

Financial Aid & Scholarships Assessment Report, 2022-24

Who We Are

The Financial Aid & Scholarship Office is committed to help students and in many cases their families apply for, receive and maintain eligibility for various types of financial aid assistance. The office strives to provide timely and accurate financial aid processing that is in full compliance with all federal, state, and university regulations.

Total Applicants

- 2022-23: 52,273 (972 were Dreamers)
- 2023-24: 52,933 (895 were Dreamers)

Aid Type Received by Ethnicity

2022-23

	Work Study	Scholarship	Loan	Grant
White	122	3,243	2,320	3,812
Pacific Islander	9	215	145	263
Native American	7	128	81	141
Hispanic/Latinx	248	6,102	2,741	7,244
Black/African American	67	1,326	1,254	1,713
Asian	125	3,170	1,605	4,255

2023-24

	Work Study	Scholarship	Loan	Grant
White	47	3,140	2,019	3,578
Pacific Islander	5	241	153	275
Native American	1	110	73	145
Hispanic/Latinx	134	6,029	2,445	7,089
Black/African American	47	1,429	1,215	1,783
Asian	70	3,745	1,549	4,377

Aid Type Received (Total)

2022-23

- Grant Type By Aid Year

- Federal Pell Grant – 15,563
- State University Grant – 10,620
- Cal Grant A – 2,767
- Cal Grant B – 8,070
- Loan Type By Aid Year
 - Fed Stafford - Subsidized – 6,900
 - Fed Stafford - Unsubsidized – 6,341
 - Fed Stafford PLUS – 932

2023-24

- Grant Type By Aid Year
 - Federal Pell Grant – 15,370
 - State University Grant – 10,594
 - Cal Grant A – 2,862
 - Cal Grant B – 7,834
- Loan Type By Aid Year
 - Fed Stafford - Subsidized – 6,205
 - Fed Stafford - Unsubsidized – 5,796
 - Fed Stafford PLUS – 956

Scholarships

The centralized Scholarships Office, as part of the Financial Aid & Scholarships Department, is committed to serving our students, and campus community as a liaison to promote access to financial resources, connecting our scholar's passion with their higher educational goals. We are dedicated to funding the future of Sac State scholars one scholarship at a time.

Scholarship Cycle	Total Number of Applications Received	Total Applications Submitted	Completion Rate	Total Funds Disbursed
2022-23	5,577	3,873	69.4%	\$2,389,473.03
2023-24	6,114	4,263	69.73%	\$2,462,827.32

Assessment Questions

Assessment Question #1: Who are the students who don't get their financial aid application in on time or don't complete their file?

Class Level

Class Level	Percent
Freshman	5%
Sophomore	8%
Junior	28%
Senior	47%

Post-Bacc Undergraduate	2%
Graduate	10%

Gender

Gender	Percent
Female	54.8%
Male	45.0%
Nonbinary	0.2%

Ethnicity

Ethnicity	Percent
American Indian/Alaska Native	1%
Asian	21%
Black/African American	10%
Hispanic/Latino	29%
Native Hawaiian/Oth Pac Island	2%
Not Specified	11%
White	26%

Pell Eligibility

Pell Eligibility	Percent
Pell	53%
Non Pell	47%

First Generation

First Generation	Percent
First-Gen	31%
Non First-Gen	69%

Discussion

- In general, demographics of students who don't get their financial aid application in on time or don't complete their file are comparable to the general Sac State population. There are just two areas that show some discrepancy.
- The most striking discrepancy is in the percentage of incomplete files for seniors (47%), while seniors represent only 36% of the campus population.
- 53% of the incomplete applications belonged to Pell-eligible students, while only 42% of Sac State students overall were Pell-eligible in Fall 2023.
- These areas of discrepancy indicate student populations that may benefit from more proactive outreach by the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships to encourage them to submit their paperwork and offer technical assistance.

Assessment Question #2: How is the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) percentage changing over time, and to what extent are improvements being made in the Office of Financial Aid impacting that?

Percent Not Meeting SAP

Term	% not meeting SAP
Fall 2019	4.9%
Spring 2020	3.3%
Fall 2020	3.7%
Spring 2021	2.4%
Fall 2021	4.4%
Spring 2022	2.7%
Fall 2022	4.6%
Spring 2023	2.9%
Fall 2023	3.3%

Discussion

The percentage of students not meeting SAP fell from 4.9% in Fall 2019 to 3.3% in Fall 2023. In that time, the Office of Financial Aid implemented a reduced Satisfactory Pace Standard and opened up SAP Appeals for those that had also appealed for Fall semester. It appears those changes have improved outcomes for students and allowed more students to keep their financial aid by meeting satisfactory academic progress.