What Happens Next at Cal State Northridge?

Students and universities receive the Student Aid Report (SAR) from the federal processor.

Students who complete the FAFSA and the Cal Grant GPA Verification Form receive the California Aid Report (CAR).

Students and families review SAR and CAR for important information and accuracy.

Cal State Northridge matches admissions records with financial aid applications and determines if students need to submit any additional documents or forms. If additional forms are required, students will receive a notice through their CSUN email address and see the document request under their To-Do List on the portal.

**The 2012-2013 document deadline is May 15.** This deadline ensures that fall aid eligibility is determined prior to the start of the 2012 fall semester. Financial aid documents may be mailed or submitted in person at the lobby counter on the first floor of Bayramian Hall. If verification of income is required, students or parents must either make updates to their FAFSA by using the IRS Retrieval Tool, or submit a copy of an IRS 2011 tax transcript. **Copies of IRS 1040 tax returns are no longer valid forms of income verification.** Review of documents may take up to 12 weeks.

Cal State Northridge sends award notice emails to admitted freshmen and transfer students beginning in April and weekly thereafter.

Students must access the myNorthridge Portal to view their financial aid awards on the student portal.

Students enroll in classes. **Approximately ten days before school starts (Aug. 17, 2012, and weekly thereafter)** financial aid funds will pay out to the student’s portal account. All charges owed to the university, such as tuition fee, housing and meal plans, will be paid first by the student’s financial aid.

If the amount of financial aid is greater than the student’s charges, the student will receive the excess balance as an e-refund deposited into the designated personal bank account. For information on how to sign up for e-refunds, view the instructions.

If the charges are greater than financial aid funds, then the student will need to pay any remaining amount to University Cash Services by the established payment deadlines.