

FINANCIAL AID Information

For Incoming Freshmen

2025-2026



Sample Fixed Costs for Academic Year	Residence Hall Student	Community Student
Undergraduate Tuition (12-16 credits)	\$27,500	\$27,500
General Fee	\$1,400	\$1,400
Residence Hall Rent	\$5,700	
Estimated Food Allowance	\$3,700	
Total	\$38,300	\$28,900

RENEWABLE SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships at Southern are renewable at 100% for **up to four years** for students who maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA.

Church Leadership Scholarship: \$1,000 Awarded for demonstrating consistent leadership in church during the past 12 months prior to applying for the scholarship (application required)

High School Leadership Scholarship: up to \$1,500 Awarded for serving in specific leadership positions as a senior while attending high school

National Recognition Programs: 50%
Awarded to finalists

Lightbearer Scholarship: \$2,000 Awarded for graduating from a public high school, home school, or private high school not run by an Adventist organization

Southern Union Scholarship: \$2,000 Awarded to Southern Union residents who lose a state scholarship by attending Southern [3.0 GPA or 21 ACT]

Freshman Academic Scholarships: Up to 50% tuition awarded based on a combination of superscored ACT/SAT score and cumulative high school GPA (see chart below)

Full-Tuition Scholarships:

- Awarded to applicants who meet certain GPA and ACT requirements (using their best composite score). Deadline for consideration is April 1; more details available at southern.edu/scholarships
- Awarded to finalists in the National Merit Scholarship Program

ACT	36	35	34	33	32	31	30	29	28	27	26	25	24	23	22	21	20	19	18
SAT	1570	1530	1490	1450	1420	1390	1360	1330	1300	1260	1230	1200	1160	1130	1100	1060	1030	990	960
GPA 4.00	50* or 100%**																		
3.90-3.999					\$6,000														
3.80-3.899																			
3.70-3.799																			
3.60-3.699																			
3.50-3.599										\$4,000									
3.40-3.499																			
3.30-3.399																			
3.20-3.299																			
3.10-3.199																\$2,000			
3.00-3.099																			
2.90-2.999																			
2.80-2.899																			
2.70-2.799																			
2.60-2.699																			
2.50-2.599																			

*Freshman Academic Scholarships offer up to 50% of full-time undergraduate tuition rate
**Full-Tuition Scholarships based on GPA and ACT are calculated with highest composite score

ADDITIONAL SOUTHERN SCHOLARSHIPS

Student Missionary/Task Force Scholarship: \$1,500

Awarded for attending Southern after one year of mission service

Summer Camp Scholarship: up to \$2,100

Awarded for working at an Adventist conference-sponsored summer camp, \$175/full week worked

Literature Evangelism Scholarship: up to \$2,000

Summer earnings from door-to-door sales matched at 50%

Southern Scholars Scholarship

Awarded after acceptance into honors program [3.7 GPA and 23 ACT]

\$1,500 for the second year

\$2,500 for the third year

\$3,500 for the fourth year

Performance Scholarships: up to \$3,750

Awarded by the School of Music, Engage Worship, and Gym-Masters

Private Scholarships

Awards funded by companies, service groups, foundations, organizations, and individuals (southern.edu/privatescholarships)

Three-Way Scholarship Match

Award funded by a partnership between Southern, your conference, and your local church



CAMPUS JOB OPPORTUNITIES

More than 1,300 student jobs available on Southern's campus (southern.edu/studentjobs)

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES

Federal Pell Grant: up to \$7,395

Federal Work-Study: up to \$2,500

Federal Subsidized Loans: up to \$3,500

Federal Unsubsidized Loans: up to \$2,000

Tennessee State Scholarships: \$4,500 to \$5,700
[3.0 GPA or 21 ACT]



SOUTHERN AID OPPORTUNITIES

Freshman Grant and Aid: Varies based on FAFSA results

To learn more about the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and other resources on affording college, visit studentaid.gov and fafsa.gov.

You can find additional financial information by visiting southern.edu/studentfinance and southern.edu/scholarships.