

### The Financial Aid office is now on Instagram!



Please follow us [@artcenterfinancialaid](https://www.instagram.com/artcenterfinancialaid) where we will post helpful information, tips, deadlines and new scholarships available.

### Is your 2021-2022 file complete?

If you still have outstanding documents for the current year, please submit them immediately. We are often unable to award aid for terms once they are over. Don't lose out on your fall scholarship or federal student aid. Contact our office today if you have missing documents.

### 2022-2023 FAFSA Available

Hard to believe that it's time to apply for financial aid again. The 2022-2023 FAFSA application is available now. All domestic students must complete the FAFSA each year to apply for financial aid and to maintain their eligibility for scholarships, grants, loans, and work study. *The priority deadline is March 2, 2022.* Apply today!



It is easy to complete your FAFSA using the myStudentAid app. Download in Apple Store or on Google play. The myStudentAid app makes applying for federal student aid, and managing loans easier than ever before.

### Outside Scholarships

Outside scholarships can be a good source to help fund your education. Upcoming Completing the Dream and College Women's Club. For more information visit the Outside Scholarship Inside page at for more information visit the Outside Scholarship Inside page at <http://inside.artcenter.edu/go/outsidescholarship> Follow us on Facebook for updates



### Federal Student Loan Update

On Aug. 6, 2021, the U.S. Department of Education announced a final extension of the Federal student loan payments will resume Jan. 31, 2022. All loans owned by the U.S. Department of Education (ED) will have interest waived. That includes Direct Loans, as well as Federal Perkins Loans and Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL) Program loans held by ED. Visit [StudentAid.gov/coronavirus](https://StudentAid.gov/coronavirus) for updates

### Emergency Broadband Benefit Program

The Emergency Broadband Benefit Program is a [Federal Communications Commission \(FCC\) program](https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-broadband-benefit-program) that provides a temporary discount on monthly broadband bills for qualifying low-income households. If your household is [eligible](https://www.fcc.gov/emergency-broadband-benefit-program), you can receive:

- Up to a \$50/month discount on your broadband service
- Up to a \$75/month discount if your household is on qualifying Tribal lands
- A one-time discount of up to \$100 for a laptop, tablet, or desktop computer (with a co-payment of more than \$10 but less than \$50)

Visit <https://getemergencybroadband.org/>

## CalFresh benefits- Additional support for College students

Cal Fresh is an entitlement program that provides monthly benefits to assist low-income households in purchasing the food they need to maintain adequate nutritional levels. For additional information on eligibility and how to apply, please visit: <https://www.benefits.gov/benefit/1228>

### Financial Aid Dashboard

Log in to the [Financial Aid Dashboard](#) on Inside to review your financial aid status and to view and complete any missing documents. Make sure your file is complete to avoid a delay in the disbursement of your financial aid.  
<https://inside.artcenter.edu/pub/mod/url/view.php?id=690>

### Financial Aid Dropbox

Use Dropbox to upload all of your financial aid documents. Mailing documents to the office may result in delays to your financial aid as we continue to work remotely. Please submit all documents and forms via the Financial aid Dropbox at: <https://inside.artcenter.edu/pub/mod/url/view.php?id=1107>

### **Financial Aid Reminders:**

#### Maintain Scholarship Eligibility

Students must maintain a 2.5 cumulative GPA, and may not take more than two consecutive terms off to maintain their scholarship. Domestic students must also file an annual FAFSA and show financial need. International students do not need to complete the FAFSA in order to receive or apply for scholarship.

#### Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

The Financial Aid Office is required by federal law to monitor the academic progress of federal financial aid recipients. Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) is measured at the end of each semester.

Undergraduate students must maintain at least a 2.50 GPA and complete at least 67% of the units they attempt in order to remain eligible for federal student aid.

Graduate students must maintain at least a 3.00 GPA and complete at least 67% of the units attempted.

Students not meeting SAP standards are provided one semester on warning to elevate their GPA and units completed up to the standard.

If students do not meet the standard, financial aid eligibility is suspended, but some students may be able to appeal. Learn more about SAP requirements at [inside.artcenter.edu/go/fa](https://inside.artcenter.edu/go/fa)

### Dropping a Class May Affect Your Financial Aid

Dropping courses after the add/drop deadline can affect your financial aid eligibility and your Federal SAP.

When you withdraw from a class after the add/drop deadline, your tuition and your financial aid may be prorated. This means you could end up owing more money to the school than you anticipated. Reach out to a financial aid counselor if you have questions regarding dropping a class.

### Are you a graduating student borrower?

Federal loan borrowers must complete mandatory Federal Loan Exit Counseling at <https://studentaid.gov>. You will learn about loan repayment options, loan consolidation, and more.

### Do you owe a balance on your account?

Log in to your Student Finance Dashboard to see if you owe a balance. Be sure to apply for loans now so that you'll be able to register for spring.

### Have you completed your loan documents?

Log in to your Financial Aid Dashboard to **Accept or Decline** your federal student loans. We are unable to process your loans without a response on the Financial Aid Dashboard. This could result in a higher balance owed to ArtCenter.

### Private Loans

Do you need additional funds? When scholarships, grants and federal loans don't cover all of your expenses, borrowing a private loan can be an option. Apply early with your lender or at: <https://inside.artcenter.edu/go/private loans>

### Plus Loans

Parents of dependent students can apply for a federal parent PLUS loan to assist with covering the cost of education. Apply early at: <https://studentaid.gov/app/launchPLUS.action?plusType=parentPlus>

*The Financial Aid Office wishes you a safe and successful Fall 2021 term!*

## The Financial Aid Office

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