

FINANCIAL AID FOR EARLY START SUMMER PARTICIPANTS FAQ

Q: Is summer the first or the last term of the academic year?

A: Summer is the last term of the academic year.

Q: What aid is available for participants in the Early Start Summer program?

A: State University Grant is available for California Residents who file a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), and whose Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is \$6,500 or lower. The EFC is calculated by the Federal Central Processor based on information provided by the student and his/her parent(s) on the FAFSA. The State University Grant (SUG) covers the fees charged to the student's campus account.

Q: Does the aid received in summer affect the student's aid for the following fall or spring?

A: No. Since the only aid awarded for Early Start Summer participants is the State University Grant, it does not affect the amount of aid available to the student for the following fall or spring.

Q: When will the aid be paid?

A: The aid cannot be paid into the students' accounts until the summer term starts in early July.

Q: What does an Early Start Summer participant need to do to qualify for the aid?

A: The participant must file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by March 2, 2009. If additional documents are requested by the Financial Aid and Scholarship Department the participant must return the documents within 21 days to complete the file. Students who file after March 2 will be considered as time and funding permit.

Q. Who is eligible for the Early Start Summer State University Grant?

A. Entering first-time freshmen invited to participate in the Early Start Summer Program, who file a FAFSA by March 2, 2009, have an EFC lower than \$6,501, who are California Residents and who are enrolled in the Early Start Summer program will be eligible for the grant.

Q: When will the Early Start Summer participants be awarded?

A: Eligible students will be awarded on a rolling basis, beginning in mid-April.

Q: Do the students need to pay their fees before financial aid is awarded to avoid being disenrolled?

A: Students who have been awarded financial aid do not need to pay their fees in advance. Enrollment will be protected by anticipated aid. The fees will be paid by financial aid.

Q: Who can I contact with more questions regarding Early Start Summer Financial Aid?

A: You can contact the Financial Aid and Scholarship Department at (818) 677-4085 or financial.aid@csun.edu. Be sure you specify that your question is regarding the Early Start Summer Program.