

# How to Accept/ Decline/ Modify Your Aid in Athena

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## **Does a student have to accept gift aid in Athena?**

If a student is awarded gift aid (grants, such as the Federal Pell Grant and/or scholarships, such as the HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships), those funds are automatically accepted for the student in Athena. No action on the student's part is required.

## **What aid may a student accept/ decline/ modify in Athena?**

If a student is awarded self-help aid, a student may accept/ decline/ modify self-help aid in Athena.







# **Definition of Self-Help Aid**

## **Self-Help Aid:**

Financial aid in the form of **Federal Direct Student loans and/ or Federal Work Study**.

**Federal Direct Student Loans** are used to help pay the remaining net costs after gift aid is deducted. Federal Direct Student Loans must be repaid.

**Federal Work Study** is a limited funds, need-based financial aid program in which eligible students work part-time on-campus while enrolled at the University.

Work Study funds must be earned and are not applied toward a student's UGA account balance.





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Welcome, Hairy Dawg, to Athena!

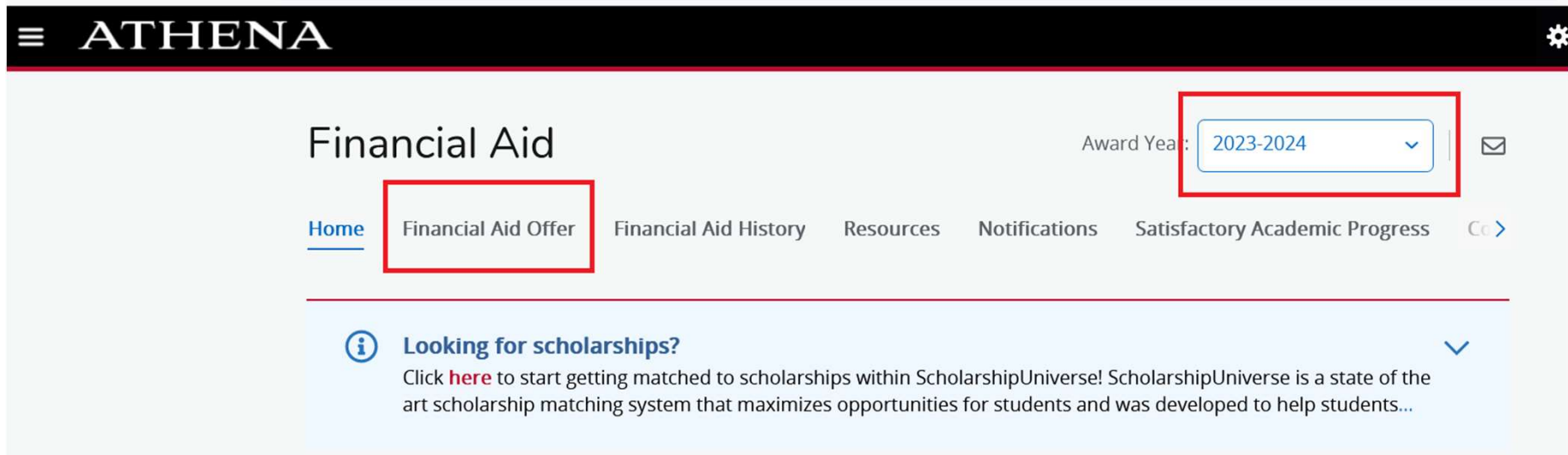


Login to Athena at [athena.uga.edu](https://athena.uga.edu) and click on the Financial Aid tab.





## Select Award Year & Then Click on Financial Aid Offer Tab



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### Financial Aid

Award Year: 2023-2024

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## Scroll Down on the Financial Aid Offer Tab to Reach Accept/ Decline/ Modify Options for Self-Help Aid

Options to Pay Net Cost

Loans ⓘ					^
Type	Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Amount	Take Action	
Federal Direct Loan - Unsu...	\$2750	\$2750	\$5500	Select	^
				Select	
				Accept	
				Decline	
				Modify	





If you select “Modify” you may type in a lesser amount that the amount listed.

This amount will be split equally over the semesters listed. Click “Ok” to submit.

**Type in Adjusted Loan Amount Here** ×

Federal Direct Loan - Unsub

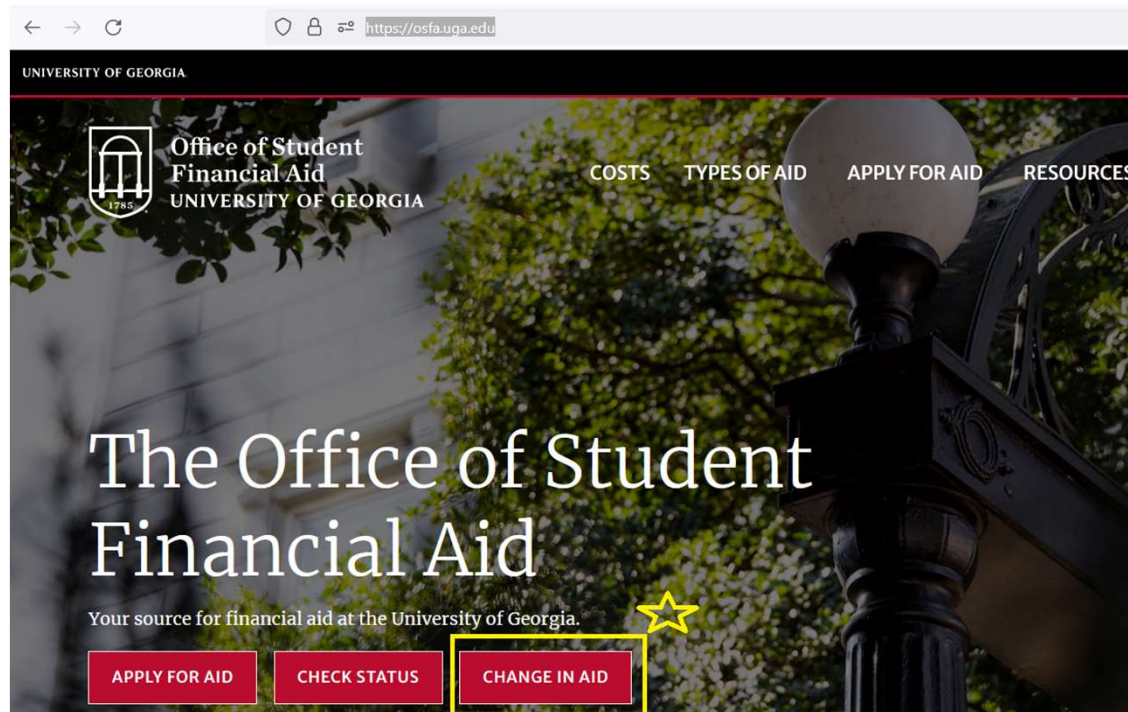
Fall 2023	Spring 2024	Offered Amount	Modified Amount
\$2750	\$2750		<input type="text" value="\$5500"/>





## What if I am offered Federal Direct Student Loans for two semesters but wish to accept a loan amount for one semester only?

You may submit a **Change-in-Aid Request** via OSFA's Secure Portal to request a Federal Direct Student loan amount for one semester only. The 2023-24 Change-in-Aid Request will become available via OSFA's Secure Portal in early July. To access instructions on how to complete a Change-in-Aid Request, please visit our homepage: <https://osfa.uga.edu/>







**Can I accept Federal Work Study (FWS) for one semester only?**

Students must accept FWS for both semesters.







# **OSFA Contact Information**

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**In-person:** In an effort to better serve our students, OSFA is currently accepting appointments for student inquiries. Visit <https://osfa.uga.edu/about/contact-us/> to schedule a meeting by phone, in-person, or via Zoom. We encourage students to call our office if immediate assistance is needed.

We have also opened a satellite office for the Orientation season at the Tate Student Center. We will be housed in room 318 in the Student Care and Outreach suite and are open Monday – Friday, 8:30 AM – 4:30 PM for walk-in advising.

