



Summer Financial Aid Information for Online Master's Programs

Summer Financial Aid Process

Step 1: Enroll in Summer Coursework: Students must be enrolled in summer coursework before summer financial aid can be offered. Students planning to use financial aid to assist with summer tuition can submit their summer registration request online without payment. Indicate in the order comments field that you'll be using your financial aid or loan to pay fees. To avoid issues, please enroll in all planned summer coursework at one time.

Step 2: Review Summer Financial Aid Offer: After enrolling in summer courses, you will be offered summer financial aid. You will receive an email from the financial aid office once your summer aid offer is ready to view. You can then access your Student Center through the [Chico State Portal](#) to view your offer.

Step 3: Accept/Decline Summer Financial Aid: Accept your summer financial aid awards in the Student Center. Accepted financial aid, also called anticipated aid, will serve to defer tuition. Students whose anticipated summer aid is equal to or greater than their summer tuition will not need to make any payment arrangements. Summer tuition payment will be deferred until summer financial aid disburses and pays down the summer tuition balance.

Step 4: Pay Remaining Summer Balance (if necessary): If your anticipated summer aid award is not enough to cover your entire summer tuition charge, you will need to pay the remaining balance by May 5. Students who have not paid their balance by May 5, or made other payment arrangements with [Professional & Continuing Education](#), will be dropped from their classes for non-payment.

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 24/25 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.

Important Dates

April 1:	Summer Registration opens
April 30:	Summer Enrollment Priority Deadline to defer fees Students who wish to enroll after April 30 and use Financial Aid to defer tuition will need to submit an Add/Drop form , a Change in Enrollment form , and schedule an appointment with a financial aid advisor

May 5	Summer fee payment deadline
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June 2	Summer Session begins
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Changes in Enrollment for Summer Session

Adds/Drops/Swaps **May 5 or later** require payment out of pocket or, if using financial aid to pay tuition, completion of an [Add/Drop form](#) and a [Change in Enrollment form](#).

Adds/Drops/Swaps **June 2 or later**: Students receiving summer financial aid are required to submit an [Add/Drop form](#) and a [Change in Enrollment form](#) and meet with a Financial Aid advisor.

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

Contact Financial Aid and Scholarship Office

Students are 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](#).