



CHICAGO STATE UNIVERSITY

OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

FACT SHEET

HOW DO I APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID?

To apply for financial aid you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). You are encouraged to file on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov (you may link to this web site through the Office of Student Financial Aid page of the Chicago State University [CSU] web site at www.csu.edu). CSU's federal school code is **001694**. You will need to enter this code on your FAFSA so that CSU will receive a copy of your application. The information you provide on the FAFSA will assist us in determining your eligibility for the following financial aid programs:

Federal Pell Grant

Federal SEOG (Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant)

Federal ACG (Academic Competitiveness Grant)

Federal National SMART (National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant)

Federal TEACH (Teacher Education Assistance and Higher Education Grant Program)

Federal Work-Study

Federal Stafford Loan

Federal PLUS Loan (for parents of dependent students)

Federal Graduate PLUS Loan (for Masters and Doctorate candidates only)

State of Illinois MAP Grant (for Illinois residents only)

State of Illinois IIA Grant (for first time Illinois freshman only)

WHAT TYPES OF AID ARE AVAILABLE?

GRANTS - Grants are considered gift aid and do not have to be repaid. Grants are awarded based upon demonstrated financial need. Federal and state grants are available to eligible undergraduate students. During the 2006-2007 school year over \$21 million in grants were awarded to CSU students.

EDUCATIONAL LOANS FOR STUDENTS AND PARENTS - Loans are borrowed money that must be repaid, with interest. Eligibility requirements, interest rates, and repayment periods vary.

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT - Student employment provides the opportunity to earn money to help pay for school expenses. Students work in most departments of CSU and, whenever possible, in the area of their academic interest.

VETERANS - Eligible veterans and/or their dependents may be eligible to receive a variety of grants and benefits from programs administered by the Office of Student Financial Aid. These programs include:

Illinois Veterans Grant

Department of Vocational Rehabilitation

ROTC (Reserve Officer's Training Corps) Scholarship

MIA/POW Scholarship

Illinois National Guard Grant

Montgomery GI Bill

WHAT IF I HAVE QUESTIONS? Contact us! We are here to help.

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STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ACCESS THE FINANCIAL AID WEB SITE FOR COMPREHENSIVE INFORMATION CONCERNING THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS AT CSU