

FINANCIAL AID QUICK NOTES

Late July/Early August: Know when the fee payment deadline is with Student Accounts. You can find this each semester on their website under Money Matters For Students - Payment Deadlines.

August: We will start disbursing financial aid for the fall semester about a week before classes start. Your aid will adjust based on the number of units you are enrolled in through CensuS.

12+ Units = Full time

9-11 Units = 3/4 time

6-8 Units = 1/2 time

1-5 Units = Less than 1/2 time



Financial Aid is finalized based on enrollment on CensuS. If you're in less than 12 units, your aid may prorate to reflect your enrollment

September: Know when the CensuS date is each semester -- Your financial aid is finalized on this date. You can find future CensuS dates on the Registrar's Semester Calendar.

October: The FAFSA and California Dream Acct Application for the next academic year *usually* come out on October 1st each year. The Fresno State General Scholarship application opens. All have a priority filing date of the following March 2nd. The 2023-2024 FAFSA is going through a massive overhaul, so these dates may change.

Need help? Follow us on social media for dates and times for our FAFSA Workshop where we can help you complete your application!

January: We will start disbursing financial aid for the spring semester about a week before classes start. Your aid will adjust based on the number of units you are enrolled in through CensuS.

February: Know when the CensuS date is each semester -- Your financial aid is finalized on this date. Check the Registrar's Semester Calendar for updates as we get closer!

March: Make sure your FAFSA or California Dream Act Application is completed by March 2nd to be considered for great state aid opportunities! If you've done your financial aid application for the upcoming academic year, you may start to see new financial aid To Do items and Holds on your Student Center - take care of these ASAP!

IMPORTANT NOTES:

- Take care of your financial aid To Do items and holds ASAP - they will delay your financial aid
- Waitlisted classes do not count towards enrollment
- Get your financial aid application done before March 2nd each year! If you don't, you're giving up being considered for state aid opportunities!
- We run the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) every semester to make sure you're maintaining eligibility. Check our policy to ensure you understand what you need to do to maintain financial aid eligibility
- Follow us on social media @FSfinancialaid. We are on Facebook, Twitter and Instagram! This is a simple way to stay in the know, without having to be constantly checking!

