



10 Financial Aid Tips

# 1	Use our website www.csuchico.edu/fa		
	Get the latest information and get your questions answered. Recommended links on our website:		
	➤ Award Guide	➤ Announcements	➤ Videos
	➤ Types of Aid	➤ Enrollment & Eligibility	➤ Scholarships
# 2	Have questions? Go to the correct office in the Student Services Center for the help you need.		
	Financial Aid & Scholarships SSC 250	Student Financial Services SSC 230	Student Employment Office SSC 270
	FAFSA/CADAA questions	Pay charges; get parking decal	Sign up for Job Referral System
	Eligibility for all types of aid including Work-Study	Receive funds (refunds):	Locate on-campus job if you have Work-Study
	Loans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> EFT (Direct Deposit) By Mail 	Look for non-Work-Study and off-campus student jobs
Scholarship questions	Pick up short-term loans		
# 3	Submit an electronic Authorization to Release Information form to our office via your Student Center if you want to give permission to your parents/others to discuss your financial aid file with us. Instructions are available under "Other Forms" at https://www.csuchico.edu/fa/forms/index.shtml .		
# 4	Sign up for Direct Deposit (EFT/Electronic Funds Transfer), through your Student Center. See Student Financial Services for instructions at www.csuchico.edu/sfin/disbursement/eft.shtml		
# 5	Use your Student Center for everything you need to know at CSU, Chico.		
	Financial aid and University charges are located under the "Finances" section of the Student Center.		
	For money matters: (1) Check your "To Do List" & "Holds". Follow the directions. (2) If assigned to your To-Do list, create account: https://csuchico.verifymyfafsa.com (3) Accept/decline/reduce aid sources. You must do this in order to receive funds. (4) Review charges & pay the current term bill by the due date each semester.		
	Note that financial aid recipients are required to pay the difference between all University charges (university charges may include registration fees, on-campus housing and meal plan) and pending financial aid. View your pending aid through your Student Center under Finances "Account Inquiry". Also see "Using Aid to Pay Charges" at https://www.csuchico.edu/fa/award-info/pay-charges.shtml		
# 6	Educate yourself about loans.		
	Know the difference: Financial aid includes loans and grants. Loans have to be repaid. Grants are free aid, and are determined by your EFC (Expected Family Contribution calculated from FAFSA or CADAA).		
	If you are receiving loans as part of your financial aid package, you must complete both Loan Entrance Counseling and the Master Promissory Note. See your "To Do List" in the Student Center.		
	Watch our Financial Aid TV Videos about loans and responsible borrowing at: https://www.csuchico.edu/fa/fatv-videos/loans-and-responsible-borrowing.shtml		
# 7	Learn about Scholarships		
	Apply for Wildcat Scholarships. CSU, Chico gives out \$1.5 million in scholarships each year. The online application is available January 2 through February 15 for the following academic year.		
	Apply for external (private) scholarships through your community, local and national foundations, state and federal agencies, fraternal organizations, and private donors. If you are a recipient of an external scholarship, you must notify our office and make sure we receive the check for processing.		
# 8	Budget, budget, budget! Learn how to manage your money and make it last for the semester. Use the Student Budget Calculator at www.finaid.org/calculators/studentbudget.phtml .		
# 9	Communicate with us. Use our customer service windows in SSC 250 or:		
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Telephone: 530-898-6451 or Email: finaid@csuchico.edu or scholarships@csuchico.edu Schedule a same-day appointment with a financial aid advisor. Call (530) 898-6451. 		
# 10	Be involved in your own financial aid education. File the FAFSA or CADAA each year by the March 2 priority deadline, and follow through on your application. Regularly check your "To Do List."		
	Know your rights and responsibilities: www.csuchico.edu/fa/policies/rights.shtml		
	Know financial aid terminology: www.csuchico.edu/fa/resources/glossary.shtml		