

# Financing Your Education

For most prospective law students, considering how to pay for a legal education can be intimidating. This investment in yourself is one of the most important decisions you will make, and Carolina Law is committed to supporting you through this process.

## Scholarships

There is no separate application required for merit-based scholarships. For entering students, all scholarships are merit-based and are awarded on the strength of your admissions application. These three-year awards are automatically renewed as long as you remain in good academic and disciplinary standing.

### FULL TUITION AWARDS – APPLY BY DECEMBER 31

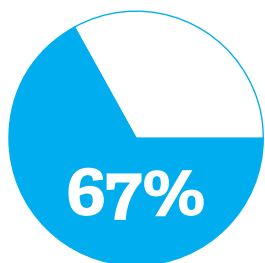
The Chancellors Scholars Award was initiated in 1989 to attract students of superior academic achievement, character, and potential. The award is named for Paul Hardin, N. Ferebee Taylor, and William B. Aycock, three faculty members who served as chancellors of UNC. Based on the admissions application and interview, candidates with exceptionally strong credentials are selected as Chancellors Scholars.

### OTHER AWARDS – APPLY BY MARCH 1

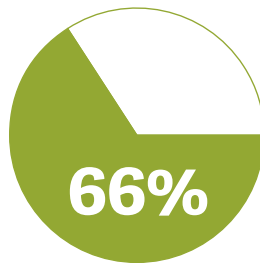
We also offer scholarships that may range from \$5,000 to \$17,500. These awards are provided through the generosity of alumni and friends of Carolina Law and from general funds allocated by the law school and UNC.

### CURRENT STUDENTS

Part of our mission is to instill a lasting commitment to pro bono and public service. To show our support, first year and second year students may apply for one-year public service scholarships.



STUDENTS RECEIVING  
LOANS



STUDENTS RECEIVING  
SCHOLARSHIPS



"My scholarship allows me to attend law school and focus while limiting financial pressure. It serves as a constant reminder to give back when possible and to treasure this incredible opportunity."

— ANDREW BROWN, CLASS OF 2017



"My scholarship gave me the opportunity to not only learn law in an academic setting, but also the freedom to explore and understand the law in real-world settings. It has given me a true legal education, one that is well-rounded and well-prepared for any challenge that I might face in the future."

— LEAH NEAL, CLASS OF 2017



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“My scholarship has allowed me to take advantage of every possible opportunity while attending UNC. The ability to participate in externships and volunteer with non-profits wouldn’t be possible for me without it.”

— BROOKLYN HILDEBRANDT, CLASS OF 2017

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## Loans

### FEDERAL LOANS

The **Direct Unsubsidized Loan** and the **Graduate PLUS Loan** are your available **federal loans**. Federal loans come from the U.S. Department of Education, have several forgiveness programs and repayment plans (including some that are income-driven), and have no credit review (Direct Unsubsidized Loan) or only consider adverse credit history (Graduate PLUS Loan). The Direct Unsubsidized Loan annual maximum is \$20,500; the Graduate PLUS Loan supplements the Direct Unsubsidized Loan up to the cost of attendance.

### PRIVATE LOANS

**Private education loans** are another option for financing law school. Private loans are available through private banks and lenders, typically have one repayment plan, and will evaluate your credit score and credit report to determine your approval and interest rate. You should choose the loan program that fits your needs best.

### LOAN APPLICATIONS

To apply for federal loans, submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) by March 1. Our school code is 002974. Once your application is complete, we will determine your eligibility and post your financial aid package on Connect Carolina. To apply for private education loans, visit your lender’s website.

STUDENT EXPENSES (2017-2018)	RESIDENT	NON-RESIDENT
Tuition and fees	\$23,890	\$40,521
Room and board	\$18,038	\$18,038
Books and supplies	\$1,604	\$1,604
Travel	\$2,344	\$2,344
Student health insurance	\$2,222	\$2,222
Miscellaneous	\$1,464	\$1,464
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$49,562</b>	<b>\$66,193</b>



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