



Financial Aid in the DESIGN for LEADERSHIP

This report has been prepared for all DESIGN for LEADERSHIP current and prospective students (July 2010).

Financial aid is available to Design for Leadership students through the Defiance College Financial Aid Office.

Requirements include:

- 1) You must be accepted into a degree seeking program
- 2) You must fill out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
- 3) You must sign up for at least six semester hours of credit.
- 4) You must have a tentative planned course schedule per semester

In filling out the FAFSA, you must include the Defiance College Title IV federal school code, which is **003041**. The FAFSA can either be filled out on a paper form available from most colleges or high school Guidance Counselors, or it can be filled out online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. If you fill it out online, the college will receive the information in a week to 10 days, as opposed to the six week time allowance if you fill out a paper copy. For continued financial aid, the FAFSA needs to be filled out each academic year.

Once all of the forms are submitted, the Financial Aid office reviews your eligibility and mails an award letter. Need based grants may be available from the federal and state programs. In most cases, students qualify for low interest rate federal loan assistance.

Having said all of this, we need to hastily add that **THE MOST COMMON FORM OF DIRECT FINANCIAL AID FOR DESIGN FOR LEADERSHIP STUDENTS COMES FROM THE CHURCHES THAT EMPLOY THEM.** The logic of this is clear. In most ministry positions where persons are still seeking education, the pay is relatively low. Congregations have often responded favorably to the idea of paying the tuition that will help their ministers and Christian educators become better, more qualified workers in the fields of the Lord.

If you have any questions, contact Financial Aid at financialaid@defiance.edu or (419) 783-2465.