## Money Matters

Lawrence University Parent Orientation

## Student Employment

- Student must complete I-9, W-4, & Student Account Authorization
  - Forms available in Payroll Office (Brokaw Hall)
  - Must have appropriate documentation for I-9
- Search for jobs online through Lawrence Link
  - Be proactive
  - Apply for multiple positions
- Paid biweekly for hours worked
  - Direct Deposit to LU student account
  - Direct Deposit to personal bank account



## **Buying Books**

- Akadémos
  - Lawrence's Online Bookstore
  - Offers new, used, rental, & digital options as well as school supplies
  - Includes marketplace listings through TextbookX.com
  - Free shipping on select orders over \$49
  - Year-round online buyback

go.lawrence.edu/textbooks lawrence.textbookx.com

## **Buying Books**

- Akadémos
  - Purchases can be made by Visa, MasterCard, Discover, American Express, & TextbookX.com gift certificates
  - Purchases can be charged to a student's Lawrence University account by requesting a Voucher from the financial aid office
    - NOTE: If charged to the student account, the charges will appear on the next monthly billing statement and must be paid within 30 days of the billing statement to avoid late fees

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## Wolterding Loans

- Short-term loan of up to \$500 per term
- Interest free (if repaid on time)
- Must be repaid by the end of the term
- Available Monday, September 10th
- To apply, go to cashier window in Brokaw Hall

# Parent Access to Student Financial Information

#### **CASHNet**



 CASHNet allows students to set up other authorized users to access their student account (and make payments on their behalf) through a separate login

#### **Proxy Access**



Proxy Access allows students to grant another person limited access to their financial aid record in Voyager through a separate login

**Instructions for CASHNet and Voyager Proxy Access:** 

www.lawrence.edu/info/offices/financial-aid/parents

## Parent Access to Student Financial Information

- CASHNet and Voyager Proxy Access each require their own access – they are NOT the same!
  - After student authorizes your access, you will receive an email with a link and further instructions.
  - If you need your password reset, only your student is able to assist you. For security purposes, LU personnel are unable to assist you.
- Only your student can give you access to CASHNet and Proxy Access!!!!

#### Student Accounts

All student statements are available electronically through CASHNet.

Students access their student account through Voyager.

## Student Accounts & Billing

#### Payments for each term are due as follows:

Term	Due Date
Fall	August 15
Winter	December 15
Spring	March 15

- Payments for outstanding balances are due the 15<sup>th</sup> of each month
- If a balance is due, email reminder sent to student & authorized CASHNet user
- Late fees and interest charges applied to balances not paid within 30 days

## How to Make Payments

- Payments through CASHNet can be made via direct bank debit or with a credit card.
  - Credit card payments will incur a convenience fee of approximately 3%.
  - There is no fee for payments made via direct bank debit.
- Mailing Payments
  - Mailing instructions can be found on the financial services web page.
  - Include the student's LU ID# on all communication.

## Payment Options

- LU Monthly Payment Plan
  - Balance due divided over 10 monthly payments
  - No interest charged (unless payments are late)
- Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan
  - Loan is in parent's name
  - Fixed interest rate of 7.6%
  - Loan origination fee of 4.272%
  - Payments can be deferred (interest accrues) until 6 months after student graduates or ceases to be enrolled at least half-time
  - Apply at <u>StudentLoans.gov</u>
- Private Educational Loans
  - Loans can be in student's name, cosigner required
  - Variable interest rates, typically change quarterly

#### Meal Plans

- Same rate of \$1,723 per term for all plans
  - Plan A: 150 meal block plan with \$36 Culinary Cash per term
  - Plan B: 110 meal block plan with \$230 Culinary Cash per term
  - Plan C: 70 meal block plan with \$477 Culinary Cash per term
  - Plan D: \$1171 all-Culinary Cash (not available first term of freshman year)
- Sign up for meal plan through Voyager
  - Deadline to sign up is just prior to start of term
  - Changes after that and up to 3 days into term will incur \$50 change fee

## Meal Plans

- Meals
  - Used at Andrew Commons
  - Balance rolls from term to term, but not year to year
  - No reimbursement for meals not used by end of year
- Culinary Cash
  - Declining balance fund
  - Can be used for food purchases at Andrew Commons, the café & coffee shop, & Kate's Corner Store
  - Balance rolls from term to term, but not year to year
  - No reimbursement for remaining balances at end of year

## Viking Gold

#### What is it?

- Debit Account
  - Money attached to Student ID Card
- Can be used on campus
  - Laundry (\$1.25 wash, \$1.25 dry)
  - Andrew Commons
  - KK's Apparel & Gifts
  - Kate's Corner Store
  - Kaplan's Grill
  - Pat's Coffee Central
  - Some vending machines

#### How do I add money?

- Bill to student account
  - Voyager
  - Cashier (Brokaw Hall)
  - ID Office (Warch Campus Center)
- Check or Cash
  - Cashier (Brokaw Hall)
  - ID Office (Warch Campus Center)
- Credit Card
  - ID Office (Warch Campus Center)

### Financial Aid

- Must reapply for financial aid EVERY year!
  - Priority deadline for FAFSA → January 1<sup>st</sup>
- Outstanding financial aid documents/requirements are tracked through Voyager
- Award notifications for current students are available through Voyager – no paper award letters
- If your student grants you Proxy Access to their financial aid record in Voyager, you will be able to see this information

## **Education Tax Benefits**

- 1098-T is an informational statement
  - Mailed to student at home address (late January)
  - Must have students social security number on file in order to issue a 1098-T
- You may be eligible for:
  - American Opportunity Tax Credit
  - Lifetime Learning Credit
  - Tuition & Fees Deduction
  - Student Loan Interest Deduction

#### Contact

- Financial Aid Office
  - 104 Brokaw Hall
  - financial.aid@Lawrence.edu
  - 920-832-6583
- Student Accounts Office
  - 105 Brokaw Hall
  - student\_accounts@lawrence.edu
  - 920-832-6547
- ID Office (for Viking Gold)
  - 306 Warch Campus Center
  - jodie.b.bonikowske@lawrence.edu
  - 920-832-6654