



Financial Aid for
Post- Baccalaureate and Graduate
Students

Terms to Know Before You Apply?

- **EFC:** Estimated Family Contribution This is the estimated amount you are expected to pay towards your college education for the year
- **COA:** Cost of Attendance This is how much it costs to attend the institution.
- **SAR:** Student Aid Report This is the information that is reported you're your school(s) based off the information given on the FAFSA.
- **Federal Pin:** A pin is needed in order to electronically sign you FAFSA. You can apply for a pin at <http://www.pin.ed.gov/>

What Types of Aid are Available?

- Grants

Do not need to be paid back

- Loans

- Federal

- Private

Need to be paid back

- Scholarships

Do not need to be paid back

Grants

- Pell Grant

- The Federal Pell Grant Program provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate and certain postbaccalaureate students.

- Cal Grant

- Cal Grant is a state funded grant which is award to California residents.

- TEACH Grant

- The TEACH Grant Program provides grants students who are completing or plan to complete course work needed to begin a career in teaching. As a condition for receiving a TEACH Grant, you must sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve in which you agree to (among other requirements) teach: in a high-need field, at an elementary school, secondary school or *educational service agency* that serves students from low-income families, for at least four complete academic years within eight years after completing (or ceasing enrollment in) the course of study for which you received the grant.

Grants DO NOT need to be paid back. In order to receive grants make sure to submit your FAFSA by **MARCH 2**

Loans

Federal Student Loans

- **Subsidized** (interest paid until you graduate)
- **Unsubsidized** (interest start accruing once loan in received)
- **Grad Plus** (credit based loan)

Private Student Loans

- These are offered by different lenders and banks. These loans are credit bases and you will often need a cosigner in to receive loan. Contact you bank or credit card company for more information

Scholarships

- Scholarships are offered through several different organizations and often you will have to submit separate applications. Scholarships are awarded to students who meet certain criteria stipulated by the organization (ex: merit, financial need, ethnicity and etc.,)

For scholarship information at CSU Fullerton go to :

http://www.fullerton.edu/financialaid/scholar/scholarships_default.htm

What Do I Need to do to receive Financial Aid?

- Apply for FAFSA
- Apply for a Pin
- Remember Priority Deadlines
- Constantly check the Titan Portal to know the status of your application and see if any additional documentation is needed.

What Do I Need before I apply?

- Federal Tax Information
- Social Security number
- Federal Issued Pin number. To apply for a pin go to <http://www.pin.ed.gov/>
- CSU Fullerton school code: 001137

How Do I Apply?

To apply for Financial Aid complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at www.FAFSA.ed.gov

Make sure too apply before the priority deadline of **MARCH 2** to be receive as much aid you are eligible for.

This application will determine you're your need for federal, state, and institutional aid based off your income for the previous calendar year.

Must **COMPLETE** your FAFSA in order to be considered for any type of financial aid!

I've Applied. Now What?

- Check your Titan Student Portal for any To-Do's. You may need to submit additional documentation before receiving your award letter.
- Allow a minimum of 4-6 weeks before receiving your award letter.

Yay! I've Been Award!

Once you have received your award letter through your Titan Student Portal there are just a couple other thing you need to do:

- **Complete your Master Promissory Note**

Even if you signed one in your undergraduate program you will need to resubmit a promissory note for your Graduate program. Go to: <http://www.studentloans.gov>. You will need your social security number and FAFSA pin. After completed all information is sent electronically once completed.

- **Sign up for Direct Deposit**

Sign into your Titan Student Portal and sign up for direct deposit to receive your money as soon as it is available for disbursement.

Disbursement

- The dates vary throughout the academic year, but they are generally awarded the week before classes start.
- If no aid has been disbursed before the first day of classes, be sure you have checked your to-do list first to make sure all documents have been submitted, or if you have any holds. If there are no items on your to-do list or holds on your record please contact the financial aid office.
- Once your fees have been paid, any excess funds will be refunded to you, and deposited into your bank account before the start of classes (or mailed if you didn't sign up for direct deposit).

Still Confused? More Questions?

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Financial Aid Office

(657) 278-3125

www.fullerton.edu/financialaid

University Hall 146

Other Resources

Admissions and Records

(657) 278-7601, Langsdorf Hall 114
www.fullerton.edu/admissions

Adult Re-Entry & Veteran's Service Center

(657) 278-3889, University Hall 205
www.fullerton.edu/adultreentry

Athletics

(657) 278-2777, Titan House
www.fullertontitans.com

Career Center

(657) 278-3121, Langsdorf Hall 208
www.fullerton.edu/career

Counseling and Psychological Services (CAPS)

(657) 278-3040, Student Health & Counseling Center –East
www.fullerton.edu/shcc/CAPS

Dean of Students Office

(657) 278-3211, Titan Student Union 235
www.fullerton.edu/deanofstudents

Disabled Student Services

(657) 278-3117, University Hall 101
www.fullerton.edu/disabledservices

Housing and Residential Life

(657) 278-2168
www.fullerton.edu/housing

International Education and Exchange

(657) 278-2787, University Hall 244
www.fullerton.edu/international

Irvine Campus

7320 Trabuco Road, Irvine, CA 92618
(657) 278-8676
www.fullerton.edu/irvinecampus/

Library

(657) 278-2633
www.library.fullerton.edu

Student Health and Counseling Center

(657) 278-2800
www.fullerton.edu/shcc

Titan Shops

(657) 278-3418
<http://bookstore.fullerton.edu>

University Learning Center

(657) 278-2738, McCarthy Hall 33 & 78
www.fullerton.edu/ulc

