Your first step is to contact Admissions. A Recruitment Specialist can guide you through the admissions process and answer your questions. Whether you are transferring to USU or starting out fresh, living in Cache Valley or New York, there is a recruitment specialist for you.

How much will it all cost? This link will connect you with several good resources to help you estimate your expenses, connect you with payment options, and more.

USU Financial Aid is your go-to department for sorting out federal student aid and available funding options. Your Financial Aid Counselor, (assigned based on your last name), can answer questions, and help you maximize your funding options. TIP: Apply for FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) as you apply for school. The sooner, the better.

Perhaps you are a student who has experienced a few “rough patches”, academically speaking. If you qualify, and can demonstrate success in your studies, Academic Renewal can help improve your GPA. This link explains how the policy works and provides an application.
If you have not declared a major, contact Exploratory Advising as soon as you are admitted. You will be assigned to work with one of their Advisors based on your last name. If you have declared a major, make contact with the advisor for your program, (the web link to the left will help you get you connected with the right person). Visit with your Academic Advisor often, including every semester prior to registration. They have the expertise to help you stay on track and to reach your educational goals.

**TIP:** Share your family and work situation with your Advisor so they can give you the best advising possible, (i.e., connect you with a schedule/work load that fits your unique situation).

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The Access & Diversity Center has over 30 scholarship programs to help students fund their education at Utah State. Our application process opens each year during Spring semester. You can be added to one of student listservs (email lists) and be notified as soon as our application becomes available. Our website also provides links to additional campus and national scholarship resources. Two sites we recommend in particular are: (1) “Education Corner” (see our “Scholarship Resources” page) to learn more about scholarship tips and strategies, and (2) USU Financial Aid’s Scholarship page for links to scholarship search engines and resources.

**TIPS:**
1. Make yourself a scholarship calendar to stay on top of upcoming deadlines.
2. Follow scholarship application instructions precisely, ensuring your essay answers the questions specific to that scholarship.
3. Utilize the USU Writing Center to critique your scholarship essays. You can meet with a writing tutor in person or get help online. Go to usuwritingcenter@gmail.com. Persuasive writing makes all the difference in scholarship success.