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## Roadmap for

# FINANCIAL AID

# 1

## Complete the FAFSA application beginning October 1<sup>st</sup>



- ▶ Complete the FAFSA online application at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov).

- ▶ Cal State LA will receive your FAFSA within 7-10 business days.
- ▶ Utilize the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to decrease the processing time.
- ▶ Report the 2021 tax year
- ▶ Cal State LA school code: **001140**.
- ▶ March 2<sup>nd</sup> is the priority deadline to submit the FAFSA to be eligible for all available aid.
- ▶ Apply early to ensure that your financial aid is processed before you need to pay for class registration.

# FAFSA

# APPLY

# 2

## Complete the admissions process at Cal State LA

- ▶ Apply to Cal State LA at <https://www2.calstate.edu/apply>
- ▶ Provide your social security number and the exact spelling of your name as it appears on your social security card
- ▶ Include your correct date of birth to ensure that admissions and financial aid files are linked and complete for processing.
- ▶ To be eligible for financial aid, you must be admitted to an approved program (degree or certificate) at Cal State LA.

# 3

## Apply for the Cal State LA General Scholarship

- ▶ Complete the FAFSA application first.
- ▶ Then, apply to the General Scholarship between March 4 and April 12:  
<http://www.calstatela.edu/financialaid/scholarships>

# SCHOLARSHIPS

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## Check your financial aid status in **GET (Golden Eagle Territory) Student Center**

- ▶ Include your correct date of birth to ensure that admissions and financial aid files are linked and complete for processing.
- ▶ Review your **GET** "To-Do-Lists" and any communications received and respond in a timely manner.
  - **GET** Login
    - <https://cmsweb.calstatela.edu/psp/HLAPRD/%cmd=login>
- ▶ Once documents are submitted to Tom Lau (Financial Aid Advisor), processing time is approximately 7-10 business days.

**GET**  
GOLDEN EAGLE TERRITORY



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## Financial Aid Award Notification

- ▶ View your award on the GET Student Center by:
  - Selecting "Finances" and clicking on the "View Financial Aid" link
  - Clicking on "Aid Year" to view your award
- ▶ Financial aid awards are initially based on full time enrollment (12 or more units).
  - Award proration for Undergraduates enrolled in less than a full-time schedule are:
    - 12 or more = 100%
    - 9-11 units = 75%
    - 6-8 units = 50%
    - 1-5 units = 25%

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## Federal Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loans

- ▶ To be eligible, students must:
  - Be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units or more each semester
- ▶ **PLEASE NOTE:** Additional steps are required to receive **Federal Direct Student Loans**. Learn more at: [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov)
  - Complete the Loan Counseling
  - Complete the MPN (Master Promissory Note)
- ▶ For more information: <http://www.calstatela.edu/financialaid/loans>

**LOANS**  
SUBSIDIZED/UNSUBSIDIZED

# DISBURSEMENT

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## Disbursement Information

- ▶ Disbursements are scheduled approximately 10 days prior to the start of classes
  - Disbursements occur weekly once the semester begins
  - The Disbursement Office prepares and issues checks for the following:
    - Financial Aid Grants/Direct Loans
    - Scholarships
    - Alternative Loans/Parent PLUS Loans
    - ASI Grant-In-Aid/Athletic Grant-In-Aid
    - Off Campus Work Study
    - Tuition Refunds
    - 30 Day Loans
- ▶ Disbursement Schedule
  - [www.calstatela.edu/financialaid/disbursement-information](http://www.calstatela.edu/financialaid/disbursement-information)
  - Enroll in Eagle Express Direct Deposit

