FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS
SAN FRANCISCO STATE UNIVERSITY
Money shouldn’t come between you and a great education. At San Francisco State University there are many resources to assist you. Inside you'll find an overview of how financial aid works, how to apply for scholarships and where to go for more information.

More info:
sfsu.edu/~finaid
sfsu.edu/~finaid/ab540
sfsu.edu/~finaid/scholarships
studentaid.ed.gov
How Financial Aid Works
To qualify, you must show that you need financial aid. Need is the difference between what it costs to attend SF State and what you and your family can afford to pay toward that cost.

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\text{cost of attendance at SF State} - \text{expected family contribution} = \text{financial need}
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Cost of attendance includes direct educational costs (tuition, books and supplies) as well as living costs (meals, housing, transportation and personal expenses). Your family's expected contribution is determined by a process called a federal need analysis, which takes into account family size, income, assets, age of your parents and other factors. Don’t forget that missing critical deadlines may affect your eligibility for a grant or scholarship.

When to Apply
Grants, scholarships and work-study awards require that you apply early, so be sure to meet all deadlines. To be considered for the maximum amount of grants you may be eligible for, apply for financial aid by March 2—and do so even if you do not plan to attend SF State until the spring semester.

Types of Financial Aid

GRANTS
Aid awarded to students with exceptional need. These awards do not need to be repaid unless you withdraw from SF State, drop units after receiving funds or receive an overaward.

LOANS
Aid that must be repaid after you are no longer attending college at least half time.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Aid that does not need to be repaid and is based on your academic achievement and/or other criteria such as community involvement and financial need.

WORK STUDY
Aid earned through part-time work on campus.

Financial Aid 101
How to Apply
› Apply online at fafsa.ed.gov to the Federal Student Aid programs beginning Oct. 1 of every year. AB 540 students apply at dream.csac.ca.gov beginning Oct. 1 of every year.
› Select “San Francisco State University” and the school code “#001154” in the “Colleges to Receive Information” section.
› If requested, submit verification documents to the Office of Student Financial Aid as soon as possible.
› New Cal Grants applicants require an additional form. To be considered, you must mail a completed GPA Verification Form by March 2 to the California Student Aid Commission. The form is available online at csac.ca.gov and/or at high schools, colleges and universities.
› Check your email, including your SF State email. All correspondence from the Office of Student Financial Aid is sent via email. You will receive notices directly regarding Cal Grants and other scholarships for which you applied, so be sure to check all emails frequently.
› Don’t miss the March 2 deadline. If you do, you will be considered only for the Pell Grant and Federal Direct Student Loans.
› Remember to reapply for financial aid each year.
› Check your financial aid status online on the SF State Gateway: gateway.sfsu.edu or download the SF State mobile app.

For more information, visit sfsu.edu/~finaid and studentaid.ed.gov.
**INCREASE YOUR CHANCES OF WINNING A SCHOLARSHIP**

- Apply for as many scholarships as possible. Make sure you meet all eligibility requirements before applying.
- Emphasize your academic achievements, leadership ability, exceptional talents and community involvement.
- Follow specific directions, including those related to the length of your scholarship essay.
- Write in your own voice and make sure your essay conveys your character, personality, values and experiences.
- Support your experiences with compelling examples.
- Have several strong writers proofread your essay for structure, grammar, redundancy and logic.
- Never pay a fee to apply for a scholarship and know that you should never be asked to pay one. If you suspect a scam, report it to the Federal Trade Commission: [ftc.gov](http://ftc.gov).

### SCHOLARSHIPS

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<th>Scholarships (partial listing)</th>
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<td>Associated Students, Inc.</td>
<td>mid February</td>
<td>&gt; 2.5 GPA</td>
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<td>Alumni Association</td>
<td>mid April</td>
<td>&gt; 2.5-3.25 cumulative GPA for undergraduate and graduate students</td>
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<td>Robert and Joyce Corrigan</td>
<td>mid May</td>
<td>&gt; 3.0 high school GPA</td>
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<td>up to $2000 for 4 years</td>
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<td>Berry &amp; Vera Clanton Endowed</td>
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<td>Graduate Equity Fellowship</td>
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<td>University Scholarship</td>
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<td>&gt; Current students: Undergraduate Graduate Credential students Second B.A. Ph.D.</td>
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<td>Other Re-entry Scholarship</td>
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<td>&gt; Transfer students</td>
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For an extended list of scholarships, visit [sfsu.academicworks.com](http://sfsu.academicworks.com).
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Check financial aid status
gateway.sfsu.edu

Establish a scholarship or
donate to an existing one
develop.sfsu.edu

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