

The Financial Aid Office

Financial aid is any resource available to students to offset the costs associated with attending California State University, Fresno. Aside from student and family resources, there are four basic programs of financial aid: grants, loans, work-study, and scholarships. About 95 percent of these programs are administered by the Financial Aid Office.

The majority are funded by the federal and state governments and are need-based. Eligibility for financial aid from need-based programs is determined through a formula mandated by Congress. Several programs administered by the Financial Aid Office are not need-based.

Need-Based Financial Aid Programs

For the following need-based aid programs, students are required to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Students are encouraged to submit the FAFSA through the Internet at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Applications are available at high schools and college financial aid offices in December and should be filed in January or February for the next academic year. Renewals, i.e., students who had a valid Student Aid Report on file for the previous academic year, will receive Renewal Applications directly from the Central Processor. If you have not received your Renewal Application by January 15, complete a FAFSA.

The official priority filing date is March 2 for the next academic year.

- * Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Perkins Loan
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
- * Federal Stafford Student Loan
- Federal Work-Study
- Nursing Student Loan
- Bureau of Indian Affairs Grant
- ** California Graduate Equity Fellowship Program for Underrepresented Students
- California State Educational Opportunity Grant (EOP)
- California State University Grant
- Cal Grants A, B, and T
- State Graduate Fellowship

For assistance in completing the FAFSA, please contact the Financial Aid Office.

Details about these programs are listed on pages 70-71 under the heading *Program Specifications*.

Additional Financial Aid Sources

Alan Pattee Scholarships. Pursuant to the Alan Pattee Scholarship Act, *Education Code* Section 68120, children of deceased public law enforcement or fire suppression employees, who were California residents and who were killed in the course of law enforcement or fire suppression duties, are not charged mandatory systemwide fees or tuition of any kind at any California State University campus. Students who may qualify for these benefits should contact the Registrar's Office for an eligibility determination.

Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps Scholarships. The Air Force ROTC program at California State University, Fresno offers full two-year, three-year, four-year, and graduate degree scholarships for both technical and non-technical majors. These scholarships cover a tuition of up to \$4,500 per semester (Type 7 scholarship) for undergraduate and graduate students working toward their perspective degree. These scholarships also include a yearly textbook payment of up to \$510. This total does not include a monthly stipend pay for all cadets who are contracted, whether under a scholarship or not. Stipend pay is tax free money that is given to students who are contracted with the Air Force ROTC program and carry a full-time student load (12 or more units). Stipend pay depends on your academic year as follows: freshmen \$250, sophomores \$300, juniors \$350, and seniors \$400. To qualify for the scholarships, you must graduate before turning age 31 and have at least a 2.50 cumulative GPA. Applications should be submitted to the Department of Aerospace Studies. For additional information, see *Aerospace Studies*.

Army Reserve Officer Training Corps. The U.S. Army offers full two-, three-, and four-year scholarships at different monetary levels – up to \$20,000 annually to qualified students in a variety of academic disciplines. It also offers full graduate scholarships for qualified students. Scholarships cover tuition, mandatory fees, \$510 annually for books, and a monthly tax-free subsistence allowance ranging from \$250 to \$400. All students formally enrolled in the ROTC program receive an annual allowance of as much as \$4,000 and can earn as much as \$23,000 during their college careers. For additional information, see *Department of Military Science*.

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Graduate Assistantships. A number of graduate assistantships and teaching associateships are available to students who are enrolled in a master's degree program. For additional information, see the *Division of Graduate Studies*.

Division of Graduate Studies Student Research Awards and Travel Grants. For additional information, see the *Division of Graduate Studies*.

Nonresident Tuition Waivers. A select number of non-resident tuition waivers are available for outstanding graduate students who demonstrate the potential to make significant academic and professional contributions in their disciplines and the graduate program. Recipients are expected to work with the K-12 system in giving lectures/presentations. For additional information, contact the department.

Resident Advisers and Public Safety Assistants. University Courtyard employs up to 16 students to work as resident advisers (RAs) and five students to work as public safety assistants (PSAs) in the residence halls. RAs act as effective role models, develop a cohesive community of students, organize and conduct programs, and serve as resource people to students living on-campus. PSAs patrol the buildings and grounds, and provide escort service. Applications (for students with one year of on-campus living experience) are available from the University Housing Office at the beginning of the spring semester.

University Association and Foundation Loan Funds. The university operates an Emergency Loan Fund to assist students who need up to a maximum of \$600 for

* Even though the March 2 deadline does not apply to the Pell or Stafford Student Loan Programs, you should be aware that Pell and Stafford applications submitted after May 30 cannot be assured of receiving funds at the beginning of the fall semester.

** Graduate Equity Fellowship application deadlines may vary.