

# STUDENT CHARGES/FEES AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

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## 2015-2016 Schedule of Student Charges/Fees\*

See the Fee Schedule online for the most current mandatory registration charges and information,  
[www.sonoma.edu/registration/fees](http://www.sonoma.edu/registration/fees)

The following reflects applicable systemwide fees for all students for one semester:

### Undergraduate Students

Units per semester	1 - 6	7+
Tuition Fee	\$1,587*	\$2,736*
Campus-based Fees**	\$929	\$929
<b>Undergraduate Total</b>	<b>\$2,516</b>	<b>\$3,665</b>

### Postbaccalaureate Students

Units per semester	1 - 6	7+
Tuition Fee	\$1,953*	\$3,369*
Campus-based Fees**	\$929	\$929
<b>Postbaccalaureate Total</b>	<b>\$2,882</b>	<b>\$4,298</b>

### Credential Students\*\*\*

Units per semester	1 - 6	7+
Tuition Fee	\$1,842*	\$3,174*
Campus-based Fees**	\$929	\$929
<b>Credential Total</b>	<b>\$2,771</b>	<b>\$4,103</b>

## Additional Registration Charges

### Professional Program Fee (M.B.A.)

\$254\* Per Unit in addition to mandatory registration charges

### SIRF Fee

Optional SIRF (Student Involvement and Representation) fee: \$2

### Nonresident Students (U.S. and Foreign)

Nonresidents and foreign visa students are required to pay nonresident tuition in addition to mandatory registration charges charged to all students.

Tuition for Nonresident students in addition to mandatory registration charges:

- \$372\* Charge Per Unit

The total nonresident tuition paid per term will be determined by the number of units taken.

Nonresident students are eligible for an installment payment plan. There is a 15% service fee on the plan. Contact the Seawolf Service Center for details.

Mandatory tuition fees are waived for those individuals who qualify for such exemption under the provisions of the California Education Code (see section on fee waivers).

Students are charged campus-based fees in addition to tuition fees. Information on campus-based fees can be found by contacting the Seawolf Service Center.

*As of 1/21/15, the CSU Board of Trustees made no adjustments to 2015/16 Tuition Fees. Thus, 2015/16 tuition fee rates continue to remain at the same level as 2011/12 rates.*

*\* The CSU makes every effort to keep student costs to a minimum. Fees listed in published schedules or student accounts may need to be increased when public funding is inadequate. Therefore, CSU must reserve the right, even after initial fee payments are made, to increase or modify any listed fee, without notice, until the date when instruction for a particular semester or quarter has begun. All CSU listed fees should be regarded as **estimates** that are subject to change upon approval by The Board of Trustees.*

*2.8% Campus-based Fees increase in Fall 2015 based on CPI for Greater Bay Area for 2014 calendar year. Methodology for annual adjustment approved by student referendum in April 2001.*

*Associated Students Fee to be increased by an additional \$3 per semester each Fall for four consecutive years, beginning in 2015/16, with the final \$3 increase occurring in 2018/19. This action was supported by a March 2015 student referendum in favor of increasing funds of the SSU Associated Students to further support such items as the Tutorial Center, Clubs and Organizations and other AS programs.*

*The optional Student Involvement and Representation (SIRF) fee is a voluntary CSU systemwide fee adopted by the Board of Trustees for the purpose of establishing a stable funding model for the California State Student Association (CSSA). It consists of a \$2 per-term fee assessed to each CSU student on a voluntary basis, allowing the choice to opt-out. The new fee takes effect in fall 2015. For additional info on the CSSA website.*

*List of Factors for Future Considerations of Fee Changes per AB 970 adopted via CSU BOT (pdf) resolution 3/20/13. Per Executive Order No. 1042, beginning in fall 2010, for each adjustment made by trustee action to the State University Fee for graduate students, an equal adjustment will be made to the graduate professional business Category I fee. Link to EO: <http://www.calstate.edu/EO-1042.html>.*

*Term "Tuition Fee" used in place of "State University Fee" following approval at 11/10/10 CSU BOT and guidelines in CSU Executive Order 1054: <http://www.calstate.edu/EO-1054.html>*

### \*\*Campus-based Fees

Units per semester	1 - 6	7+
Associated Students Fee	\$105	\$105
Consolidated Service Fee	\$16	\$16
Health Facilities Fee	\$16	\$16
Instructionally Related Activities Fee	\$229	\$229
Student Health Fee	\$135	\$135
Counseling and Psychological Services Fee	\$54	\$54
Student Union Fee	\$374	\$374
<b>Total Campus-based Fees</b>	<b>\$929</b>	<b>\$929</b>

*Campus-based fees increase based on CPI for greater Bay Area from the prior calendar year. Annual increase approved by student referendum in April 2001.*

*\*\*\* Students seeking an Initial Multiple Subject, Single Subject, or Special Education teaching credential (preliminary, clear, Level I, or Level II) admitted to a credential program with classified or conditionally classified status.*

## Other Charges

ACT- Residual Test	\$30
Alcohol and Other Drug Intervention	
Substance Use Workshop Level I	\$65
Substance Use Intervention Level II	\$65
Alumni Placement - Career Planning/Job Search	\$25
Application Fee (non-refundable)	\$55
(This fee is payable upon application for admission or	

readmission by all new students or students returning after an absence of two or more semesters.)		ARTS 236, 336, 436	\$50
Arts and Humanities Single Subject Evaluation	\$60	ARTS 245	\$54
Bilingual Education Program Test for Spanish and Culture	\$35	ARTS 298, 498	\$25
Bio Feedback Training	\$15 / \$75	ARTS 304, 404	\$35
Chemistry Eyeglasses	\$4	ARTS 335, 435	\$68
College Major Scorecard	\$5	ARTS 340, 440	\$54
Counseling Transcript Evaluation	\$50	ARTS 342, 442	\$85
Credential Processing and Evaluation	\$25	ARTS 382, 482	\$54
Credential Processing Non-SSU Applicants	\$40	ARTS 400	\$30
Credential Out of State Verification	\$15	ARTS 432	\$61
Credential Subject Matter Authorization Eval.	\$15	ARTS 457	\$45
Dishonored Check or Credit Card Fee (returned for any cause)	\$20	ARTS 458	\$45
Failure to meet administratively required appointment or time limit	\$20	ARTS 496 (Field Trip)	cost
FEPL	\$250	BIOL 130	\$15
Health Center/Pharmacy/Lab Service	cost	BIOL 131	\$30
Items lost or broken, or damage to University property	cost	BIOL 131	\$30
Late Registration	\$25	BIOL 220	\$90
Lost Keys	\$25 per key	BIOL 314	\$30
Meyers-Briggs Test	\$10-16	BIOL 330	\$30
Modern Language Lab Fee	\$10	BIOL 338	\$25
Modern Language Proficiency Exam	\$50	BIOL 350	\$30
Musical Equipment Deposit	\$20	BIOL 465	\$20
Musical Instrument/Audio/Visual Equipment Use	\$25	BIOL 502	\$40
PE Lost Equipment	cost	CALS 310	\$10
PE Towel/Locker Use (optional)	\$10	CHEM 102, 105, 115 A/B, 125A, 125B, 232, 255	\$25
RICA Exam Review (SSU students)	\$35	CHEM 316, 335 A/B, 336, 401, 402, 441	\$60
RICA Exam Review (non-SSU students)	\$50	COMS 340	\$75
Social Science Subject Matter Prop.	\$60	COMS 385 (1-2 units)	\$25
SSU CPA Rehearsal Kit	\$5-\$85	COMS 385 (3-4 units)	\$50
SSU Waiver Subject Matter	\$50	COUN 511 B	up to \$25
Strong Interest Inventory	\$20	ECON 454	\$100
Studio Arts Cleaning and Safety Equipment Fee	\$10	ENSP 345	\$20
WEPT	\$35	ENSP 411 A/B	\$40
		ENSP 423	\$15
		ENSP 430/440	\$30
		ENSP 444	up to \$250
		GEOG 312	\$225 for 1 unit, \$320 for 2 units
		GEOG 314	\$10 for 1 unit, \$35 for 2 units
		GEOG 318	up to \$ 200
		GEOG 360	\$10
		GEOL 102	\$12
		GEOL 120	\$130
		GEOL 304	\$175
		GEOL 308	\$195
		GEOL 312	\$185
		GEOL 314	\$125
		GEOL 318	\$175
		GEOL 420	\$195
		KIN 342	\$10
		LIBS 101/102	\$100
		LIBS 201/202	\$100
		LIBS 360	\$15
		NURS 301	\$160
		NURS 303	\$25
		NURS 509	\$25
		NURS 549	\$25

*Deposits for locker keys and breakage required in some laboratory courses. These deposits are refundable in whole or in part. If deposits are not required, charges may be made against the student for undue breakage or failure to clear locker and/or return key.*

### Specific Course Fees

Payable when service is rendered. Students have the option of obtaining materials or services for specific courses from sources other than the University, so long as they meet the instructional requirements.

ARTH 212A/B	\$15
ARTH 363	\$36
ARTS 103	\$20
ARTS 104	\$20
ARTS 204	\$35
ARTS 208, 308	\$45
ARTS 210, 310	\$62
ARTS 220, 320, 420	\$10
ARTS 229, 329, 429	\$61
ARTS 230, 330, 430	\$61

NURS 550A	\$25
POLS 345	\$500
THAR 300 (Field Trip)	\$120

### Library Fees

Community Borrower Cards	\$10/3 months
Friends of the Library Card	varies

### Overdue Fees

25 cents per day on 28-day loan items; \$10 maximum fine per item

### Overdue Fees for Reserve Materials

\$30 maximum fine per item

2 hrs.	\$1 an hour
1 day	\$5 a day
3 days	\$5 a day
7 days	\$5 a day

### Overdue fees for media items

Audiocassettes	\$1 a day
Compact discs, CD roms, videos, DVDs, laser discs, slides, phonos	\$1 a day
Headphones, phono keys	\$1 an hour

### Parking Fees

Auto, reserved, per semester	\$262
Auto, non-reserved, per semester	\$ 94
Motorcycle, per semester	\$22
Daily permit	\$5.00

### Miscellaneous Fees

For other fees and charges, consult the current *Schedule of Classes*. Deposits for locker keys and breakage are required in some laboratory courses. These deposits are refundable in whole or in part.

If deposits are not required, charges may still be made for undue breakage or failure to clear lockers and/or return keys. In addition, fees are required for miscellaneous expenses in some courses, as indicated in catalog course descriptions, and for field trips.

A fee of \$25 per semester is charged for use of music department instruments and equipment. In addition, a deposit of \$20 is required for each instrument checked out for each semester. The deposit will be refunded with the return of the instrument.

### Credit Cards

VISA, MasterCard, American Express, and Discover cards may be used for payment of student charges/fees.

### Refund of Mandatory Student Charges/Fees, Including Nonresident Tuition

Regulations governing the refund of mandatory fees, including nonresident tuition, for students enrolling at the California State University are included in Section 41802 of Title 5, California Code of Regulations. For purposes of the refund policy, mandatory registration charges are defined as those tuition fees and campus-based

fees that are required to be paid in order to enroll in state-supported academic programs at the California State University. Refunds of fees and tuition charges for self-support programs at the California State University (courses offered through extended education) are governed by a separate policy established by the University.

In order to receive a full refund of mandatory registration charges, including nonresident tuition fee or the Professional Program fee, a student must cancel registration or drop all courses prior to the first day of instruction for the term. Information on procedures and deadlines for canceling registration and dropping classes is available from Admissions and Records, Ruben Salazar Hall 2030, and in the Schedule of Classes.

For state-supported semesters, quarters, and non-standard terms, or courses of four (4) weeks or more, a student who withdraws during the term in accordance with the University's established procedures or drops all courses prior to the campus-designated drop period will receive a refund of mandatory registration charges, including nonresident tuition or the Professional Program fee, based on the portion of the term during which the student was enrolled. No student withdrawing after the 60 percent point in the term will be entitled to a refund of any mandatory registration charges or nonresident tuition or the Professional Program fee.

A student who, within the campus designated drop period and in accordance with the campus procedures, drops units resulting in a lower tuition and/or mandatory fee obligation shall be entitled to a refund of applicable tuition and mandatory fees less an administrative charge established by the campus.

For state-supported semesters, quarters, and non-standard terms, or courses of less than four (4) weeks, no refunds of mandatory registration charges and nonresident tuition or the Professional Program fee will be made unless a student cancels registration or drops all classes prior to the first day in accordance with the University's established procedures and deadlines.

Students will also receive a refund of mandatory registration charges, including nonresident tuition or the Professional Program fee, under the following circumstances:

- The mandatory registration charges were assessed or collected in error;
- The course for which the mandatory registration charges were assessed or collected was cancelled by the University;
- The University makes a delayed decision that the student was not eligible to enroll in the term for which mandatory registration charges were assessed and collected, and the delayed decision was not due to incomplete or inaccurate information provided by the student; or
- The student was activated for compulsory military service.

Students who are not entitled to a refund as described above may petition the university for a refund demonstrating exceptional circumstances and the chief financial officer of the university or designee may authorize a refund if he or she determines that the fees and tuition were not earned by the university.

Information concerning any aspect of the refund of student charges may be obtained from the Seawolf Service Center.

## Seawolf Service Center

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The following student-related functions are found in the Seawolf Service Center:

- Enrollment and Housing Deposits
- Payments for Student Charges/Fees
- Miscellaneous course fee payments
- WEPT and other test fees
- Equipment fees
- Requests for refund of fees
- Sale of parking permits
- Parking citation payments
- Housing room and board payments
- Issuance of campus keys
- Lost and found
- Paycheck pick-up
- Financial aid check disbursement
- Clearance of financial holds
- Routine maintenance requests for dorm students
- I.D. Card issuance and validation
- University-related notary services
- Travel reimbursement for students appointed to system-wide committees

Refer to the current *Schedule of Classes* for Seawolf Service Center hours of operation.

### Fees and Debts Owed to the Institution

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Should a student or former student fail to pay a fee or a debt owed to the institution, the institution may “withhold permission to register, to use facilities for which a fee is authorized to be charged, to receive services, materials, food, or merchandise, or any combination of the above from any person owing a debt” until the debt is paid (see Title 5, California Code of Regulations, Sections 42380 and 42381).

Prospective students who register for courses offered by the University are obligated to pay charges associated with registration for those courses. Failure to cancel registration in any course for an academic term prior to the first day of the academic term gives rise to an obligation to pay student charges including any tuition for the reservation of space in the course.

The University may withhold permission to register or to receive official transcripts of grades or other services offered by the institution from anyone owing fees or another debt to the institution. The University may also report the debt to a credit bureau, offset the amount due against any future state tax refunds due the student, refer the debt to an outside collection agency and/or charge the

student actual and reasonable collection costs, including reasonable attorney fees if litigation is necessary, in collecting any amount not paid when due.

If a person believes he or she does not owe all or part of an asserted unpaid obligation, that person may contact the Seawolf Service Center. The business office, or another office on campus to which the Seawolf Service Center may refer the person, will review all pertinent information provided by the person and available to the campus and will advise the person of its conclusions.

### Fee Waivers and Exemptions

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The California Education Code includes provisions for the waiver or exemption of mandatory systemwide tuition fees as follows:

Section 66025.3 - Qualifying children, spouses/registered domestic partners, or unmarried surviving spouses/registered domestic partners of a war period veteran of the U.S. military who is totally service-connected disabled or who died as a result of service-related causes; children of any veteran of the U.S. military who has a service-connected disability, was killed in action, or died of a service-connected disability and meets specified income provisions; any dependents or surviving spouse/registered domestic partner who has not remarried of a member of the California National Guard who in the line of duty and in active service of the state was killed or became permanently disabled or died of a disability as a result of an event while in active service of the state; and undergraduate students who are the recipient of or the child of a recipient of a Congressional Medal of Honor and meet certain age and income restrictions

Section 68120 – Qualifying children and surviving spouses/registered domestic partners of deceased public law enforcement or fire suppression employees who were California residents and who were killed in the course of active law enforcement or fire suppression duties (referred to as Alan Pattee Scholarships).

Section 68121 – Qualifying students enrolled in an undergraduate program who are the surviving dependent of any individual killed in the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks on the World Trade Center in New York City, the Pentagon building in Washington, D.C., or the crash of United Airlines Flight 93 in southwestern Pennsylvania, if the student meets the financial need requirements set forth in Section 69432.7 for the Cal Grant A Program and either the surviving dependent or the individual killed in the attacks was a resident of California on September 11, 2001. Students who may qualify for these benefits should contact the Admissions/Registrar’s Office for further information and/or an eligibility determination.

Section 68122 – Students who are victims of trafficking, domestic violence, and other serious crimes who have been granted T or U visa status are exempt from paying nonresident tuition if they (1) attended high school in California for three or more years; (2) graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent; and (3) registered as an entering student or are currently enrolled at a CSU campus.

Section 68130.5 – Students who are not residents of California

are exempt from paying nonresident tuition if they (1) attended high school in California for three or more years; (2) graduated from a California high school or attained the equivalent; and (3) registered as an entering student or are currently enrolled at a CSU campus. In addition, students without lawful immigration status will be required to file an affidavit stating that they have filed an application to legalize their immigration status, or will file an application as soon as they are eligible to do so. This exemption from paying nonresident tuition does not apply to students who are nonimmigrant aliens within the meaning of 8 U.S.C. 1101(a)(15), except as provided by Section 68122 above.

Students who may qualify for these benefits should contact the Admissions and Records Office for further information and/or an eligibility determination.

### Procedure for the Establishment or Abolishment of Campus-Based Mandatory Fees

The law governing the California State University provides that specific campus fees defined as mandatory, such as a *student body association fee* and a *student body center fee*, may be established. A *student body association fee* must be established upon a favorable vote of two-thirds of the students voting in an election held for this purpose (*Education Code*, Section 89300). The campus President may adjust the *student body association fee* only after the fee adjustment has been approved by a majority of students voting in a referendum established for that purpose. The required fee shall be subject to referendum at any time upon the presentation of a petition to the campus President containing the signatures of 10 percent of the regularly enrolled students at the University. *Student body association fees* support a variety of cultural and recreational programs, childcare centers, and special student support programs. A *student body center fee* may be established only after a fee referendum is held which approves by a two-thirds favorable vote the establishment of the fee (*Education Code*, Section 89304). Once bonds are issued, authority to set and adjust *student body center fees* is governed by provisions of the *State University Revenue Bond Act of 1947*, including, but not limited to, *Education Code* sections 90012, 90027, and 90068.

The process to establish and adjust other campus-based mandatory fees requires consideration by the campus fee advisory committee and a student referendum as established by Executive Order 1054, Section III. The campus President may use alternate consultation mechanisms if he/she determines that a referendum is not the best mechanism to achieve appropriate and meaningful consultation. Results of the referendum and the fee committee review are advisory to the campus President. The President may adjust campus-based mandatory fees but must request the Chancellor to establish a new mandatory fee. The President shall provide to the fee advisory committee a report of all campus-based mandatory fees. The campus shall report annually to the Chancellor a complete inventory of all campus-based mandatory fees.

For more information or questions, please contact the Budget Office in the CSU Chancellor's Office at (562) 951-4560.

### Average Support Cost Per Full-time Equivalent Student and Sources of Funds

The total support cost per full-time equivalent student (FTES) includes the expenditures for current operations, including payments made to students in the form of financial aid, and all fully reimbursed programs contained in state appropriations. The average support cost is determined by dividing the total cost by the number of FTES. The total CSU 2014-15 budget amounts were \$2,399,439,000 from state General Fund (GF) appropriations (not including capital outlay funding) and before adding \$71.1 million CalPERS retirement adjustment, \$1,592,256,000 from tuition fee revenue and after tuition fee discounts (forgone revenue), and \$453,018,000 from other fee revenues for a total of \$4,444,713,000. The number of 2014-15 FTES is 346,050 resident target and 15,568 non-resident students for a total of 361,618 FTES. The GF appropriation is applicable to resident students only whereas fee revenues are collected from resident and nonresident students. FTES is determined by dividing the total academic student load by 15 units per term (the figure used here to define a full-time student's academic load).

The 2014-15 average support cost per FTES based on GF appropriation and net tuition fee revenue only is \$11,324 and when including all sources as indicated below is \$13,396, which includes all fee revenue in the CSU Operating Fund (e.g. tuition fees, application fees, and other campus mandatory fees). Of this amount, the average net tuition and other fee revenue per FTES is \$5,643.

#### Average Cost

2014-15	Amount	per FTES	Percentage
Total Support Cost	\$4,741,029,000	\$13,396	100.0%
• State Appropriation (GF) <sup>1</sup>	2,339,439,000	6,934	51.8%
• General Fund Debt Service <sup>2</sup>	296,316,000	819	6.1%
• Net Tuition Revenue <sup>3</sup>	1,592,256,000	4,390	32.8%
• Other Fees Revenue <sup>3</sup>	453,018,000	1,253	9.3%

<sup>1</sup>Represents state GF appropriation in the Budget Act of 2013-14; GF is divisible by resident students only (336,838 FTES).

<sup>2</sup>Represents CSU Operating Fund, Tuition Fee and other fees revenue amounts (net of tuition fee discounts) submitted in campus August 2012-13 final budgets. Revenues are divisible by resident and nonresident students (350,838 FTES).

The average CSU 2014-15 academic year, resident, undergraduate student basic tuition fee and other mandatory fees required to apply to, enroll in, or attend the university is \$6,759 (\$5,472 tuition fee plus \$1,287 average campus-based fees). However, the costs paid by individual students will vary depending on campus, program, and whether a student is part-time, full-time, resident, or nonresident.

### Selective Services

The federal Military Selective Service Act (the "Act") requires most males residing in the United States to present themselves for registration with the Selective Service System within thirty days of their eighteenth birthdays. Most males between the ages of 18 and 25 must be registered. Males born after December 31, 1959, may be required to submit a statement of compliance with the Act and regulations in order to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance

under specified provisions of existing federal law. In California, students subject to the Act who fail to register are also ineligible to receive any need-based student grants funded by the state or a public postsecondary institution.

Selective Service registration forms are available at any U.S. Post Office, and many high schools have a staff member or teacher appointed as a Selective Service Registrar. Applicants for financial aid can also request that information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) be used to register them with the Selective Service. Information on the Selective Service System is available and the registration process may be initiated online at [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov).

## Financial Aid

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### Financial Aid Office

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[www.sonoma.edu/FinAid](http://www.sonoma.edu/FinAid)

By contacting the Financial Aid Office staff and accessing the office's website, students and their families can find out about federal and state financial aid programs and, if eligible, be awarded monetary assistance to meet the costs of attending Sonoma State University.

The staff is committed to providing each applicant with timely and efficient customer service, as well as ensuring that students have access to current and accurate information about the steps and deadlines for completing the financial aid application process.

### Financial Aid Programs

Financial aid can be in the form of grants, loans, employment, and scholarships. Students may receive assistance from the following programs:

#### Federal Aid

- Federal Pell Grants
- Federal TEACH Grants
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants
- Bureau of Indian Affairs Grants
- Federal Work Study (FWS)
- Federal Perkins Loans
- Federal Direct Student Loans
- Federal Direct Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students

#### State Aid

- Cal Grants A and B
- Middle Class Scholarship
- Child Development Teacher Grants
- Alan Pattee Scholarships
- Assumption Program of Loans for Education

- Graduate Assumption Program of Loans for Education
- Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarships
- Educational Opportunity Program Grants
- Graduate Equity Fellowships
- State University Grant
- Professional Program Fee Grant

The Financial Aid Office has developed an informative and supportive website where students can find descriptions and specific eligibility requirements for the programs listed above. Students are encouraged to visit links provided on the website, to apply online, and to review the information about the California Student Aid Commission's programs on its website at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov) and information about federal financial aid at [www.studentaid.ed.gov](http://www.studentaid.ed.gov).

### Application Procedures for California Dream Act

Students who qualify for the waiver of non-resident tuition under AB540 may be eligible for the State University Grant Cal Grant, or Middle Class Scholarship. Please review the information available at the California Student Aid Commission's website, [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov), and complete the California Dream Act application available through their website. The priority deadline is March 2.

Please Note: Students who are eligible for federal financial aid must complete the Free Application for Federal Aid (FAFSA), as explained in the next section, **not** the Dream Act Application.

### Application Procedures

All new and continuing financial aid applicants are required to complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). By submitting this single application, applicants will be considered for most of the federal and state financial aid programs that are listed above (excluding BIA and non-FWS employment). New applicants for Cal Grants must also file a California Student Aid Commission GPA Verification Form by March 2. The FAFSA asks for confidential information about family income, assets, household size, etc., which is used by the Financial Aid Office to establish financial need and determine what aid, if any, the student is eligible to receive.

To help avoid errors and to speed up processing of your FAFSA, apply online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). FAFSA on the Web worksheets will be available from the site by December. You (and your parent, if you will be required to report your parents' information) should also apply for a federal PIN at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) in December so you can sign your FAFSA electronically.

Apply as early after January 1 as possible. Those who apply in January will have first priority to the available funding. To be considered for priority filing and to apply for a new Cal Grant or Middle Class Scholarship you must file your application by March 2.

The Financial Aid Office expects the student and the student's family to make every effort possible to finance the student's education. Students who do not meet the federal definition of financial independence from their parents must provide parental financial data. This information, in addition to the student's own resources, will be taken into consideration when determining a student's eligibility for

the various aid programs administered by the University. The student's financial need is determined by subtracting those resources available for education from a standard student budget.

It is toward meeting this need—the difference between costs and resources—that financial aid is directed. Generally, the need is met by a “package”—loan, scholarship, employment, and/or grant. Notification of aid for the following year is sent to each applicant once the FAFSA has been received. This process usually begins in late March for newly admitted students and in mid-June for continuing students.

Questions regarding a student's eligibility or types of financial aid offered should be directed to the Financial Aid Office. Contact hours, phone numbers, and email addresses are available on the financial aid website at [www.sonoma.edu/FinAid/](http://www.sonoma.edu/FinAid/).

### **Financial Aid Appeals**

Students have the right to appeal their financial aid award or any other financial aid decision that they feel affects them adversely and that falls outside of the jurisdiction of federal, state, or chancellor's office regulations. This right includes answers to questions, explanations of financial aid policies and procedures, and a request for reconsideration. The initial appeal is made in writing, with any supporting documents, to the student's financial aid representative. If denied, the student may appeal directly to the Director of Financial Aid, whose decision is final. The Director has the option, based on the circumstances of the appeal, to refer the appeal to the Financial Aid Office Exception Processing Review Board for a decision and/or to request advice and direction from the Financial Aid Advisory Committee.

## **Scholarship Programs**

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### **Scholarship Office**

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### **University Scholarship Program**

The University Scholarship Program at Sonoma State is made possible through the generous support of individuals, businesses, and organizations who recognize the outstanding contributions made by the University and its graduates.

Any incoming freshman, undergraduate, or graduate student planning to attend Sonoma State University full-time beginning in the fall semester, whether entering or continuing, is eligible. However, official notification of admission is not required. Application to, acceptance by, or enrollment in the University is required.

Most University scholarships are awarded on the basis of an applicant's academic record and overall achievements without special consideration of financial need. A minimum cumulative GPA of 3.00 on a 4.00 point scale is required. Students with a GPA of 3.5 or higher are most competitive in our program.

Applications of candidates are reviewed by the University Scholarship Committee. The committee asks each applicant to submit a personal narrative and two letters of recommendation, in addition to the basic scholarship application form.

Scholarship applications are available beginning September 15 each year. Applications and required materials must be received or postmarked by January 15. Students interested in applying for any of the awards offered through the University Scholarship Program may obtain an application form by:

1. Submitting the application form and download materials at the Scholarship Office website: [www.sonoma.edu/scholarship/](http://www.sonoma.edu/scholarship/);
2. Emailing the Scholarship Office at [scholarships@sonoma.edu](mailto:scholarships@sonoma.edu);
3. Contacting the Scholarship Coordinator in Stevenson Hall 1050; or
4. Calling (707) 664-2261.

### **Presidential Scholar Program**

In addition to the University Scholarship Program, Sonoma State also guarantees a \$1,000 President's Scholar Scholarship for incoming first-time freshmen who have a weighted cumulative 4.00 GPA for their sophomore and junior years and for the first semester of their senior years. The GPA calculation does not include P.E. courses, but does allow for “weighting” of honors, advanced placement and/or international baccalaureate courses, according to the CSU's policy. Please contact the Scholarship Office by phone, email, or fax for more information.

### **Alan Pattee Scholarships**

Children and spouses of deceased public law enforcement or fire suppression employees who were California residents and who were killed in the course of law enforcement or fire prevention or suppression duties are not charged mandatory tuition fees (tuition fee and application fee) at any California State University campus, according to the *Alan Pattee Scholarship Act, Education Code, Section 68120*. Students qualifying for these benefits are known as Alan Pattee scholars. For more information, contact the Office of Admissions for an eligibility determination.

### **Departmental and Athletic Scholarships**

Many departments at SSU offer scholarships to students within their majors. Athletic scholarships are also given. Contact your department or respective coach for more information.

### **External Scholarships**

Community, social and service groups, employers, churches, and other organizations often provide scholarships. Applicants should check with their high school counselors or local foundations and community groups for more information.

Note: Receipt of any scholarship may affect eligibility for certain financial aid. Recipients should check with the Financial Aid Office to determine their options.

## Additional Work Opportunities

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Employment is generally available in Sonoma County and the surrounding University service area to students with ability and initiative. The Career Services Center in Salazar Hall can be helpful in referring interested students to part-time job opportunities.

## Availability of Institutional and Financial Assistance Information

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The following information concerning student financial assistance may be obtained from the Director of Financial Aid, Salazar 1000, (707) 664-2389:

1. A description of the federal, state, institutional, local, and private student financial assistance programs available to students who enroll at Sonoma State University;
2. For each aid program, a description of procedures and forms by which students apply for assistance, student eligibility requirements, criteria for selecting recipients from the group of eligible applicants, and criteria for determining the amount of a student's award;
3. A description of the rights and responsibilities of students receiving financial assistance, including federal Title IV student assistance programs, and the criteria for continued student eligibility under each program;
4. The satisfactory academic progress standards that students must maintain for the purpose of receiving financial assistance and criteria by which the student who has failed to maintain satisfactory progress may reestablish eligibility for financial assistance;
5. The method by which financial assistance disbursements will be made to students and the frequency of those disbursements;
6. The way the school provides for Pell-eligible students to obtain or purchase required books and supplies by the seventh day of a payment period and how the student may opt out;
7. The terms of any loan received as part of the student's financial aid package, a sample loan repayment schedule, and the necessity for repaying loans;
8. The general conditions and terms applicable to any employment provided as part of the student's financial aid package;
9. The terms and conditions of the loans students receive under the Direct Loan and Perkins Loan Programs;
10. The exit counseling information the school provides and collects for student borrowers; and
11. Contact information for ombuds offices available for disputes concerning federal, institutional, and private loans.

Information concerning the cost of attending Sonoma State University is available from the Seawolf Service Center, Salazar 1000, (707) 664-2308, and includes mandatory registration charges and tuition (where applicable); the estimated costs of books and supplies; estimates of typical student room, board, and transportation costs; and, if requested, additional costs for specific programs.

Information concerning the refund policies of Sonoma State University for the return of unearned tuition and charges or

other refundable portions of institutional charges is available from the Seawolf Service Center, Salazar 1000, (707) 664-2308.

Information concerning policies regarding the return of federal Title IV student assistance funds as required by regulation is available from the Director of Financial Aid, Salazar 1000, (707) 664-2389.

Information regarding special facilities and services available to students with disabilities may be obtained from the Director, Disability Services for Students, Salazar 1049, (707) 664-2677.

Information concerning Sonoma State University policies, procedures, and facilities for students and others to report criminal actions or other emergencies occurring on campus may be obtained from the Senior Director, Police Services, Verdote Village, (707) 664-4444.

Information concerning Sonoma State University Annual Campus Security Report and Annual Fire Safety Report may be obtained from the Senior Director, Police Services, Verdote Village, (707) 664-4444.

Information concerning the prevention of drug and alcohol abuse and rehabilitation programs may be obtained from the Chief Student Affairs Officer, International Hall 207, (707) 664-2838.

Information regarding student retention and graduation rates at Sonoma State University and, if available, the number and percentage of students completing the program in which the student is enrolled or has expressed interest in may be obtained from the Director, Institutional Research, Stevenson 1041, (707) 664-2102.

Information concerning athletic opportunities available to male and female students and the financial resources and personnel that Sonoma State University dedicates to its men's and women's teams may be obtained from the Senior Director of Intercollegiate Athletics, P.E. 21, (707) 664-2521.

Information concerning teacher preparation programs at Sonoma State University, including the pass rate on teacher certification examinations, may be obtained from the Dean, School of Education, Stevenson 1078, (707) 664-3115.

Information concerning grievance procedures for students who feel aggrieved in their relationships with the University, its policies, practices, procedures, or its faculty and staff, may be obtained from the Chief Student Affairs Officer, International Hall 207, (707) 664-2838.

The federal Military Selective Service Act (the "Act") requires most males residing in the United States to present themselves for registration with the Selective Service System within thirty days of their eighteenth birthday. Most males between the ages of 18 and 25 must be registered. Males born after December 31, 1959, may be required to submit a statement of compliance with the Act and regulations in order to receive any grant, loan, or work assistance under specified provisions of existing federal law. In California, students subject to the Act who fail to register are also ineligible to receive any need-based student grants funded by the state or a public postsecondary institution.

Selective Service registration forms are available at any U.S. Post Office, and many high schools have a staff member or teacher appointed as a Selective Service Registrar. Applicants for financial aid can also request that information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) be used to register them with the Selective Service. Information on the Selective Service System is available and the registration process may be initiated online at <http://www.sss.gov>.