

Graduation Award Student FAQs

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What is the Graduation Award and how does it assist students?

We remain committed to the success of our students and are investing in their education. To celebrate our students' achievements, we are offering the Graduation Award alongside the Believe & Achieve Scholarship™ (up to \$19,840 in combined savings). This exciting new initiative rewards students who complete their degrees, underscoring our dedication to supporting them in their educational journey.

The Graduation Award from Walden University is a one-time \$1,500 reward to undergraduate students (excluding Tempo Learning® and RN-BSN programs).

Am I eligible for the Graduation Award?

If you are a new or readmitted student who begins a Walden course-based bachelor’s program (excluding Tempo Learning® and RN-BSN programs) on or after August 26, 2024, the award applies to you. This is applicable to both domestic and international students.

If you step out for 12 months or more, you will be eligible for the Graduation Award if available at the time of your new start date and are re-entering a course-based bachelor’s program (excluding Tempo Learning® format and RN-BSN programs).

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If you are on a Leave of Absence or step out for fewer than 12 months, you will remain eligible. Additionally, you may also remain eligible based on other university-level policies, such as military deployment.

Please note that active students who began their program before August 26, 2024, or have been withdrawn for less than 12 months are not eligible for the award.

I am a current student. Why am I ineligible for the Walden Graduation Award?

Walden regularly offers grants and/or scholarships to new students, and these offers change from time to time. Current students who enrolled in a program before August 26, 2024, were eligible for the tuition savings available for their program at the time of their start date.

How does the Walden Graduation Award impact my financial aid?

If you are eligible for the Graduation Award, you will remain eligible to apply for federal student aid programs.

Do I need to apply for the Walden Graduation Award?

No. If you are an eligible student, you will automatically receive the Graduation Award.

Does my GPA impact my award eligibility?

No. Your GPA does not impact your eligibility for the Graduation Award.

What happens if I fail a course?

The Walden University Student Handbook identifies all requirements for passing or repeating a course and remains the guideline for all students. The Graduation Award is disbursed beginning week two of your final term and is a one-time payment of \$1,500. If you fail to complete your program, you will not be eligible for this award a second time.

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What happens if I change programs?

If you change programs, it may impact your eligibility for the award, but that depends on a few factors. First, you will want to review your start date and determine if you started on or after August 26, 2024, when the award is applicable. Next, you can review the program change scenarios below to determine if you remain eligible.

Changing Programs Scenarios and Award Impact:	
Scenario	Award Eligibility Impact
<i>Transfers from course-based or Tempo Learning undergraduate to a course-based undergraduate program (except RN-BSN)</i>	Eligible
<i>Transfers from an undergraduate program to a course-based BSN</i>	No longer eligible
<i>Transfers from course-based to Tempo Learning</i>	No longer eligible
<i>Transfers from Tempo Learning to a course-based program</i>	Eligible

Can the Graduation Award be applied to my courses or account balance?

No. The Graduation Award will not be applied to any tuition or program costs. If you owe a balance on your account, you will still be responsible for paying your account balance.

What tuition savings can be combined with the Graduation Award?

The Graduation Award may be combined with all offers.

- Undergraduate (excluding Tempo Learning® and RN-BSN programs):
 - [Believe & Achieve Scholarship™](#)
 - [Alumni Referral](#) reduction
 - Active-Duty Law Enforcement and Correction Officer savings
 - Field Site Supervisor tuition reduction
 - [Military/federal government discount](#)
 - Other offers where indicated

How will the graduation award be reported to the IRS?

The Graduation Award will be reported to the IRS on box 3 of form 1099-MISC.