



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. 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 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 68-71 under the heading *Program Specifications*.

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

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programs are available in Rooms 274 and 296, Joyal Administration Building. The non-need-based programs include:

1. California State University, Fresno Institutional Scholarships
 - Applications for the 2000-2001 academic year will be available **September 1, 1999**. The filing deadline is **November 19, 1999**. For additional information on scholarships, please contact the Scholarship Office at (559) 278-6572 or consult the Financial Aid Office Website at http://studentaffairs.csufresno.edu/financial_aid.
2. Federal Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS)/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 obtained from the Financial Aid Office Website at http://studentaffairs.csufresno.edu/financial_aid.

Additional Financial Aid Sources

Alan Pattee Scholarships. 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, according to the Alan Pattee Scholarship Act, *California Education*

* 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.