

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. Paper applications are also available at high schools and college financial aid offices in late December and should be completed after January 1st for the next academic year.

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 66-67 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 for undergraduate and graduate students working toward their perspective degree.

One of the newest scholarships added to our program is the Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI) scholarship provided only to Fresno State students. (The student does not have to be Hispanic.) The HSI scholarship allows the student to activate during the spring semester once minimum qualifications have been met and the AFROTC Det 035 commander approves.

These scholarships also include a yearly textbook payment of up to \$600. 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 given to students who are contracted with the Air Force ROTC program and are enrolled as full-time students (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 Army ROTC program at California State University, Fresno has the following options available for fully qualified students to fund undergraduate and in some cases graduate degrees.

1. **High School:** The Army ROTC Four-Year Scholarship program is available to students who have graduated from high school or possess an equivalent certificate before September of the year they enter college. Scholarships pay up to \$20,000 a year for college tuition and

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education fees, *or* room and board, whichever is chosen by the student. Additional scholarship benefits are also available.

2. **On-Campus Scholarships:** For fully qualified students already attending Fresno State, we offer three- and two-year scholarships. These scholarships are limited and are awarded on a competitive bases.
3. **On-Campus Non-Scholarships:** All contracted students 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.
4. **Simultaneous Membership Program:** The California National Guard currently provides 100% tuition assistance to qualified students.

For additional information contact our scholarship assistance officer at 559.278.5460 or see *Department of Military Science*.

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* at www.csufresno.edu/gradstudies.

Division of Graduate Studies Student Research Awards and Travel Grants. For additional information, see the *Division of Graduate Studies* at www.csufresno.edu/gradstudies.

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 profes-

* 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.