

Financial

2018  2019

Aid

master of arts

An education at the Minneapolis College of Art and Design (MCAD) can lead a student into a fulfilling life in a creative field, but paying for the education usually needs some help—in fact, more than 95% of MCAD students receive some form of financial assistance. During the 2017/18 academic year, MCAD awarded more than \$10 million in institutional grants and scholarships to help students cover tuition.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Students should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) between October 1 and March 1 to receive priority for need-based financial aid. To begin the application, go to fafsa.gov.

MCAD's school code is 002365.

There is no cost to apply for financial aid.

TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

Loans

Loan programs allow eligible students to borrow at low interest rates.

Non-Need-Based

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan

Federal Direct PLUS Loan for graduate students

COSTS FOR 2018/19

Master of Arts in Sustainable Design

Master of Arts in Graphic and Web Design

Tuition per semester (6 credits).....	\$5,130
Tuition per credit.....	\$855
Books and supplies per semester (est.).....	\$568
Technology fee per semester.....	\$125

YOUR FINANCIAL AID JOURNEY

The FAFSA is for everyone

Regardless of your income, students interested in financial aid should complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). All federal financial aid and most state and institutional aid require the FAFSA.

This application will require your tax and income information, but don't skip completing it because you might miss out on low-cost aid like federal student loans. Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov no earlier than October 1 for the 2018/19 academic year.

If you have additional questions or need help, please contact the MCAD Financial Aid Office at 612.874.3782. We will be happy to help.

MONTH-TO-MONTH PROCESSING TIMELINE

July/August

- Request admissions information and school catalog
- Plan a visit to MCAD and research costs by contacting us via phone, mail, or the website

September/October

- Submit your college application
- Search and apply for scholarships from a variety of sources, including the college
- Complete the FAFSA at fafsa.gov online as soon as possible after October 1

December–February

Watch your mailbox and email for your:

- Acceptance letter
- Student Aid Report
- Financial aid award letter

April/May

- Send in deposit by the required deadline
- Consider all funding options to cover costs of college after reviewing award letter

Accreditation

MCAD is accredited by the National Association of Schools of Art and Design and the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The college also belongs to two organizations that are noteworthy for the academic excellence of their members: the Minnesota Private College Council and the Association of Independent Colleges of Art and Design.

MCAD is registered as a private institution with the Minnesota Office of Higher Education pursuant to sections 136A.61 to 136.71. Registration is not an endorsement of the institution. Credits earned at the institution may not transfer to all other institutions.

Disability Services

Please work with the MCAD Student Affairs Office to make arrangements for facilities and services for students with disabilities.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

A student's right with respect to educational records is protected under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974. The FERPA policy can be found in the student handbook.

Student Right-to-Know Act Graduation Rate Report

MCAD's most recent completion and graduation report can be accessed at nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool.

Campus Security Act (Clery Act)

Statistical reporting of campus crime can be accessed at mcad.edu/about-us/campus-security-act.

Complaint Policy for Distance Learners

Information on how to register a complaint can be found at mcad.edu/about-us/policies-consumer-information.

Drug and Alcohol Abuse

As part of its ongoing educational effort to prevent and eliminate substance abuse, MCAD will provide students, staff, and faculty with information on health risks associated with the abuse of drugs and alcohol. A brochure describing these health risks will be distributed annually and will be available in the MCAD Library. The counseling staff offers wellness classes to students and employees through each semester. Counseling is also available through the Student Affairs Office. The counseling consists of an initial assessment of the potential drug or alcohol problem and referral to the appropriate agencies or treatment facilities in the community. Chemical health care for alcoholism, chemical dependency, and drug addiction is also available through the employee health plan currently offered by MCAD.

Nondiscrimination Policy

The Minneapolis College of Art and Design does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, sexual orientation, gender, disability, marital status, or age in its programs, activities, scholarship and loan programs, and educational policies.

Other policies and consumer information such as our Sexual Assault and Study Abroad policies can be found at mcad.edu/about-us/policies-consumer-information.

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