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Sacramento State Teaching Credential

General Financial Aid Information

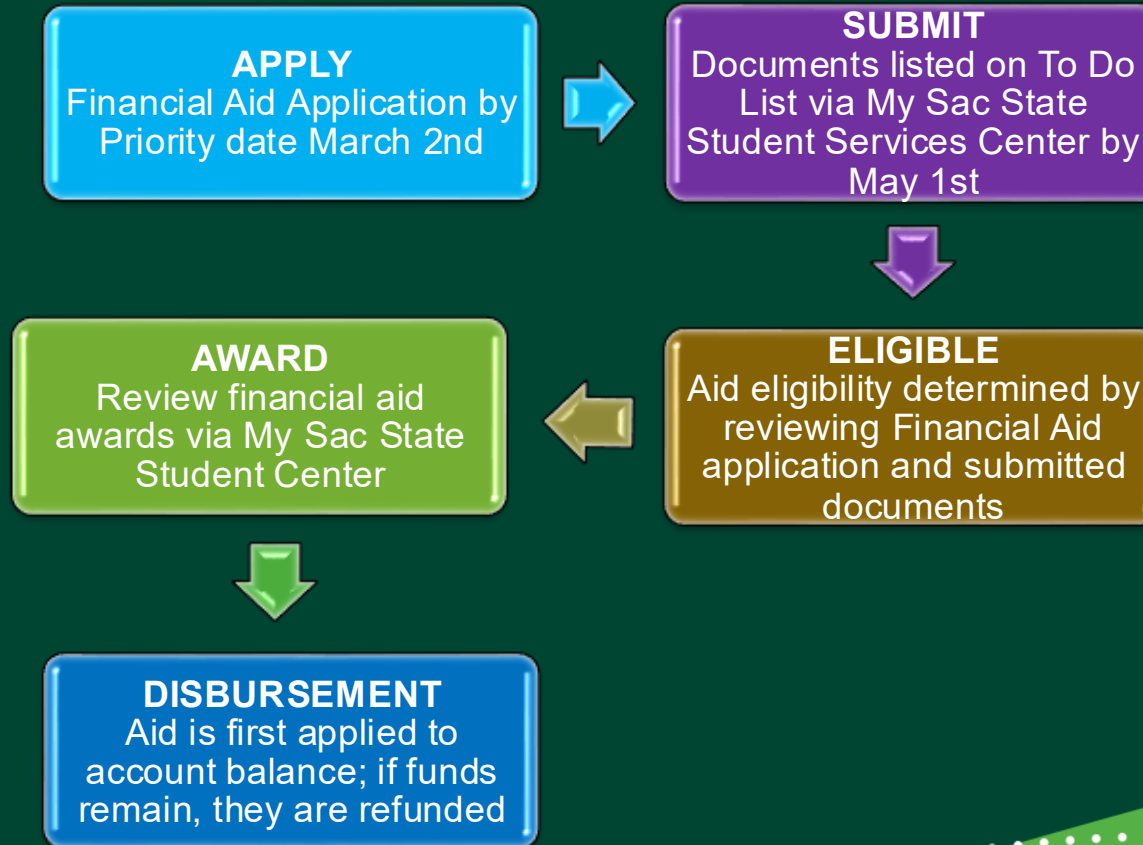
Financial Aid for Teaching Credential Students

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- FA Application and 5th year undergraduate
- Types of Financial Aid Available
- Satisfactory Academic Progress
- Special & Unusual Circumstances
- Where to Get Help



Financial Aid Application Cycle



Financial Aid and 5th – Year Undergraduate

For Teaching Credential Students on the FA Application

1. Credential candidates should identify themselves as **Other undergraduate**
2. **Yes** to have already have their bachelor's degree when 2026-27 aid year begins
3. **Yes** to pursuing an initial teaching certification at the elementary or secondary level

FORM 2026-27 Student

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Student College or Career School Plans

When the student begins the 2026-27 school year, what will their college grade level be?

☐ First year (freshman)

☐ Second year (sophomore)

☒ Other undergraduate (junior and beyond)

☐ Master's, doctorate, or graduate certificate program (such as M.A., M.B.A., M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)

When the student begins the 2026-27 school year, will they already have their first bachelor's degree?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Will the student be pursuing an initial teaching certification at the elementary or secondary level?

☒ Yes ☐ No

Do **not** select graduate/professional student simply because you have already earned your bachelor's degree

Types of Financial Aid Available

Federal Grants & Scholarships

Federal Pell Grant (1st Credential)
TEACH Grant

State Grants

State University Grant (SUG)
Cal Grant
Middle Class Scholarship
Golden State Teacher Grant



Institutional Resources

Institutional Scholarships
College of Ed (COE) Scholarships
External / Community Scholarships
COE Ed Equity Program

Federal Work-Study

- On-Campus Employment
- Off-Campus Employment (non-profit)

Loans

Direct Subsidized Loan
Direct Unsubsidized Loan
Alternative Loans

Loans are based on the 5th-year undergraduate class level



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Special Process: Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

Maximum Timeframe

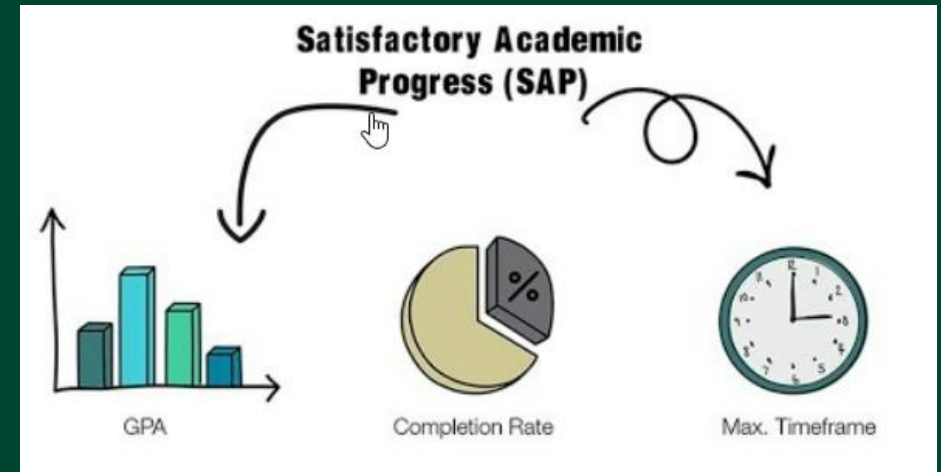
- 150% of program length
Example: 120 units x 150% = 180 unit max

Standard Pace

- Pass 67% of attempted units
Example: 14 units passed / 15 units attempted = 93%

Cumulative GPA

- Minimum 2.0 GPA for Undergrads
- Minimum 2.5 for 2nd Bachelors
- Minimum 3.0 for Graduates (Doctoral, 2nd MA, Credential)



Special Circumstances

Your Financial Aid Application doesn't tell the whole story.

Financial Aid Office is allowed to use Professional Judgment (PJ) on a case-by-case basis when a student's circumstances warrant an adjustment

Special Circumstances

- **Loss of Income Appeal** is a process to recalculate financial aid eligibility based on the income loss reported in either the 2025 or 2026 tax year. Available in the student forms section of the Financial Aid website starting July.
- **Budget Increase Appeal** is a request to increase the student's **Cost of Attendance (COA)** for documented allowable educational expenses that are not already included in the standard student budget. Available in the student forms section of the Financial Aid website starting September.

Changes to Student Loans

The new federal law, the One Big Beautiful Bill Act, implements changes to federal student aid, including student loans, effective July 1, 2026.

- Your unit load (full-time vs. part-time) can affect how much you can borrow in federal loans
- Parent PLUS may see new borrowing limits
- Graduate students may see major changes, including the end of Grad PLUS for new borrowing starting in 2026–27
- Some continuing students may be able to borrow under current limits for a limited time under legacy provisions
- Repayment options may change over time

Visit FA Website for Important Updates

www.csus.edu/faid

Submitting Financial Aid Verification Documents

SAP Satisfactory Academic Progress

Check My Financial Aid Status

Important Financial Aid Updates Last Updated: 8/6/2026

Financial Aid & Scholarship Services

The Financial Aid & Scholarships Office is here to support you every step of the way. Our services are offered through our campus partner, the Student Service Center—the central hub for many student services on campus.

In Lassen Hall, Room 1000, a dedicated team of advisors are available to assist with financial aid and scholarship questions.

For the most up-to-date office hours and additional information, please visit the Student Service Center website.

[Visit the Student Service Center](#)

What's New

- One Big Beautiful Bill Act (OBBBA)
- What Graduate Students Need to Know
- What New Parent Borrowers Need to Know
- What Current Parent Borrowers Need to Know

Trending Now

- Summer 2026
- Applying for Financial Aid
- Important Dates & Deadlines PDF

Additional Resources

- Financial Aid Fee Deferment
- Disbursement Notice
- Net Price Calculator
- Tuition & Living Costs

Questions?

Student Service Center

Website: www.csus.edu/ssc

Email:

Go to www.csus.edu/ssc and select “Email Us”
or sacstatessc@csus.edu

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