

**ATTENTION!
CREDENTIAL STUDENTS**

**Need help
paying for
college?**



CALIFORNIA
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NORTHRIDGE

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The Financial Aid & Scholarship Department at California State University, Northridge is your financial resource center.

Applying for student aid is **FREE**. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the application for Federal and State financial aid. The priority deadline filing date for the upcoming academic year is **March 2nd**. If you missed this deadline, however, you are still encouraged to apply. You can complete your FAFSA online at fafsa.gov.

When completing the FAFSA as a credential student you should answer the degree questions in the following way:

FAFSA Question	Answer	Reason
When you begin the 2019-2020 school year, what will be your grade level?	5 th year/other undergraduate	Funding for the credential program is at the Undergraduate level.
When you begin the 2019-20 school year, what degree or certificate will you be working on?	Teaching credential (nondegree program)	Response appropriate to program objective
At the beginning of the 2019-2020 school year, will you be working on a master's or doctorate program (such as an MA, MBA, MD, JD, PhD, graduate certificate, etc)	NO	For Financial Aid purposes, you are not considered a graduate student while working on a teaching credential.

There are a number of financial aid programs for students who are pursuing a teaching credential. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units to be eligible. You may be eligible for a combination of awards such as:

- **Pell Grant**- Requires enrollment in a minimum of 6 units of required credential coursework
- **State University Grant**
- **TEACH Grant**
- **Stafford Loans**
- **Federal Work-study**
- **Scholarships**- search scholarships on-line at www.csun.edu/financialaid/scholarships



If the Financial Aid & Scholarship department can assist you in anyway, please contact us at (818)677-4085 or visit our website at <https://www.csun.edu/financialaid>.

Students enrolled in a post baccalaureate teacher certification must be enrolled at least half time which is 6 units for Federal grants and loans. You must also be enrolled at least half time to qualify for an in school deferment on your Federal Stafford.

As a incentive for choosing teaching as a career, the federal government has a Loan Forgiveness for Teachers Program that allows qualified borrowers to have a portion of their student loans forgiven. If you are a California student, you may also be eligible for the California Teachers loan forgiveness programs.

For more information of Federal Loan Forgiveness on Stafford loans please visit the following web site www.studentaid.ed.gov.

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