

Financial Aid for Teaching Credential Students

Know what to expect — and where to get help.

Preparing for your initial teaching credential? Financial aid may be available.

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION: 5TH-YEAR UNDERGRADUATE

On the FAFSA, credential candidates should generally identify as Other undergraduate — even if you already have a bachelor's degree.

Also indicate that you already have a bachelor's degree and are pursuing an initial teaching certification at the elementary or secondary level.

AID OPTIONS

Federal Grants
State Grants
Scholarships
Institutional Resources
Direct Loans

SAP MATTERS

Max timeframe: 150%
• Pace: Pass 67% of attempted units
• Cumulative GPA
2.0 Undergrad
2.5 for 2nd Bachelor's
3.0 for Graduate

IF YOUR SITUATION CHANGES

Financial aid may consider documented special circumstances. Such as:

Loss of Income Appeal
Budget Increase Appeal

FEDERAL LOAN CHANGES — EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2026

Your enrollment level can affect federal loan eligibility. Graduate PLUS changes may also affect students, depending on their circumstances.

YOUR FINANCIAL AID CHECKLIST

- 1 APPLY** Submit FAFSA by the March 2 priority date
- 2 SUBMIT** Complete documents on your My Sac State To Do List by May 1
- 3 REVIEW** Check your financial aid offer in My Sac State Student Center
- 4 DISBURSE** Aid first applies to your account; remaining funds may be refunded

Need help?

Student Service Center • Lassen Hall 1000 • Mon–Fri, 8:00 a.m.–5:00 p.m.
• (916) 278-1000, option 2