

BASIC ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

Laredo College provides a range of financial aid programs to help eligible students cover the costs of their education. To qualify for most aid, students must meet the following requirements:

1. **Financial Need:** Most programs require proof of financial need.
2. **Citizenship Status:** Applicants must be U.S. citizens or eligible non-citizens.
3. **Social Security Number:** A valid Social Security number is required (except for citizens of specific Pacific island nations).
4. **Selective Service Registration:** Male students must register with Selective Service between the ages of 18 and 25.
5. **Enrollment in a Program:** Students must be enrolled or accepted into an eligible degree or certificate program.
6. **Minimum Enrollment:** At least half-time enrollment is required for Direct Loan eligibility.
7. **Academic Progress:** Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress.
8. **Certification Statement:** Applicants must certify that they:
 - Are not in default on federal student loans.
 - Do not owe refunds on federal grants.
 - Will use aid for educational purposes only.
9. **Educational Qualifications:** Must show readiness for college through a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent. Other pathways include homeschooling or enrolling in certain eligible career programs.

Additional Notes

- Some circumstances, such as non-U.S. citizenship, criminal convictions, or intellectual disabilities, may require additional steps to determine eligibility.
- Laredo College also offers the *Palomino Pledge*, a program to cover remaining tuition and fees not met by financial aid for qualifying degree-seeking students. No separate application is required, but eligibility criteria and deadlines must be met.

For more information, visit the Laredo College Financial Aid page (<https://www.laredo.edu/admissions/financial-aid/>)