
Financial Aid and Scholarships

Financial Aid

Student financial aid programs are intended to provide assistance to students who do not have the necessary financial resources to meet their educational costs. Most students qualify for some type of assistance. For resources that recognize academic excellence, refer to the following information on scholarships. Only United States citizens and eligible non-citizens can receive financial aid.

Information about all state and federal aid programs and institutional aid programs is available from the Financial Aid Office, 760-768-5507. The *SDSU Guide to Financial Aid* describes the available programs as well as the academic standards that a student must maintain in order to remain eligible for such aid. The *Guide to Financial Aid* can be accessed at <http://www.sdsu.edu/financialaid>.

Applying for Aid

Applicants who want to be considered for all types of state and federal financial aid should apply as soon after January 1 as possible by completing a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. Since new California grant program applicants must apply by March 2, we strongly encourage all applicants to apply by this date.

The FAFSA is all you need to begin the application process. You may apply by using FAFSA on the Web site at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. Paper FAFSA applications are also available and may be picked up at high school counseling offices and college financial aid offices.

Applications are reviewed and awarded throughout the year based on available funding. January through May, however, is considered the optimum time period to apply for aid to receive funding at the beginning of the fall semester.

Cost of Living

San Diego State University establishes standard student budgets in coordination with the California State University system that meet federal requirements. Student budgets, updated annually to account for inflation are currently:

Costs of Attendance for the 2006-2007 Academic Year for the Imperial Valley Campus

	<i>Living off Campus</i>	<i>Commuting from Home</i>
Registration fees	\$ 3,122	\$3,122
Books and supplies	1,283	1,283
Food and housing	9,352	3,429
Transportation	1,043	840
Miscellaneous/Personal	2,496	2,572
Total	\$17,296	\$11,246

The academic year registration fee for a postbaccalaureate student is \$3,704 and \$3,524 for a teaching credential student. In addition to the registration fee, nonresident (foreign and out-of-state) students pay tuition of \$339 per unit (see Schedule of Fees section). **All fees and costs are subject to change without notice.**

Refund Policy

Information concerning the refund policy of San Diego State University for the return of unearned tuition and fees or other refundable portions of institutional charges is available from the University Cashiers Office, 760-768-5514.

Information concerning San Diego State University policies regarding the return of unearned aid to the federal Title IV student assistance programs is available from the Financial Aid Office, 760-768-5507.

E-Mail and the Internet

The SDSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships uses e-mail and the Internet to communicate with aid applicants about documentation needed, disbursement holds, and awards. The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships home page and secure Web site, *AidLink*, have been enhanced to streamline the application and award process for SDSU students. Go to SDSU's Web site at <http://www.sdsu.edu/portal>, and select E-Mail/Address Update to make sure there is a valid e-mail address on record for you with the Office of the Registrar. Use *AidLink* at <http://www.sdsu.edu/financialaid> to view your personal financial aid information, download and print documents you need to submit, activate your student loan, and more.

Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded to students in recognition of outstanding achievement, community involvement, leadership, and promise. Scholarships are also awarded to students who have overcome significant challenges to obtain an education and to provide financial support to students for academic related activities, such as conference attendance and study abroad. All students, regardless of nationality, citizenship, residency status, area of study, or grade point average are encouraged to apply for as many scholarships as possible.

Applications and specific requirements are available on the SDSU Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships Web site at <http://www.sdsu.edu/financialaid>. The Web site offers students the ability to search for available scholarships in a variety of ways. Search results can produce a list of scholarships for a particular major course of study, scholarships that are available regardless of major, scholarships that are open for application now, and so on. Grade point average requirements vary and are listed in the eligibility description of each

scholarship resulting from the search. The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships coordinates the scholarship application and awarding process with the committees from the various academic departments and organizations responsible for selecting recipients.

Deadlines vary and new scholarship opportunities are added to the Web site throughout the year. Students may apply for scholarships after the deadline if the application is still open on the Web site. The main application filing period is November through early February for awards paid in the following academic year. A second filing period extends from early March through April. Applications accepted August through October offer awards paid in the current academic year.

Scholarship funds are provided by private donors, corporations, professional associations, and SDSU alumni. In addition to SDSU scholarships, the Marshall, Fulbright, Rhodes, and Rotary Scholarships are prestigious international scholarships that are given annually to students pursuing educational goals outside the United States. Eligibility and application information is available on the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships Web site at <http://www.sdsu.edu/financialaid>.

Imperial Valley Campus Scholarships

The Imperial Valley Campus students were awarded over \$75,500 in scholarships for the 2005-2006 academic year. Information and applications for scholarships are available from the Financial Aid Office. Following is a list of scholarships established at Imperial Valley Campus:

- Alejandro and Florencia Nogales
- Board of Supervisors
- Calexico Educational Foundation
- Cesar E. Chavez
- Dean's Scholars
- Enrique Camarena
- Good Sport Howie
- HACU
- Imperial County Farm Bureau
- Joe and Dorothy Rodney
- Jerry Pennington
- Ralph and Eva Pesqueira
- SDSU-IV International Programs
- Soroptimist International of Calexico
- Talbots Women's Fund
- Tzu Chi Foundation
- Zonta International Jane M. Klausman

Endowments:

- Anheuser-Busch Companies, Inc.
- William and Susan Brandt
- Enrique (Kiki) Camarena
- Francis and Edna Rae Frye
- Jack Hart Family
- Good Sport Howie

- Herschel Hudson
- Nancy A. Marlin
- Sally McMahon/Doves
- Alejandro and Florencia Nogales
- Douglas and Barbara Patiño
- Joe Patiño Family
- Jerry Pennington Memorial
- Ralph and Eva Pesqueira
- Joe and Dorothy Rodney
- Rotary International District 5340
- Ethan A. Singer
- Stephen and Susan Weber
- Title V

National Fellowships for Graduate School

As a general rule, students planning graduate work should inquire about graduate fellowship support from the graduate program to which they are applying. The San Diego State University Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships receives annual announcements of the Fulbright, Marshall, Kent, Rotary, and other national fellowship programs. Since each campus is limited in the number of applications it may endorse, students interested in fellowships of this type are encouraged to discuss their applications with the designated campus advisers and with members of the university faculty who have themselves held these fellowships. Since test scores from the Graduate Record Examinations General Test are required, students should take this examination well in advance of the deadline date for the submission of applications. Information concerning these tests may be obtained from the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.

Graduate Equity Fellowship Program

The Graduate Equity Fellowship program provides support for economically disadvantaged graduate students, especially from groups who are underrepresented within their respective disciplines. Only legal residents of California who can demonstrate significant financial need are eligible. Recipients must be classified graduate students and must enroll for a minimum of nine units of coursework each semester they hold the fellowship. Fellowships range from \$500 to \$4,000 for an academic year depending on demonstrated need. Students may receive awards for a maximum of two academic years but they must apply each year. Interested students should complete a Division of Graduate Affairs application available at the Division of Graduate Affairs and Research office, and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Division of Graduate Affairs application, for continuing students, must be submitted by May 1, 2006. For newly admitted students, the deadline to apply is September 21, 2006.

CSU Forgivable Loan Program

The Forgivable Loan Program provides financial assistance to graduate students who show promise of becoming strong candidates for California State University instructional

faculty positions. The purpose of the program is to increase the pool of individuals with the qualifications, motivation, and skills to teach the diverse student body in the California State University. It is a competitive program directed by the CSU but open to doctoral students across the country. Through the Forgivable Loan Program, the CSU offers loans and faculty sponsorship to full-time students pursuing doctoral degrees who are interested in a teaching career at a CSU campus. The program provides loans of up to \$10,000 per year up to a total of \$30,000 within five years. Loan forgiveness is 20 percent of the loan forgiven for each year of full-time postdoctoral teaching at a CSU campus and faculty sponsorship from a CSU faculty member. The CSU does not guarantee a faculty position to any participant in the Forgivable Loan Program. However, it is expected that upon completion of their doctoral studies, participants will be qualified to compete for CSU faculty positions. Applications are available at all CSU campuses; our campus has a Forgivable Loan Program coordinator in the Division of Graduate Affairs. You may also obtain an application and information at http://www.calstate.edu/HR/FLP/info_applicant.shtml.

California Pre-Doctoral Program

The program is designed to increase the pool of university faculty by supporting the doctoral aspirations of individuals who are current upper division or graduate students in the California State University, economically and educationally disadvantaged, interested in a university faculty career, U.S. citizens or permanent residents, and leaders of tomorrow. Junior, senior, and graduate students in the CSU, especially those from environments where university teaching is not a common career goal, have unique opportunities to explore and prepare to succeed in doctoral programs. Working one-on-one with faculty members from both CSU and doctoral-granting institutions, students receive funding for activities such as participation in a summer research internship program at a doctoral granting institution to receive exposure to

the world of research in their chosen field, visits to doctoral-granting institutions to explore opportunities for doctoral study, and travel to national symposiums for professional meetings in their chosen field. Other related activities include membership in professional organizations, journal subscriptions, graduate school application, and test fees. For information regarding the California Pre-Doctoral Program contact the campus co-coordinator in the Division of Graduate Affairs or go to <http://www.calstate.edu/PreDoc/advisors.shtml>.

Graduate Assumption Program of Loans for Education (Graduate APLE)

This is a state-funded teacher incentive program administered by the California Student Aid Commission. It is designed to encourage graduate students to complete their advanced education and then serve as faculty at an accredited college or university in California. Under the provisions of the program, the Commission may assume up to \$6,000 in student loan balances in return for the participant's service as a full-time faculty member at a college or university in California for three consecutive years after obtaining a graduate degree.

Applicants for this loan assumption program must be citizens or permanent residents of the United States as well as residents of the State of California. Participants must be nominated by the university and are selected on the basis of academic qualifications, interviews, and faculty evaluations as well as such other criteria as the nominating campus may determine. The deadline for submission to the Commission of applications of the campus nominees is normally the end of June for the following academic year. Application forms and complete information may be obtained from the Office of Advising and Recruitment, located in Business Administration, Room 259, 619-594-6320.

There is no funding to provide new awards for the 2006-2007 academic year.