Student Withdrawal Information

This information is intended to be a useful guideline and in no way encompasses all student situations. You may have additional circumstances that impact your individual financial aid eligibility. If you have any questions, please contact our office.

1. Will you be returning to Chico State next semester or in the future?
   - If yes, you will need to check your Chico State email regularly and monitor your Student Center for any Holds or To-Do list items that require your attention.
   - Be aware of the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy: www.csuchico.edu/fa/policies/satisfactory-progress.shtml. Withdrawing after University Census can negatively impact your PACE (cumulative units completed divided by cumulative units attempted).
     - SAP holds are placed near the end of June each year. Check your holds if you plan to return to Chico State. You may need to appeal for financial aid consideration.
     - If you are withdrawing due to medical or other compelling circumstances, keep copies of any relevant documentation that support your circumstances should you need to appeal for future aid eligibility.
   - Update your contact information on your Student Center.
   - If you withdrew in the fall, regulations may have required your spring loans to be cancelled. Check your award in your Student Center and reapply for Federal Direct Loan if needed. The application can be found at www.csuchico.edu/fa/forms/index.shtml

2. Have you taken out any student loans?
   - Loans will enter repayment after a 6-month period of non-enrollment. If you do not return to Chico State or enroll at another institution within 6 months, your loans will enter repayment.
     - Check studentaid.gov/h/manage-loans for loan balances, repayment, and lender contact information. Contact lender(s) directly with repayment issues.
     - Check your Dream loan balance at home.ecsi.net. You may also call ECSI at 1-800-549-3274 with questions about your Dream student loan.

3. Don’t miss deadlines for future aid consideration
   - If you plan on attending Chico State or any institution during the 2025-26 academic year, be sure to complete your 2025-26 FAFSA (studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa) or 2025-26 CADAA (dream.csac.ca.gov/) by the March 2, 2025 priority deadline for state grant aid.
   - If returning to Chico State, submit a Wildcat Scholarship Application online at www.csuchico.edu/fa/scholarships/wildcat.shtml between January 2, 2025 and February 15, 2025 (late applications will not be accepted).
   - Are you a Cal Grant recipient?
     - If yes, log in to your WebGrants4Students account at mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/ to report any leave of absence. Failing to update your Cal Grant file may result in lost eligibility and future disqualification for receiving Cal Grant funds.

4. Repayment of aid
   - Withdrawing does NOT cancel your responsibility to pay tuition and fees. You may have to repay some of the aid previously received for the semester from which you are withdrawing.
   - It can take up to 30 days to determine if you will need to repay funds. The calculation of “earned aid” is separate from the Student Financial Services (SFIN) calculation of prorated tuition and fees. Both calculations must be completed for an accurate determination of any balance due (unearned aid). Monitor your Student Center for updates. For repayment questions contact SFIN at (530) 898-5936.
   - For a complete explanation of the terms and policies regarding withdrawal, refunds, and repayment, visit our website: www.csuchico.edu/fa/policies/refunds.shtml

5. Time to degree
   - Withdrawing extends the time to complete your degree and the associated expenses. All types of aid have individual limits. Withdrawing impacts aid and remaining eligibility. It is your responsibility to keep track of aid limits.
   - You are strongly encouraged to meet with an Academic Advisor to map out a program plan for remaining coursework so that you can finish your degree as quickly as possible.