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| Is there a way to access the recording of this webinar? | Yes, we'll have the recordings on the highlanderday.ucr.edu site early next week. |
| Are the preliminary financial aid award and cal grant different or two separate aids for college? | Cal Grant appears on the preliminary award. |
| I submitted my FAFSA before March 2 but my parent signature mail didn't arrive until March 8, is that considered late? | No, for this year only you should be considered on-time. Just don't wait until March 2, 2022 (next year). Apply sooner to avoid being late. |
| Can we apply to the blue and gold opportunity even if we already submitted the SIR? | We automatically consider all students for Blue & Gold. |
| Is the blue and gold renewable? | Yes, so long as your income doesn't drastically increase each year. |
| \$80,000 blue and gold | Yes, with no assets. Assets can impact Blue & Gold eligibility. |
| Is the interest rate for direct stafford loans fixed? | Yes. |

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| <p>Basing off my first question, will I be given less aid because my application wasn't processed until the 8th of March?</p> | <p>Not for 2021-22, but you will be considered late for all future years.</p> |
| <p>If we update our fafsa and cal grant will the financial aid package be updated on our UCR portal?</p> | <p>Not necessarily. Making updates now might get you selected for verification by the federal government resulting in use needing to request documents from you later in May. We are unable to fully answer your question right now, we just do not know enough information.</p> |
| <p>"The last day of attendance" is the last day of that school year or last day of my undergrad?</p> | <p>For loan repayment, it is the last day of attendance. So if you finish your sophomore year, and then take 1-2 years off, repayment begins 6 months after your last day of attendance. You will go back into deferment once you re-enroll in college.</p> |
| <p>Who do I contact about waiving the UCR health insurance?</p> | <p>The UCR Student Health Office: studenthealth.ucr.edu</p> |
| <p>How do you apply for work-study?</p> | <p>It is automatically awarded to students who meet our eligibility. You may ask this later in mid-June.</p> |
| <p>How much are work-study students paid on average?</p> | <p>State minimum wage.</p> |
| <p>What is the difference between cal grant A and B?</p> | <p>The dollar amounts are the same.</p> |
| <p>What is the income limit for cal grant?</p> | <p>https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/2021-22_income_and_asset_ceilings_for_new_applicants_and_renewing_recipients.pdf?1597785909</p> |

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| <p>Is the Cal Grant and the Blue and Gold Scholarship is the same thing?</p> | <p>Yes.</p> |
| <p>When will we find out if we got the blue and gold?</p> | <p>Check your preliminary financial aid award now. If you see Cal Grant then you are covered under the Blue & Gold plan.</p> |
| <p>Do Dreamers qualify for blue and gold opportunity?</p> | <p>They can, if they meet the financial need range.</p> |
| <p>On my financial aid package, the housing I selected was "campus housing." Is there a way for me to change my housing to off campus?</p> | <p>We are not processing revisions right now. Wait until mid-June to make your request.</p> |
| <p>For the family income cap of \$80K in Blue & Gold, what is the family size associated with it?</p> | <p>There is none for the Blue & Gold plan.</p> |
| <p>How much is each unit?</p> | <p>We are not a school that charges a per unit charge (except for summer).</p> |
| <p>What if my EFC is 0, how much aid would I receive?</p> | <p>Take a look at your preliminary financial aid award now to see.</p> |
| <p>Are we automatically considered for the Cal Grant?</p> | <p>Yes.</p> |

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| <p>I applied for FAFSA by March 2. Why am I not seeing “No message for 2021-2022 Award Year have been posted”?</p> | <p>We are unable to look up your file here. Instead email our office with your question and be sure to include your full name and UCR issued student ID (SID) number. This is a nine digit number starting with 862yyxxxx. We need your SID to look up your record to better answer your question.</p> |
| <p>If we get less Cal grant because we turned in during the last days, can I still make up the \$12,570 with the blue and gold?</p> | <p>You will either get the entire Cal Grant amount or none of it.</p> |
| <p>Following up on the EFC question, I did check my aid award, but nothing shows up.</p> | <p>Email our office your full name and UCR issued student ID (SID) number. This is a nine digit number starting with 862yyxxxx. We need your SID to look up your record to better assist you. You may email us at finaid@ucr.edu.</p> |
| <p>Does UCR have any aid for middle class families?</p> | <p>Yes, federal loans for students and a parent. Then there is also the Middle Class Scholarship (MCS) that we will receive information on your student later in September 2021.</p> |
| <p>Can freshmen live in on campus apartments.</p> | <p>Yes, as long as the UCR Housing Office still has housing available.</p> |
| <p>In mid-June, where would I go and make my revisions for the housing? Is there a specific website?</p> | <p>Email our office at finaid@ucr.edu at that time. We will direct you.</p> |
| <p>For the MCS, do we have to apply or is it automatically?</p> | <p>If you completed the FAFSA by March 2, 2021 you will be automatically considered.</p> |
| <p>I had to mail in a signature for a correction in February, but it didn't process until April 1. Is that considered late?</p> | <p>No, you will be fine.</p> |

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| <p>It was mentioned previously that UCR does not charge tuition on a unit basis. Does that mean if I got credit from AP/IB exams and community college courses that satisfy my major</p> | <p>You are only charged fees for classes you attend at UCR.</p> |
| <p>Is there a phone number I can call regarding my award overview instead of an email?</p> | <p>Yes call us at (951) 827-3878, Monday–Friday, 9 a.m.–4 p.m.</p> |
| <p>I did not receive any aid but I was wondering what the parent plus loan is and if we can still receive any aid?</p> | <p>The parent PLUS loan is a loan that only one of your parents may take out.</p> |
| <p>How do I submit a change of income appeal?</p> | |
| <p>Do I pay fees yearly or per quarter?</p> | <p>Fees are due quarterly: Sept. 15, 2021, Dec. 15, 2021, and May 15, 2022.</p> |
| <p>If my offer letter only shows loans, can I still request work/study to help with costs?</p> | <p>No, you are not eligible for Federal Work Study.</p> |
| <p>What if my housing status was on campus, but I would like to see how much it would be to live at home before I decide to commit?</p> | <p>Email our office your full name and UCR issued student ID (SID) number. This is a nine-digit number starting with 862yyxxxx. We need your SID to look up your record to better assist you. You may email us at finaid@ucr.edu.</p> |
| <p>How does financial aid affect health insurance such as medical?</p> | <p>Financial Aid only covers your educational expenses, tuition, housing, books, transportation.</p> |

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| <p>If my award did not include work study, can it be added for 2021/2022 school year?</p> | <p>Most likely not.</p> |
| <p>Cal Grant is only for California residents, correct?</p> | <p>Correct, and for students who graduated from a California high school.</p> |
| <p>For another UC, I got my finalized aid but [for] my Cal Grant, I got about \$6,000. Does that mean that for UCR I will get around the same for the Cal Grant?</p> | <p>The UC does not award Cal Grant for only \$6,000. You must be speaking about another school system.</p> |
| <p>Do you have to pay back your federal direct subsidized and unsubsidized loans? Also parent plus loans?</p> | <p>Yes, all three loans must be paid back to the federal government.</p> |
| <p>If GPA has increased a lot in senior year will that help?</p> | <p>Help with what?</p> |
| <p>If the amount under scholarships is \$0 in my scholarship and grant options, does that mean I did not qualify for any of the automatic scholarships UCR signs you up for when you apply?</p> | <p>Correct.</p> |
| <p>When are all the payment, housing information, and everything due?</p> | <p>Due on a quarterly basis: Sept. 15, 2021, Dec. 15, 2021, and May 15, 2022.</p> |
| <p>If my family income cap for 2019 (the year that most financial aid in the FAFSA & at UCR considers) only allows me to take out loans I have to pay back, but my familial conditions have drastically</p> | <p>Email our office your full name and UCR issued student ID (SID) number. This is a nine-digit number starting with 862yyxxxx. We need your SID to look up your record to better assist you. You may email us at finaid@ucr.edu.</p> |

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| <p>FAFSA only allows us to make a certain amount of money from a job per year, does that mean I have to quit after I reach that limit?</p> | <p>We would never recommend that.</p> |
| <p>If work-study didn't appear on my preliminary award, is there a process to still obtaining it?</p> | <p>You might not be eligible. Wait until you have an official award in mid-June.</p> |
| <p>How does financial aid affect health insurance such as medical?</p> | <p>Financial Aid is for educational expenses only (tuition, housing, books, transportation).</p> |
| <p>I have gotten a USHIP Fee grant. Can you explain more on that?</p> | <p>That grant helps to cover the UCR health insurance costs charged. If you opt out of USHIP, then the USHIP Fee Grant will not be available to you.</p> |
| <p>If [my] GPA has increased a lot in [my] senior year, will that help [me] for any scholarship?</p> | <p>[It's] dependent upon what outside agency scholarships you apply for. Check whichever applications you are completing. All of our merit scholarships at UCR has all been awarded to new students for 2021-22.</p> |
| <p>If you were qualified to receive enough money to cover your tuition, then how would know if your fees were paid off for a particular quarter? I mean would they be paid off automatically?</p> | <p>If you have been offered with enough money to cover your tuition each quarter then when the billing statement posts, say by Sept. 15, 2021, you will see if your balance is fully covered or if you still have to pay anything. Keep a watch out on your bill.</p> |
| <p>I was told that if I decide to live at home instead of on campus like I had decided at the time, my scholarship amounts will decrease. Is that true?</p> | <p>Yes, the budget to live on campus is more than to live at home with parents, so that means any gift aid awarded to you now will be reduced due to your reduced costs.</p> |
| <p>FAFSA has a limit on the amount of money I can earn from a job. If I don't quit my job before that limit, how much money can FAFSA take away from my grants?</p> | <p>[There's] no way for us to answer that.</p> |

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| <p>Will MCS show up on our preliminary award?</p> | <p>August or mid-September</p> |
| <p>When can we waive the health insurance?</p> | <p>Contact the UCR Student Health Service Office at: Email our office your full name and UCR issued student ID (SID) number. This is a nine-digit number starting with 862yyxxxx. We need your SID to look up your record to better assist you. You may email us at finaid@ucr.edu.</p> |
| <p>So if we receive the maximum amount of Cal Grants, is that the blue and gold?</p> | <p>Yes! You understand perfectly.</p> |
| <p>I wasn't offered any work-study, but can I apply for it?</p> | <p>Most likely you are then not eligible.</p> |
| <p>Can you repeat the phone number and the email for the health insurance waiver?</p> | <p>studenthealth.ucr.edu</p> |
| <p>Can you explain the "institutional grants"? Also difference between that and the campus scholarships...</p> | <p>Institutional grants is the UCR Grant and USHIP Fee Grant. Campus based (merit) scholarships are offered by UCR.</p> |
| <p>The \$36,000 of tuition and fees is the cost of the whole year, not the cost of each quarter, right?</p> | <p>Correct.</p> |
| <p>If we have can already see our financial aid overview and we see that we have UCR Grant, will that grant and the amount change if we change our status from Campus housing to Living with</p> | <p>Yes.</p> |

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| <p>My financial aid award is based on living on campus. Can I get a preliminary award that shows living at home?</p> | <p>Email our office your full name and UCR issued student ID (SID) number. This is a nine-digit number starting with 862yyxxxx. We need your SID to look up your record to better assist you. You may email us at finaid@ucr.edu.</p> |
| <p>Is health insurance automatically charged onto your account?</p> | <p>Yes.</p> |
| <p>My EFC is high and I currently have a low need estimation. Is there any chance that this will change when awards and scholarships are being handed out?</p> | <p>Most likely not.</p> |
| <p>Is there a general/separate application for the merit scholarships?</p> | <p>No, all students are automatically considered for our merit scholarships. Those have all been awarded and announced by now.</p> |
| <p>What if the UCR Grant isn't enough, what else would you recommend?</p> | <p>Then we have offered you loans too to help cover the total cost.</p> |
| | <p>This information is accurate and reliable at the time of posting but may change without notice. Please contact Undergraduate Admissions for the most up-to-date information.</p> <p>Campus Security and Crime Report The "Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act," commonly referred to as the "Clery Act," requires institutions of higher education receiving federal financial aid to report specified crime statistics on college campuses and to provide other safety and crime information to members of the campus community. The report is available on the Institutional Ethics and Compliance website. If you would like a printout containing this information, you can contact the Clery Act Compliance Coordinator via email at magaly.perez@ucr.edu or by phone at (951) 827-5747.</p> |