

What You Need to Know About Your 2009-10 Award

Thank you for applying for financial aid at Humboldt State University. Initial award notifications will be sent via email late March to students who have applied for admissions to Humboldt State University and completed the 2009-10 FAFSA listing HSU as a school choice. Please take time to read this financial aid award information and submit all requested documents by the due date provided to avoid aid cancellation.

General Award Information

- All applicants who file the FAFSA indicating HSU by March 2, 2009, will be considered for scholarships administered by the Financial Aid Office. While no separate application is required for the majority of our scholarships, several do have specific criteria, which our [Scholarship Information Form](#) helps identify.
- Awards are subject to change. Common reasons for award adjustment include changes in enrollment, residency status or receipt of aid from other sources.
- All financial aid awards are initially based on full-time enrollment regardless of the enrollment status indicated on the FAFSA. Full-time is defined as 12-units/semester for undergraduates, teaching credential, second bachelor and certificate program candidates, and 9-units/semester for students in a masters program. **Enrollment in less than full-time units may delay your disbursement of grant funds.** If you will not be attending full-time for the academic year, please notify our office in writing by submitting a [Change Form](#).
- To view student rights and responsibilities, [click here](#).

Accepting or Declining Your Aid

- You must read and comply with all information in the [Financial Aid Award Guide](#). If you have any questions about the information in the guide, please call 707.826.4321 or come to the Financial Aid Office.
- You will receive complete instructions on how to access your Student Center account with your financial award notification. You will use the [Student Center](#) to view and accept/decline your financial aid; view your document requirements, holds, updates and revisions.
- You do not have to be officially admitted to accept your aid, but you must be officially admitted to receive funds.
- If you do not accept offered aid by the acceptance deadline, it will be cancelled and may not be available for reinstatement.

What's Next?

- The Financial Aid Office will begin processing accepted Direct Loans in July. You are required to complete Direct Loan Entrance Counseling and complete the Master Promissory Note prior to disbursement of your first Direct Loan at HSU. For detailed information regarding these requirements, please follow the instructions located at: http://www.humboldt.edu/~finaid/current/loan_requirements.html
- The Financial Aid Office uses email as its official means of communication. Watch for emails from our office with information about changes to your awards or additional documents you may need to complete. Make sure your junk and spam email filters are not blocking our messages.
- Check your Student Center "To Do List" frequently and submit requested documents by the due date(s).
- If your Parent's want to borrow a Federal Direct PLUS Loan, for dependent students, they must also complete the [Parent Loan Request Form 2009-2010](#).

Receiving Financial Aid Funds

- Once finalized, grant, scholarship, and/or loan disbursements are credited to your student account and pay any charges owed to the University (exceptions are federal work study and certain alternative loans and non-HSU scholarships). Any remaining balance will be disbursed to you, the student, as a "refund" check.
- If you don't request a Direct Deposit, Student Financial Services produces a check and mails it to your preferred local address as listed on the University computer system. Your refund check will not be forwarded, re-mailed, or mailed outside the local area.
- Financial aid will be disbursed when the semester begins only if:
 - Your aid has been accepted
 - All items on your "To Do List" are satisfied
 - You are enrolled full time, or your award has been adjusted for less than full time status. If you will not be attending full-time for the academic year, please notify our office in writing by submitting a [Change Form](#).

Additional Information

- To view types of financial aid and Direct Loan information, [click here](#).
- To view privacy rights and information on renewing financial aid, [click here](#).
- To find out how to contact the Financial Aid Office, [click here](#).
- To review the Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements, [click here](#).