
Financial Assistance

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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
Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program.

* Federal Direct 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, T, and AB540
State Graduate Fellowship

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

Details about these programs are listed under 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, and four-year, scholarships for both technical and non-technical majors. These scholarships cover a tuition of up to \$4,500 per semester for undergraduate students working toward their prospective degree.

Fresno State is one of AFROTC's six Hispanic Serving Institutions and Fresno State students are eligible for AFROTC HSI Scholarships. Eligible students need not be Hispanic to qualify, but may compete for the scholarship (after one semester in our program) on the spring scholarship board after nomination by the AFROTC Det 035 commander.

These scholarships also include a yearly textbook payment of up to \$900. 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