



FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS

FRESNO STATE QUICK NOTES



Complete your financial aid application

The U.S. Department of Education anticipates releasing the 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in December 2024. The 2025-2026 California Dream Act Application (CADAA) will release soon thereafter. Please complete your application ASAP once it is available!

Don't complete both applications! If you are not sure which application to complete, start with the preliminary questions in the CADAA to determine which application is right for you!

- FAFSA: studentaid.gov/fafsa
- CADAA: dream.csac.ca.gov

Currently, the priority deadline is March 2, 2025, but keep an eye on our Instagram page for updates.

What you can do now: Create you and your contributors' FSA ID at studentaid.gov/fsa-id

Need help with your financial aid application? We will host workshops to help students and contributors complete their portion of the application and you're welcome to join us! Check Instagram for dates/times.

Next Steps for 2025-2026



- **Keep an eye on your Student Center for To Do items.** We anticipate loading financial aid applications early spring 2025, and if additional information is needed from you, you will see it on your Student Center in the To Do List or Important Information section. Respond as quickly as possible!
- **We run the awarding process every week!** We anticipate starting to award for Fall 2025 in the spring of 2025. Once we start, this process runs weekly. If you have To Do items on your Student Center, take care of those quickly, as they will keep you from being awarded!
- **Join us for webinars throughout the summer to prepare for the Fall 2025 semester!** We will share updates and information, so you know what to expect.
- **Know the Student Accounts Fee Payment Deadline.** To avoid being dropped from your courses for non-payment, make sure that you either (a) pay your balance in full, (b) set up a payment plan with Student Accounts, or (c) have a fee deferment on your account by the fee payment deadline each semester.
 - Waiting for financial aid to pay your balance? If you do not have a fee deferment on your account, you can request one from your Student Center a few days before the deadline.
- **Fall disbursements will begin the week before classes start.** Once your aid disburses, it will apply to what you owe the university. Make sure you pay any remaining balance as soon as possible.



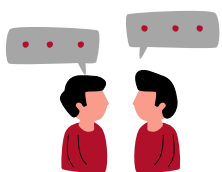
Do you have special or unusual circumstances?

Has your family's income changed since 2023? We may be able to re-evaluate your financial aid eligibility based on current income through our special circumstances process. Come visit us and see if this is an option for you!

Do you have unusual circumstances, such as an estranged relationship with your parent(s), you are unable to contact your parent(s), or you do not have a safe, stable place to live? Please come see us to see how we can help.

How to get in touch with us

Our office is open Monday-Friday, from 8:00am-5:00pm (we switch to summer hours between May and August, 7:00am-3:30pm). You can call us at 559.278.2182, email us at financialaid@mail.fresnostate.edu, chat with us directly from our webpage, or visit us in the North Lobby of the Joyal Administration building.



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