
After Award Letter is Received Check List

(If you need assistance at any time in this process,
do not hesitate to contact your counselor or the college financial aid office ASAP)

- Create a personal calendar of events and deadlines.
Typical examples:
 - April - Correct FAFSA
 - May – Housing & Meal plan commitments and deposits (\$50-500 usually required)
 - May - Letter of Intent to attend (May require deposit \$50-\$500)
 - June - Acceptance/Rejection of financial aid
 - July/Aug - Registration of classes
 - June-Sept. - Orientations for students and parents
- Make sure FAFSA is completely corrected, and your award letters reflect the latest corrections.
- If you believe you may be a candidate for Special Circumstances or Professional Judgment, contact your counselor or the college financial aid office ASAP.
- Contact the college's financial aid office for clarification and/or request for more help/aid.
- Cal Grant-Make sure your CAR has been received and you agree with the report.
(You may also check your status by logging on to: <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp>)
- As soon as you are aware, notify the financial aid offices at all prospective colleges of any grants or scholarships received that are not on your award letter. Ask them how these changes will be affecting your award letter from them. You may need to re-assess your school choice.
- Federal student loans-Make sure your "master promissory note" is signed (if applicable).
- Read the "fine print" on your student loan agreement, especially if the loan is a non-government (alternative) loan. Ask questions. Know your repayment obligations while you are in school and after you graduate.

If you are short of funds necessary to secure mandatory deposits from the college (e.g. tuition installment, dorms, meal plans etc), notify the financial aid office at the college as soon as possible.

Additionally, financial aid disbursements will often come *after* the semester/quarter starts. If you are unable to afford initial costs, you will need to communicate with the college's financial aid office before you send your letter of intent in May. They will explain their policy/solution, so that you will be comfortable when the situation occurs. In many cases the financial aid department will create a short term loan against your pending aid. If other arrangements need to be made, you will need to coordinate as soon as possible.