What You Need to Know About Financial Aid & Scholarships

Today’s Agenda:

1. How to Apply for Aid
2. How to Get Your Aid
3. How to Maintain Aid Eligibility
4. How to Maximize Your Resources and Minimize Debt
5. How to Contact Us
How to Apply for Financial Aid

- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) every year
- Applications open October 1st
- Priority deadline to apply is March 2nd
- Apply for Federal and CA State grants, Direct Student Loans, Federal Work Study and Scholarships

- studentaid.gov/
- dream.csac.ca.gov/
How to Receive Your Financial Aid, and Pay for Tuition, Fees & Housing

- Accept any financial aid offers through your Chico State student center.
- Accepted aid = pending aid and will apply to charges on the student account per semester.
- After tuition, campus fees, and university housing/meals are paid, any leftover aid will be refunded to the student.
- Awards can change, so check frequently and accept the aid you want/need.
- Sign up for e-refund!
How to Maintain Aid Eligibility

- Cal Grant Eligibility: mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov
  - Confirm H.S. grad date and GPA
  - Confirm that your school of attendance is listed as first choice. Chico State!

- Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)
  - GPA & PACE (successful completion of units at Chico State)

- Full-Time vs. Part-Time Enrollment

- Turn in any documentation we ask you for.

- Check your Wildcat Email!
How to Maximize your Resources and Minimize Debt

- Apply for Scholarships! Jan 2\textsuperscript{nd} – Feb 15\textsuperscript{th}
- Minimize Student Loan Debt
  - “Right-Size” your student loans
  - Avoid unsubsidized loan if possible
- Utilize Resources Available to You!
  - Financial Aid Appeals - Income Reduction
  - Financial Wellness Clinic
  - Wildcat Food Pantry / Cal Fresh for Students
  - Career Center/Student Employment
Contact Us!

Student Services Center 250
Monday – Thursday, 8 am – 5 pm
Closed Fridays during Summer
Phone: 530-898-6451

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