



# TIPS AND TRICKS FOR FRESNO STATE STUDENTS

## PREPARING YOUR FINANCIAL AID FOR FRESNO STATE

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### TIPS AND TRICKS FOR A SUCCESSFUL START

**Complete your 2024-2025 FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application by April 2nd!**

- **Make sure you have completed the correct aid year application.** There are usually two aid year applications open at any given time based on the time of year. Completing the wrong application can cause delays. Fall 2024 will be based off of the 2024-2025 financial aid application.
- **Make sure that Fresno State's school code (001147) is on your application.** This is the most common error that we encounter with transfer students, so please double check that Fresno State is on your application!
- **Make sure that Fresno State has your current info (like your SSN) so that we can load your application.** If you did not include a SSN with your admissions application, you can update your information with the Registrar's Office.
- **Regularly check your Student Center for financial aid To Do items or holds** - these will keep you from being awarded! We will start posting To Do items mid-April.
- **Watch your Fresno State email for your award letter.** We will begin awarding mid-April. If you have any To Do items on your account, this will keep you from being awarded.
  - Starting in May, awarding can take up to 2 weeks after you complete any financial aid To Do items, or if you submit your financial aid application late or made any corrections, including adding Fresno State to your application. Haven't heard anything after 2-3 weeks? Give us a call!
- **Watch for more info on fee payment deadlines with Student Accounts** - Contact Student Accounts at 559.278.2876 if you have questions about your account balance.
- **Follow us on social media;** Instagram, X, and Facebook @FSfinancialaid for updates, reminders, events, and other helpful information throughout the academic year!

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