



SF State Financial Aid Checklist

- Read important messages about Financial Aid:** www.sfsu.edu/~finaid
- Make sure San Francisco State University is listed on your FAFSA or Dream app.**
- CHECK your Financial Aid Status online:**
 1. Go to <https://gateway.sfsu.edu>
 2. Enter your "SF State ID and password"
 3. Select "Financial/Jobs" then Select "Student Center"
 - a. Check the "To Do List" and "Alerts or Holds." Complete all required steps. Click on "More" for specific details
 - b. Click "[View Financial Aid](#)" to accept/or decline awards

REMEMBER: Financial Aid award amounts can differ based on number of units enrolled
- CHECK Cal Grant – (Web Grant 4 Students) <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov>**
- APPLY for scholarships using SF State scholarship databases www.sfsu.edu/~finaid/scholarships**
- Create a per-semester budget to compare cost of attending SF State with available financial aid. Determine if you need to apply for more scholarships or take out loans to cover costs.**
- If you accepted a Federal Direct Student Loans (FDSL), COMPLETE necessary steps.** First time borrowers must complete [Promissory Note](#) and Loan Entrance Counseling at www.studentloans.gov before SF State can disburse the funds.
- UNDERSTAND all of the steps required to receive a PLUS Loan.** If Parents or Grad students accept a PLUS Loan, there is an additional application with a credit check required. More information on the steps to apply is available online at: www.sfsu.edu/~finaid/newplus.html
- Clear all Holds.** Check SF State Gateway online or your e-mail to determine any holds you may have. Follow all the steps to clear them and how to clear them.
- ENROLL in your SF State classes** in our Gator Registration. In order to receive maximum financial aid, you must be enrolled full-time. Part-time students can also receive financial aid.
 - a. Enroll in the number of classes/units you plan to attend.
 - b. Remember that financial aid funds will ONLY be disbursed after you enrolled in the required units.
 - c. For students who add classes after school begins,
 - d. Allow 7 days for disbursement to occur after adding your units.
- Sign up for Direct Deposit.** To receive your financial aid earlier and faster, complete Direct Deposit which is accessible at the SF State Gateway – Select "**Enroll Direct Deposit.**"
- Ensure Your Financial Aid award** is active prior to stated fee payment deadlines.