

Financial Aid

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. There are also additional administrative units on campus that offer financial aid.

Need-Based Financial Aid Programs

For the following need-based aid programs, you are required to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This application is available in high school and college

financial aid offices in December and should be filed in January or February for the next academic year.

The official priority filing date is March 1 for the next academic year.

Federal Perkins Loan (formerly National Direct Student Loan)
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
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
*Federal Pell Grant
Cal Grants A and B
State Graduate Fellowship
*Federal Stafford Student Loan

Workshops on completing the FAFSA are offered by the financial aid staff in January and February. For details, contact the Financial Aid Office.

Details about these programs are listed on pages 84-86 under the heading **Program Specifications**.

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Non-Need-Based Financial Aid Programs

The Financial Aid Office also administers non-need-based aid programs. These programs are available to students and families regardless of income and assets. Applications for these programs are available in Rooms 219 and 296, Joyal Administration Building. The non-need-based programs include:

1. California State University, Fresno Institutional Scholarships
 - All students must file a scholarship application between November 1 through February 1 for the next academic year.
2. Federal Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)/Federal Supplemental Loan for Students (SLS)/Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan
 - No set deadline. However, applicants who submit their application after May 30 cannot be assured of receiving funds before the beginning of the fall semester.

Additional information about these programs can be found on page 86.

* Even though the March 1 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.

