

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION FOR THE ROME EXPERIENCE

The financial aid component of the Rome Experience for a semester is no different than if the student were to attend classes here on our main campus:

- ❖ Student completes a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by logging onto fafsa.ed.gov. Complete financial aid renewal instructions and links can be found at walsh.edu.
- ❖ Student will receive a Financial Aid Award Notification. Notifications for returning students will be available for view on our secure website (The CAV Center).
- ❖ Financial aid will be applied to the student's semester tuition and room & board charges to be posted on their student account at Walsh.

Note: It is imperative that the student completes his/her financial aid file by February 14th of each year. Adhering to this deadline will help ensure that certain types of federal funds are still available at the time of awarding. It will also ensure an early notification of their financial aid award.

FAQ's

Q.: What if I need money ahead of time to help pay my deposit?

A.: The financial aid you will receive must be seen as a type of reimbursement of your expenses – federal and state laws prohibit early disbursement of your financial aid.

Q.: Can you offer me financial aid to help with other expenses related to the program, such as travel expenses?

A.: We are permitted to factor certain costs associated with your study abroad program when we determine your financial need. In many cases, including these additional costs *can* increase a student's overall financial aid package, but this is not absolute and can vary from student to student. This is yet another reason why we ask you to complete your financial aid file as soon as possible – the earlier you know what your package will look like, the more time you have to financially prepare for your trip!

Q.: What happens if I change my mind about the trip and withdraw?

A.: *Tuition and Fees:*

The same tuition and fee refund policy for our main campus will apply. As a result, it will depend on when you withdraw from the program. If you withdraw during the fall add/drop period (as determined and published by the Registrar) you will not be charged the tuition and fee component and your financial aid will be backed off of your account. If you withdraw from the program *after* the add/drop period, then you will be charged full tuition and fees, HOWEVER, your financial aid will be prorated based on when exactly you withdrew (per federal regulations). **Important: if you attend the second session of the fall Rome experience that does not start until October, you must still adhere to the main campus withdraw policies as published in the Walsh University catalogue. Accordingly, you have six business days from the start of the fall semester, not from your October trip date, to withdraw with a full refund.**

Please consult the office of Global Learning for refund policies and deadlines associated with the program itself, including room and board charges.