Financial Aid & Scholarships

As a student at SF State, you’re making an investment in your future. Research shows that those with college degrees earn more throughout their lifetimes than those without. With good planning, an education at SF State can be accessible and affordable.

How to apply for financial aid

File a free 2020–21 application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov before March 2, 2020. In the “Colleges to Receive Information” section of the application, select “San Francisco State University,” school code: 001154.

For undocumented students, file a California Dream Act Application at dream.csac.ca.gov for state and school financial aid.

If you’re a California resident or eligible for in-state tuition under AB540, make sure your GPA has been submitted for a Cal Grant (in addition to the FAFSA or California Dream Act Application).

Download the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form or for undocumented students the Non-SSN GPA Verification Form for Cal Grants at csac.ca.gov and submit it to the California Student Aid Commission.

What happens next?

Here’s what you should do to keep the financial aid process on track:

- **Check** your email frequently for document requests and award notices.
- **Respond** immediately to all requests for follow-up documents and actions, including those from both the SF State financial aid and admissions offices.
- **Make sure you accept** your financial aid offer on your Student Center portal at gateway.sfsu.edu or through the SF State mobile app. For more info about the app, visit its.sfsu.edu/guides/sfstate-mobile.
- **Apply again next year!** You’ll need to apply for financial aid every year you’re enrolled at SF State to continue receiving aid. (Even if you didn’t receive financial aid one year, you may be eligible to receive financial aid the next year.)

Scholarships 101

Begin your scholarship search with the SF State scholarship website at financialaid.sfsu.edu/scholarships for more than 700 campus and external scholarship opportunities, essay-writing tips and helpful links. You must apply for each scholarship separately based on eligibility requirements.

Contact us:

For more information or assistance applying for scholarships or financial aid, contact:

Financial Aid Office | Student Services Bldg.
Mon.–Fri., 9 a.m.–5 p.m.
415.338.7000 | Mon.–Fri., 9 a.m.–4:30 p.m.
finaid@sfsu.edu | financialaid.sfsu.edu
The Next Steps

Accept admission offer

1 Students entering SF State in Spring 2020 may accept their admission offer and pay a $100 non-refundable enrollment confirmation deposit (ECD), which is applied to the first semester tuition fees now through Dec. 2, 2020, in their Student Center portal at gateway.sfsu.edu. For help setting up your portal, visit registrar.sfsu/passwordhelp.

Students admitted after Dec. 2 must accept their offer within two weeks of their admission date.

Sign up for orientation and register for classes

2 Freshmen and transfer students who sign up for orientation receive early advising and course registration.

Space is limited and available on a first-come, first-served basis. Visit newstudentprograms.sfsu.edu for more information.

Send final transcripts:
Deadline Jan. 17, 2020

3 In your Student Center portal, check your financial aid award status and complete any items on your “to do list” to ensure SF State can award you all financial aid for which you are eligible. Also, check your Cal Grant status at mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov and verify San Francisco State University is listed.

4 Final transcripts must arrive by Wednesday, Jan. 17, 2020, to:
Undergraduate Admissions
San Francisco State University
1600 Holloway Avenue
San Francisco, CA 94132

Check your Student Center for a list of required documents.

Additional Freshman Requirement

To determine the best first-semester English Composition course for you, complete the Write to Register exercise at writetoregister.sfsu.edu before your orientation date or, if not attending, prior to your registration date.
Campus Housing

Whether you are a freshman, transfer or grad student, there are a variety of housing options at San Francisco State University, all with abundant cultural and social activities to enrich your life as you pursue your academic goals. And, research shows, you may even get better grades.

How to obtain housing at San Francisco State

- Set up your Student Center portal at gateway.sfsu.edu.
- Accept this admission offer (AAO) to San Francisco State on your Student Center portal.
- Apply for campus housing Oct. 1–Nov. 15, 2019, at housing.sfsu.edu/apply. Housing is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis. Complete the application process no later than Nov. 15, 2019.
- Confirmation of housing will be sent via email beginning in November. If on-campus housing is at capacity when your application is received, waitlist notifications will be sent between Jan. 6–8, 2020.
- Building, room, space and roommate information will be sent via email one month prior to move-in day on Jan. 25, 2020.

How to apply

1. Go to housing.sfsu.edu/apply and click on the Apply Now button.
2. Log into the housing portal using your SF State ID# (listed on acceptance letter) and password.
3. Fill out the application and License Agreement and click to Accept the Terms.
4. Pay the required initial payment through the University online payment page.

Important dates

**DON’T DELAY**

Accept this admissions offer (AAO) in your Student Center portal at gateway.sfsu.edu.

**Oct. 1–Nov. 15, 2019**

Priority period for completing housing applications for the academic year 2020-2021.

**Nov. 15, 2019**

Applications and initial payment must be received by this date for you to be considered for housing.

Contact us:

Housing Office | 800 Font Blvd.
415.338.1067
housing@sfsu.edu | housing.sfsu.edu

Student with family? For more information on student family housing, visit univpark.sfsu.edu.

To view floor plans and see what’s included, visit housing.sfsu.edu/halls-apartments.
To Do Action Items
to get you on the road to enrollment at SF State

- **CREATE** your Student Center portal at gateway.sfsu.edu. For help, visit registrar.sfsu/passwordhelp.
- **ACCEPT** this admission offer now and pay a $100 enrollment confirmation deposit on your Student Center portal.

The Road to SF State

- **October 1**
  - Apply for housing at HOUSING.SFSU.EDU/APPLY

- **November 4**
  - Class schedule available at SFSU.EDU/SCHEDULE

- **December 2**
  - First day to **SIGN UP** for ORIENTATION in your Student Center portal on the SF State Gateway

- **December 2**
  - **TRANSFER & FRESHMAN ORIENTATIONS** begin — receive advising and enroll in classes

- **December 2**
  - Last day to **ACCEPT ADMISSION OFFER**

- **January 17**
  - **LAST DAY** to submit **TRANSCRIPTS** to meet admission requirements

- **January 27**
  - **CLASSES BEGIN**

**To Do Action Items**

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- **ACCEPT** this admission offer now and pay a $100 enrollment confirmation deposit on your Student Center portal.