



## DON'T LET YOUR EDUCATION GET OFF TRACK!

- ✓ You, your spouse, or parent have been laid off or had hours cut at work;
- ✓ Your home, or your parent's home, has been foreclosed on or there is no longer equity to borrow against; or
- ✓ You, your spouse or dependent child, were hospitalized or suffered a debilitating illness and recovery period

## HOW CAN FINANCIAL AID HELP?

### → THE FAFSA (FREE APPLICATION FOR STUDENT AID)

Apply for federal, state and institutional grants and loans at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
Cal State Northridge's Federal School Code is 001153.

Review the information at: [www.csun.edu/finaid/apply.html](http://www.csun.edu/finaid/apply.html)

Also, a video is available 24/7 at: [www.finaid.ucsb.edu/FAFSASimplification/index.html](http://www.finaid.ucsb.edu/FAFSASimplification/index.html)

If you get stuck and need personal assistance, call the Financial Aid & Scholarship Department at (818) 677-4085 or come to the financial aid window in the first floor lobby of Bayramian Hall ([www.csun.edu/finaid/finaid-map.html](http://www.csun.edu/finaid/finaid-map.html))

### → APPEAL FOR SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCE

If the income reported on your FAFSA does not accurately reflect yours, your spouse's, or your parents', current financial circumstances you can file an Income Appeal with documentation to request a review of your file. You may need to accept a loan to help pay your expenses while you wait for your review. Check with the financial aid department to see when appeals will begin to be accepted (normally, mid-September).

### → COUNSELORS AVAILABLE

If you are thinking about not continuing your college education, or reducing the number of units you enroll in, please consult with a financial aid counselor ([www.csun.edu/finaid/contact.html#counseling](http://www.csun.edu/finaid/contact.html#counseling)) about the options available to keep you on your educational path. Most likely it will require taking out some low-interest federal loans, living within a budget, and foregoing some things that you want, but don't need. Think of your education as an investment in yourself, and your family, that requires some short term sacrifices but yields long-term benefits.

**YOU ARE NOT ALONE. LET US WORK WITH YOU.**