SF State Financial Aid Checklist 2016-17

☐ Read important messages about Financial Aid: www.sfsu.edu/~finaid

☐ Make sure San Francisco State University is listed on your FAFSA or Dream app.

☐ CHECK your SF State 2016-17 Financial Aid Status online:

  1. Go to https://gateway.sfsu.edu
  2. Enter your "SF State ID and password"
  3. Select "Financial/Jobs" then Select "Student Center"
     a. Check the "To Do List" and "Alerts or Holds." Complete all required steps.
        Click on "More" for specific details
     b. Click “View Financial Aid” to accept/or decline awards
    REMEMBER: Financial Aid award amounts can differ based on number of units enrolled

☐ CHECK Cal Grant – (Web Grant 4 Students) https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov

☐ APPLY for scholarships using SF State scholarship databases www.sfsu.edu/~finaid/scholarships

☐ Create a per-semester budget to compare cost of attending SF State with available financial aid. Determine if you need to apply for more scholarships or take out loans to cover costs.

☐ If you accepted a Federal Direct Student Loans (FDSL), COMPLETE necessary steps. First time borrowers must complete Promissory Note and Loan Entrance Counseling at www.studentloans.gov before SF State can disburse the funds.

☐ UNDERSTAND all of the steps required to receive a PLUS Loan. If Parents or Grad students accept a PLUS Loan, there is an additional application with a credit check required. More information on the steps to apply is available online at: www.sfsu.edu/~finaid/newplus.html

☐ Clear all Holds. Check SF State Gateway online or your e-mail to determine any holds you may have. Follow all the steps to clear them and how to clear them.

☐ ENROLL in your SF State classes in our Gator Registration. In order to receive maximum financial aid, you must be enrolled full-time. Part-time students can also receive financial aid.

  a. Enroll in the number of classes/units you plan to attend.
  b. Remember that financial aid funds will ONLY be disbursed after you enrolled in the required units.
  c. For students who add classes after school begins,
  d. Allow 7 days for disbursement to occur after adding your units.

☐ Sign up for Direct Deposit. To receive your financial aid earlier and faster, complete Direct Deposit which is accessible at the SF State Gateway – Select “Enroll Direct Deposit.”

☐ Ensure Your Financial Aid award is active prior to stated fee payment deadlines.