

FAFSA/CADAA Extension

- The U.S. Department of Education (DOE) released the 24/25 on December 31, 2023.
- DOE experienced additional technical issues and processes delays due to late implementation of inflationary tables, critical data needed to increase eligibility.
- Due to DOE delays, the FAFSA deadline was extended to April 2nd, and recently again to May 2nd.
- The extension permits more students to be considered for a Cal Grant and subsequently an SSCG. SSCGs are for Cal B and Cal C students who meet certain registration minimums.

SSCG

- We are actively promoting the SSCG, encouraging students to enroll in at least 12 or 15 units. The intention of the SSCG is to promote completion of academic programs within 2 years with students enrolling in at least 30 units per year.
- Current marketing campaign includes emailing students and reminding counselors and other support staff of the availability and criteria.

CCPG and Current State for 24/25 FAFSA

- Due to DOE delays, with some still occurring now, the DOE released FAFSA data in late March, leaving little time and causing a rush for Ellucian to properly configure Colleague – lots of high-level technical implementations.
- Our Colleague consultant and TESS are working diligently to ready Colleague to properly import FAFSA data within compliance. The working end, our end required everything upstream to be perfected first.
- Our Colleague consultant will return for an on-site visit from April 16-18 – the expectation is for successful set up and importation, resulting in CCPG awards for the 24/25 academic year.
- Fall 2024 enrollment will be impacted by the delayed FAFSA data and import delay imposed by DOE delays.
- Fall 2024 balances will automatically rebill or recalculate overnight on the day CCPGs are awarded – no action required for students who are award a CCPG.
- Summer 2023 is not impacted as that semester is covered by the 23/24 CCPG.

Financial Aid Awareness Day/Resource Fair

- The Financial Aid Office will host the fair from 11am-1pm on April 11th.
- Flyers were distributed at the All Student Services Meeting, has been emailed to students, and has been published on the Financial Aid website.
- We invite and encourage departments to sign up for the Resource Fair. Please email “interest” emails to Michelle Chow. A table and two chairs per department will be available.
- Students will be asked to visit at least 5 tables with staff from each table initialing the meal ticket before the ticket is submitted in exchange for a meal. Games and prizes will be available.

Additional details

- Financial aid files are processed by FA specialists and workload is divided by a split alpha. The alpha split has been updated on the FA website to include new FA specialists. Staff is encourage to become aware of this to better refer students.
- Communication regarding 24/25 will soon be sent for file processing. Students are encouraged to read communications carefully to determine which year’s forms/information is being requested. Staff who assist students shall do the same.