need and the cost of the program. Generally, we are able to award some funding to every student receiving need-based aid from St. Olaf. The below chart is included to show what percent of the additional costs of study abroad/away will be covered by scholarships:

Step 3: Estimate % of Costs Covered by Scholarship Funding



Non St. Olaf Affiliated Programs: Students who participate in a program not approved by St. Olaf will take a leave of absence from the College and pay the program host directly for all program costs. These students will not receive financial aid (or be billed) by St. Olaf for the term of that program.

Schelske Opportunity Fund the Schelske opportunity grant fund is administered by the Schelske Opportunity Grant Fund Committee. The Schelske fund provides Interim study abroad/away scholarships for multicultural students. St. Olaf students who identify as multicultural may apply by submitting an application with a short essay and financial information. The fund awards between \$500-\$1,000 based on financial need and available funds. **Contact:** Heather Campbell (campbelh@stolaf.edu)

Specialty Funds:

Berger Fund for Student Teachers

Students that are actively completing their student teaching semester have access to a special fund through the Education Department to help with the costs specifically tied to student teaching. The form can be accessed here: <https://wp.stolaf.edu/education/berger-emergency-fund/>

Class of 73 Nursing Student Support (coming in Fall 2023)

Students that are participating in their Nursing clinicals may be able to access funding in the near future that could help offset some of the costs directly related to clinicals (such as the cost of stethoscopes/scrubs, gas or parking).

Music Lessons

The cost of private music lessons with a faculty member is waived for music majors on their primary instrument (including voice). If a student is taking additional lessons or is not a music major, they will be billed for the cost of the music lesson (typically around \$600/semester). There is a limited amount of need-based financial aid scholarships available to help cover the cost of these lessons. If you have questions about your eligibility for these funds, please contact finaid@stolaf.edu.

Barnes and Noble Book Scholarship Fund

St. Olaf receives \$7,500/year from Barnes and Noble for the purpose of helping students purchase their books at the on-campus bookstore. Funding is capped at \$250/student for the year. Students must charge the book to their student account. To inquire about eligibility, reach out to the Financial Aid Office at finaid@stolaf.edu.

Support for Student Basic Needs:

Emergency Fund for Students: St. Olaf College has access to funds to support students who are experiencing a financial hardship due to an unanticipated event or emergency. The Emergency Fund cannot be used for any charge billed by St. Olaf (tuition, study abroad etc). Students must have exhausted all other possible financial resources, including student loans, before applying to receive funds. The amount given is determined by the need and subject to the availability of the funds. The application for the Emergency Fund can be found here: <https://wp.stolaf.edu/deanofstudents/emergency-funding-policy/>

Taylor Center Equity Fund: The Taylor Center Equity fund aims to foster student success by providing financial resources to financially eligible students that self-identify as a member of an underrepresented or a marginalized group and financially eligible students deemed to be under an exceptional hardship and/or facing unexpected events or emergencies that negatively affect their wellbeing, academic achievement and sense of belonging. To learn more about how to apply, contact Norma Charlton (charlt1@stolaf.edu).

Housing on campus:

- Housing during breaks in the Academic Year
 - No additional cost to staying on campus during breaks in the academic year.
- Housing during the Summer (June – August)
 - Billed a little more than \$10/night for when you will be on campus.
 - Staying on campus over the summer costs roughly \$900-\$1,000.

Lending Laptop Library:

- There are two resources on campus where students can access a laptop at no cost. The Taylor Center + Library have laptops (Mac and PC) that students can check out/borrow. Library up to a year. Taylor Center laptops can be checked out for up to two years.
 - IT Program: <https://stolaf.libcal.com/reserve/laptops>
 - Taylor Center Lion Laptop Program: <https://wp.stolaf.edu/taylorcenter/lion-laptop-program/>

Food Security:

- Cafeteria is open during Fall Break. All other breaks will have 2 meals/day provided at no cost.
- Grab & Go also provides food options (at no cost) during other college breaks. <https://wp.stolaf.edu/taylorcenter/st-olaf-grab-go/>