



Rights and Responsibilities

As a student receiving financial aid at Sacramento State, it is your responsibility to understand and comply with the rules governing the aid you receive. Your rights and responsibilities as an aid recipient at Sacramento are outlined below:

Your rights as a student receiving financial aid at Sacramento State

- Know that the information pertaining to your financial aid application and awards is kept confidential as mandated by the [Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act](#)
- Know what types of financial aid programs are available at Sacramento State, including all federal, state and institutional aid programs
- Know the application procedures and deadlines for each of the available aid programs
- Know how much of your financial aid are loans and/or grants. If the award is a loan, you have the right to know the amount which must be repaid, the interest rate, the amount of each payment, the length of time you have to repay, and when repayment will begin
- Know how your financial aid will be [disbursed](#)
- Know the financial aid repayment and refund policy
- Know how Satisfactory Academic Progress ([SAP](#)) towards your degree measured and the consequences of not meeting standards
- Know that the [National Student Loan Data System](#) (NSLDS) is the U.S. Department of Education's (ED) central database for student aid. NSLDS receives data from schools, guaranty agencies, the Direct Loan program, the Pell Grant program, and other ED programs. You can find a detailed history of your federal student loans and grants on this site
- Know that Sacramento State is required to inform student/parent borrowers that the loan will be submitted to NSLDS and will be accessible by guaranty agencies, lenders, and institutions determined to be authorized users of the data system.

Your responsibility as a student receiving financial aid at Sacramento State

- Complete all applications and forms accurately
- Comply with all financial aid application deadlines
- Reapply for the [FAFSA](#) and the [California Dream Act](#) application each year you are enrolled at Sacramento State, if you want to be considered for financial aid
- Provide correct and accurate information. Misrepresented information on financial aid applications and forms is a violation of Federal law and may be considered a criminal offense
- Read and understand all documents you are asked to sign and keep copies for your own records
- Provide any additional documentation and new information requested by the Financial Aid & Scholarships Office
- Check your [My Sac State](#) Student Center messages regularly to ensure there are no outstanding items on your To Do List
- Seek advice from a tax professional to determine if any portion of grants, fellowships, or scholarships are considered taxable income
- Complete [exit loan counseling](#) (Direct Loans) once you graduate, transfer, or withdraw from Sacramento State
- Read and understand the [Award Notice Guide](#) for additional financial aid eligibility requirements