



# SUMMER SESSION FINANCIAL AID FAQ

California State University, Fullerton

## — Frequently Asked Questions —

- 1. Which financial aid application would be used for the summer session, would it be 2023-2024 or 2024-2025?**
  - a. A valid 2023-2024 FAFSA or CDA needs to be on file for summer 2024.
  - b. There is no additional or separate financial aid application for summer, unless a student is requesting a summer loan. In that case, the [Summer Loan Request Form](#) is required and can be completed electronically and submitted on our secure [electronic document submission platform](#) or the form can be printed, completed, and submitted to the Office of Financial Aid. [See here for details.](#)
- 2. What are the steps to be awarded financial aid for summer?**
  - a. Have a valid 2023-2024 FAFSA or CDA application on file
  - b. Enroll in summer classes
  - c. Apply for Loan if needed ([Summer Loan Request Form](#))
  - d. Financial Aid grants awarded based on eligibility
  - e. Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) at the end of the spring '24 term
- 3. Financial Aid Awards available for Summer (each award has its own eligibility criteria that must be met in order to receive award):**
  - a. **Grants (eligibility and timeline)**
    - i. **Summer Pell Grant:** need to have remaining Pell eligibility available from 23-24 aid year; summer Pell does count toward your lifetime Pell maximum, summer Pell is prorated for summer according to units enrolled, summer Pell is awarded in late July). Only FAFSA filers qualify. \* Please note if you have used all of your Pell for 23-24 there may be an option to award you additional Pell, as long as you are enrolled in 6 units for the summer.
    - ii. **Summer State University Grant (SUG):** only available to eligible summer programs and classes, summer SUG does count toward lifetime SUG maximum, must be enrolled in at least 6 units (if you are enrolled in 6 units you received ½ time award, if enrolled in 7+ units you will receive the full amount), it is awarded by May. FAFSA and CDA filers qualify. [See here for details.](#)
    - iii. **Summer Session Grant (SSG):** You must be in an eligible program- if you qualify, you will receive an email notification mid-March with a registration deadline and further instructions. SSG is awarded primarily to graduating seniors with a 0 EFC, enrolled in at least 6 units. Awards are granted in May, and are prorated to actual units enrolled. There is no SSG lifetime maximum. FAFSA and CDA filers qualify.
  - b. **Loans (eligibility and timeline)**
    - i. **Direct Loan eligibility:** need to have remaining eligibility available for the 23-24 aid year, must be enrolled in 6 units minimum to receive the full loan amount. This does count towards the lifetime loan aggregate limit. Limitations: if you have used all of your Direct Loan for the 23-24 aid year, you will not have any eligibility remaining for summer. Only FAFSA filers qualify. You may also opt to apply for a [Private Loan](#) instead (FAFSA and CDA filers may qualify).

#### 4. What awards are credential students eligible for in the summer?

- a. **Summer Pell Grant:** Credential students must be enrolled in Pell-eligible classes ([See here for details](#)). Student must have remaining eligibility available, summer Pell does count toward your lifetime Pell maximum, summer Pell is prorated for summer according to units enrolled, summer Pell is awarded in late July). Only FAFSA filers qualify.
- b. **Summer State University Grant (SUG):** only available eligible programs and classes for summer ([see here for details](#)), summer SUG does count toward lifetime SUG maximum, must be enrolled in at least 6 units (if you are enrolled in 6 units, you will receive ½ time award, if enrolled in 7+ units you will receive the full award amount), it is awarded by May. FAFSA and CDA filers qualify.
- c. **Loans**
  - i. **Subsidized and Unsubsidized Direct Loan:** must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units, and have remaining eligibility for the current academic year (fa/spring of the current year), this does count towards the lifetime aggregate limit.
  - ii. **Private Loan:** must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units)

#### 5. What awards are graduate students eligible for in the summer?

- a. **Summer State University Grant (SUG):** only available eligible programs and classes for summer ([see here for details](#)), summer SUG does count toward lifetime SUG maximum, must be enrolled in at least 6 units (if you are enrolled in 6 units you will receive ½ time award, if enrolled in 7+ units you will receive the full award amount), it is awarded by May. FAFSA and CDA filers qualify.
- b. **Loans**
  - i. **Unsubsidized Direct Loan:** must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units, and have remaining eligibility for the current 23-24 aid year), this does count towards the lifetime aggregate limit.
  - ii. **Grad Plus Loan:** must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units
  - iii. **Private Loan:** must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units

#### 6. If I am a student from the Department of Rehabilitation, how can I facilitate my summer awards?

- a. Contact [Student Business Services](#) to process waivers or awards from the Department of Rehabilitation.

#### 7. Is concurrent enrollment (enrolled in two colleges at the same time) available in the summer?

- a. No, aid for concurrent enrollment is only available for fall or spring terms, as long as the eligibility criteria is met. For further questions on concurrent enrollment, contact the [Office of Financial Aid](#).

#### 8. Does Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) affect summer aid?

- a. Yes, in order to be eligible for any summer aid, a student must be in good current SAP standing. SAP is calculated after the spring 2024 semester, and students who do not meet SAP will not be eligible for summer 2024 aid.

#### 9. How to avoid being disenrolled from summer classes?

- a. If you do not have sufficient financial aid, please consider enrolling in a Tuition [Installment Payment Plan \(TIIP\)](#) via the Student Business Services site, otherwise please be prepared to pay your remaining balance by the deadline to avoid being disenrolled from your classes. See [SBS](#) website for the disenrollment deadlines.