

Financial Aid Information for Special Session Master's Degree Programs (MS in Agricultural Education)

General Financial Aid Guidelines (Fall/Spring)

California State University, Chico students who meet [basic eligibility requirements](#) and are enrolled in Professional & Continuing Education Special Session Master's degree programs **may be eligible** for federal ***Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, Alternative (or Private) Educational Loans, and scholarships only***. Information about federal loan programs and Alternative Educational loans are available on the CSU Financial Aid and scholarship webpage under [Types of Aid](#). Scholarship information can be found on our [Scholarships Home](#) page.

Please Note: PCE Special Session Master's degree programs **are not eligible** for State financial aid programs (Cal Grant, Middle Class Scholarship, State University Grant) and fee waivers (including Cal-Vet fee waivers and employee fee waivers).

Master's students are required to be enrolled at least half-time (4 units for students pursuing a Master's degree program) in order to be eligible for loans. Additionally, students are required to maintain [satisfactory academic progress](#).

How to Apply

Students may apply for financial aid by filing the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#). You must complete a new or renewal FAFSA for each academic year you wish to be funded. When completing the FAFSA, include Chico State as a college you want your FAFSA information sent to. Chico State's Federal School Code is 001146.

If you are eligible for alternative/private education loans only, you do not need to file a FAFSA. These loans are borrowed directly from a lending institution. Please see [Alternative/Private Education Loans](#) for more information.

Disbursement Information

Once you are admitted into your program, your financial aid can be processed. An email will be sent to your Wildcat email account, notifying you of your financial aid offer. You will need to access your Student Center through the portal to accept, reduce, or decline your financial aid offer. You will also need to check your Student Services Center to determine if there is anything on your "To Do List" that you must complete. Funds will not disburse until your "To do List" is complete.

Fee payment may be deferred if you have accepted your financial aid offer for the semester you are enrolled. However, funds will not disburse until your "To Do List" is complete and all other holds cleared. When financial aid funds are disbursed, fees are deducted from your award, and any remaining amount will either be directly deposited to your checking account (EFT) or sent to your mailing address. Make sure your mailing address is updated on your Student Services Center.

The faster and preferred method for receiving your aid is via Electronic Fund Transfer (EFT). If you have not signed up for EFT, a check will be sent to your mailing address.

Financial Aid and Scholarship Office Contact Information

Students are highly encouraged to contact the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office with questions and specific aid eligibility concerns. Students can call 530 898-6451 to speak with a Financial Aid and Scholarship office representative or to schedule an appointment with a Financial Aid Advisor. Students can also reach the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office at finaid@csuchico.edu. Many common questions can also be answered by viewing the [Financial Aid and Scholarship Office webpage](#).

Summer Financial Aid Process

Students **do not** need to submit a separate summer financial aid application. Students who meet the **eligibility requirements** below **and** are enrolled in at least 4 units of summer coursework, will be automatically offered a summer unsubsidized loan. Students can accept, decline, or reduce the loan from within their **Student Center**.

Important: The summer term is a part of the 23/24 academic year. If a student has reached, or is close, to the \$20,500 academic year limit for Unsubsidized Stafford loan and needs additional aid for the summer term, they will need to apply for a summer **Graduate PLUS loan**. Information and the application for the Graduate PLUS loan can be found here:

<https://www.csuchico.edu/fa/types-of-aid/loans/plus.shtml>

Prerequisite coursework is not fundable. Prerequisite units do count towards the required 4 units needed to be eligible for a summer loan.

Basic Eligibility Requirements

- You must be enrolled in a minimum of 4 units for summer in order to establish eligibility for a loan. Please enroll in **ALL** summer coursework that you plan to take by April 26th
- Have a 2023-24 FAFSA on file with the Financial Aid & Scholarship Office, with all verifications, corrections and updates received from the FAFSA processor by May 12, 2024.
- You must have made [satisfactory academic progress](#) and be within the federal aid maximum units requirements (60 units for postbaccalaureate students).
- Register for classes beginning April 2, 2024.
- You must accept, reduce, or decline summer aid through your Student Center account.
- Failure to attend classes after receiving aid will require repayment.
- Class enrollment changes, including school cancellation of a class, will result in adjustment of aid and repayment by you, if applicable.

Important Dates:

April 2: Summer Registration opens

Summer Enrollment Priority Deadline to defer fees

April 26: Students enrolling for summer aid after April 26 may need to pay fees to secure enrollment in summer courses.

June 3: Summer Session begins

Changes in Enrollment for Summer Session:

Adds/Drops/Swaps May 17 - May 31 require completion of the [Change in Enrollment form](#)

Adds/Drops/Swaps June 3 or later require completion of an [Add/Drop form](#) and a [Change in Enrollment form](#)

Important: Changes in enrollment can have a significant impact on aid eligibility and may result in a repay of financial aid

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