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# Financial Aid

It all adds up to your success **Financial Aid Options**

Financial aid helps make your education at CSU accessible and affordable. Funding may come from a variety of sources, and eligibility and amounts are typically based on financial need or academic merit. Our goal is simple: to ensure finances won't stand between you and the future you're building.

## Scholarships

Each academic year, more than 1,200 CSU students receive approximately \$3 million in scholarships, with awards ranging from \$100 to \$5,000. Made possible by generous donors who believe in the power of education, these scholarships recognize academic achievement, leadership potential, and financial need.

[More about Scholarships](#)

## Grants

Student grants, typically based on financial need, are a type of financial aid that doesn't require repayment. This funding is most commonly provided by state and federal governments.

[More about Grants](#)

## Loans

Student loans are funds borrowed to specifically pay for college related expenses. Federally funded loan options offer lower interest rates while private loans can help with any additional funding you may need. All loans must be paid back with interest after you graduate or leave school.

[More about Loans](#)

## On-Campus Student Employment

Federal Work-Study provides on-campus job opportunities for students with financial need. There are also a variety of student employment opportunities open to all students, regardless of financial need. Graduate assistantships and fellowships offer paid, part-time positions for qualified graduate students supporting faculty and staff.

[More about On-Campus Student Employment](#)

## It all starts with the FAFSA

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step toward unlocking several funding options, including Georgia's HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships, the Pell Grant, and federal student loans. It's simpler than you may think, and our team is here to guide you. Be mindful of important deadlines and start your application today.

CSU School Code = 001561

[Start Your FAFSA Application](#)

## Military Benefits

As a nationally ranked military-friendly university, CSU proudly supports our active-duty service member members, veterans, and their families by accepting military and government education benefits. From understanding your eligibility to completing required paperwork, our team provides personalized guidance every step of the way and remains committed to making your transition to higher education seamless.

[Military Scholarships](#)

[Tuition Assistance](#)

[Veterans Benefits](#)

## Flexible Payment Options

CSU's tuition payment plans allow you to spread your balance into manageable monthly payments, with flexible term options to choose from.

[Learn more about Tuition Payment Plan](#)

Connect with Us Here to Help you Plan with Confidence

We are here to navigate the financial aid process with you. Our team provides clear answers, thoughtful guidance, and personalized support. Visit us in University Hall, schedule an appointment, or reach out by email or phone.

Email: [finaid@columbusstate.edu](mailto:finaid@columbusstate.edu)

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[Financial Aid FAQs](#)

Don't get left out CSU Financial Aid Deadlines

FAFSA application runs Fall through Summer (ex. Fall 2026 - Summer 2027 uses the 2026-2027 FAFSA)

**Fall Semester:** July 1

**Spring Semester:** November 1

**Summer Semester:** April 15