

## Did you know that financial aid may not be able to pay certain charges on your student account?

Financial aid cannot be used to pay all charges. Some charges can only be paid by financial aid if you provide an [authorization](#)\*. Other charges cannot be covered by financial aid at all. It is your responsibility to know which charges must be paid out-of-pocket by the payment due date in order to avoid cancellation (dropping) of your classes and housing (if applicable).

### What charges can my financial aid pay?

Financial aid pays:

- Tuition and on-campus housing charges assessed for prior semesters within the current year; and
- Up to \$200 of tuition and on-campus housing charges still due from a prior year.

Financial aid will always apply to current year charges first. If excess financial aid exists, it will then cover prior year charges (\$200 maximum).

You can **authorize** financial aid (excluding Parent PLUS Loans) to also pay:

- Other miscellaneous charges posted to your student account for the current year (such as Graham Health Center and Counseling Center charges, competency exam, student ID replacements, balance due to aid adjustments, etc.); and
- Up to \$200 of miscellaneous charges owed from a prior year.

Financial aid will always apply to current year charges first. If excess financial aid exists, it will then cover prior year charges (\$200 maximum).

Financial aid authorizations will take effect on the date that the authorization is received and remains in effect until the authorization is rescinded or you are no longer enrolled at the university.

You can go online to [MySAIL](#)\* once a year to approve or decline authorizations. Any change to your initial decision cannot be updated online. Your request to change the status of your authorization must be submitted in writing to the Student Financial Services Office. Changes to your authorization status will take effect on the date it is received and will not be retroactive.

Financial aid **cannot** pay:

- Late payment penalties, payment plan processing charges, charges for returned payments, and default charges.
- Charges that do not post to the student account (such as library fines, parking fines, off-campus housing, etc.).
- More than \$200 in prior year charges.

#### \*References

Authorization - <https://www.oakland.edu/financialservices/understanding-financial-assistance/awards-and-requirements/#tab-2>

MySAIL - [mysail.oakland.edu](https://mysail.oakland.edu)