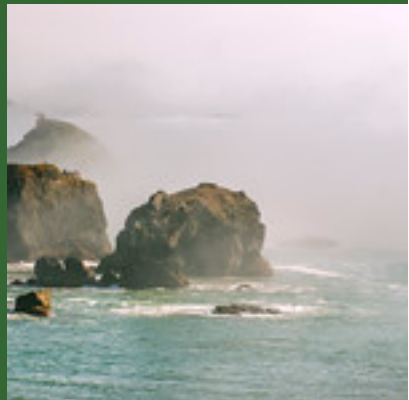


# CAL POLY HUMBOLDT

## *Financial Aid Resource Guide*



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## Introduction

This reference guide will provide you with a variety of topics related to receiving financial aid at Cal Poly Humboldt. Each topic provides the exact web address where you can learn more on the Humboldt Financial Aid website. ***You should keep this guide saved in your email, and refer back to it whenever you want to learn more about financial aid.***

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## Contacts and Resources

<b>Financial Aid Office Contact Information</b>	
Location	Student & Business Services Building, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Phone Number	707-826-4321 Toll Free: 866-255-1390
Fax Number	707-826-5360
Email	finaid@humboldt.edu
Website	<a href="http://finaid.humboldt.edu">finaid.humboldt.edu</a>
Mailing Address	1 Harpst Street, Arcata, Ca 95521
Scholarship Mailing Address	TO: Student Financial Services, 1 Harpst St, Arcata, Ca 95521

<b>On Campus Contacts</b>		
Academic & Career Advising Center	707-826-3341	<a href="http://acac.humboldt.edu">acac.humboldt.edu</a>
Admissions Office	707-826-4402	<a href="http://admissions.humboldt.edu">admissions.humboldt.edu</a>
Bookstore	707-826-3741	<a href="http://humboldt.edu/bookstore">humboldt.edu/bookstore</a>
Counseling & Psychological Services	707-826-3236	<a href="http://counseling.humboldt.edu">counseling.humboldt.edu</a>
EOP Support Student Services	707-826-4781	<a href="http://eop.humboldt.edu">eop.humboldt.edu</a>
Graduate Studies	707-826-5194	<a href="http://gradprograms.humboldt.edu">gradprograms.humboldt.edu</a>
Housing & Residence Life	707-826-3451	<a href="http://housing.humboldt.edu">housing.humboldt.edu</a>
Registrar Office	707-826-4101	<a href="http://registrar.humboldt.edu">registrar.humboldt.edu</a>
Student Disability Resource Center	707-826-4678	<a href="http://disability.humboldt.edu">disability.humboldt.edu</a>
Student Financial Services – Cashiers	707-826-6789	<a href="http://studentfinancialservices.humboldt.edu">studentfinancialservices.humboldt.edu</a>
Student Financial Services – Student Account	707-826-4407	
Student Health Center	707-826-3146	<a href="http://wellbeing.humboldt.edu">wellbeing.humboldt.edu</a>
Veterans Enrollment Services	707-826-6272	<a href="http://veterans.humboldt.edu">veterans.humboldt.edu</a>

<b>Additional Agencies</b>			
Americorps	1-800-942-2677	<a href="mailto:equalopportunitymb@cns.gov">equalopportunitymb@cns.gov</a>	<a href="http://americorps.gov">americorps.gov</a>
California Student Aid Commission	1-888-224-7268	<a href="mailto:studentsupport@csac.ca.gov">studentsupport@csac.ca.gov</a>	<a href="http://csac.ca.gov">csac.ca.gov</a>
Federal Student Aid	1-800-433-3243	<a href="http://studentaid.gov/help-center/contact">studentaid.gov/help-center/contact</a>	<a href="http://studentaid.gov">studentaid.gov</a>
Humboldt Co. Department of Social Services	707-410-8809	<a href="mailto:hhsssb@co.humboldt.ca.us">hhsssb@co.humboldt.ca.us</a>	<a href="http://humboldtgov.org/332/Social-Services">humboldtgov.org/332/Social-Services</a>
Humboldt County Office of Education	707-445-7000	<a href="mailto:commcenter@hcoe.org">commcenter@hcoe.org</a>	<a href="http://hcoe.org">hcoe.org</a>
Selective Service Administration	847-688-6888	<a href="mailto:information@sss.gov">information@sss.gov</a>	<a href="http://sss.gov">sss.gov</a>
Veterans Affairs Regional Office	800-827-1000	N/A	<a href="http://benefits.va.gov/benefits/offices.asp">benefits.va.gov/benefits/offices.asp</a>

## **Rights & Responsibilities**

<https://finaid.humboldt.edu/awarding-aid/rights-responsibilities>

As a student, you have rights and responsibilities regarding topics such as the financial aid process and information about your school. Please use the above link to navigate to more information about rights and responsibilities of receiving financial aid. Additionally, we have detailed Consumer Information available [HERE](#).

As a Cal Poly Humboldt student, you have the right to know about the following topics. **Please click the following links** to find out more about this information and who to reach out to if you have questions.

- [Family Education Rights & Privacy Acts \(FERPA\) of 1974](#)
- [Student Right to Know & Campus Security Act of 1990](#)
- [Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy & Campus Crime Statistics Act of 1990](#)
- [Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act of 1995](#)
- [Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988](#)

## **Cal Poly Humboldt Catalog**

<https://catalog.humboldt.edu/>

The catalog is your source for official information on academic programs, policies, degree requirements, procedures and course offerings. You should be familiar with the catalog because it is the “manual” on how to be complete your degree objective. This link will take you to the most up-to-date version of the Cal Poly Humboldt Catalog.

## **Cost of Attendance**

<https://www.humboldt.edu/financial-aid/costs/attendance-cost>

The Cost of Attendance (COA) is the estimated cost to attend Cal Poly Humboldt for one academic year. The calculation is comprised of tuition & fees, books & supplies, food & housing, transportation, and miscellaneous costs. The only fixed cost in this calculation is the tuition & fees cost, the rest is up to the individual students to budget for themselves. Students may not receive more financial aid awards than the cost of attendance. Click this link to review the current COA for Cal Poly Humboldt.

## **Net Price Calculator**

<https://www.humboldt.edu/calculator/>

This calculator is intended to provide estimated net price information (defined as estimated cost of attendance which includes tuition and required fees, books and supplies, food and housing, and other related expenses [minus] estimated grant and scholarship aid) to current and prospective students and their families based on what similar students paid in a previous year. The link above will take you to the interactive calculator to get your estimation.

## **Applying for Aid**

<https://www.humboldt.edu/financial-aid/apply-for-aid>

The first step to receiving financial aid from Cal Poly Humboldt is filling out a financial aid application. This link will take you our page that tells you exactly how to file. You must complete the financial aid application for EVERY YEAR you want assistance. Whether you are an undergraduate, credential, or graduate student, any student interested in receiving financial assistance from federal and/or state agencies must submit a free application for aid in order for eligibility to be determined. The application for financial aid **opens every October 1<sup>st</sup>**. The priority **deadline is March 2<sup>nd</sup>**; by filing your financial aid application by this date, it maximizes the amount of aid you could be eligible to receive.

## California Dream Applicants

<https://www.humboldt.edu/immigration/dreamer-student-resources>

The California Dream Act allows certain students who meet requirements for Assembly Bill 540 to apply for and receive state financial aid. Filling out the Cal Dream Act application can be a straightforward and easy process if you are prepared with the information necessary to complete the application. The above links provide additional information and resources to help you submit an accurate application.

## Types of Aid

<https://www.humboldt.edu/financial-aid/aid-types>

Financial Aid is considered any type of financial assistance a student receives for educational purposes whether it be from the federal and state governments or other sources. By submitting a financial aid application, you are automatically considered for a variety of grants, fee waivers, work to earn programs, and student loans. Student loans are offered to students when they apply for financial aid. It is important to only borrow what you need to get through school. Borrowing without creating a budget or understanding your repayment obligations can lead to over-borrowing and excessive debt. More information about our loan program can be found at the above link under “Federal Aid”.

## Receiving Aid

<https://www.humboldt.edu/financial-aid/receiving-aid>

At the above link, you can learn what it takes to receive your financial aid awards. This page includes information about how financial aid disbursement works, how financial aid pays charges on your Student Account, and how to receive a financial aid refund after charges are paid. You can review your specific award amounts and how to accept your award offers by reviewing the instructions provided in your Financial Aid Award Notification email.

## Financial Aid “Shopping Sheet”

\*There is no direct link for this topic. The Shopping Sheet provides you with a cost comparison. To access a downloadable version of your financial aid award, cost information, and graduation rates please refer to the following steps:

1. Login to your **myHumboldt** portal
2. Click the link to your **Student Center** (graduation cap icon)
3. Find the **Finances** section and click the link labeled **View Financial Aid**
4. Click the year you would like to access
5. In the top right corner, click the green link labeled **VIEW MY HSU SHOPPING SHEET**
6. Download the College Financing Plan

## Changes that Affect Your Award

<https://www.humboldt.edu/financial-aid/awarding-aid/changes-affect-award>

Financial aid eligibility is complicated, and there are a number of scenarios that can affect the amount of aid a student is awarded. This link will give you the details on what changes affect your awards. Some examples include; a change in family income, unexpected costs for attending class, and the number of units you attend each semester. Anytime you have circumstances in your education or personal life, and you’re unsure if or how it could impact your financial aid, you should come chat with us.

## Maintaining Eligibility

<https://www.humboldt.edu/financial-aid/maintaining-eligibility>

This information is very important – So be sure to visit this page and read it carefully. When you accept and receive financial aid, you also accept the responsibility to maintain [Satisfactory Academic Progress \(SAP\)](#) as stated in the Humboldt Catalog under Academic Regulations. There is a direct correlation between your academics and your financial aid eligibility. The Financial Aid SAP process runs at the end of every term once grades are final and then your SAP Status is updated. Stay informed regarding your Financial Aid SAP status and eligibility by reviewing the Financial Matters tab in your myHumboldt portal.

## Withdrawals

<https://www.humboldt.edu/financial-aid/maintaining-eligibility/changes-sap#:~:text=during%20that%20term.-,Withdrawals,-Course%20withdrawal%20may>

Students who have received financial aid and withdraw may need to return or repay some or all of the funds received, which may result in a debt owed to the institution. Additionally, student may drop you below your satisfactory academic progress requirement. Before withdrawing from your courses, you should always speak with the Financial Aid office. Specific information about withdrawals can be found at the link above, and information about possible financial aid repayment can be found [HERE](#).

## Financial Aid Timeline

<https://www.humboldt.edu/financial-aid/apply-for-aid/timeline>

Here is a month-by-month timeline of important financial aid events. For a more complete review of the financial aid cycle during the school year, click the link above to learn more!

- **AUGUST**
  - Fees are due; Financial Aid disburses to Student Accounts; Fall Semester Begins
- **SEPTEMBER**
  - [FREEZE DATE](#) – This is the last day to add/drop classes
- **OCTOBER**
  - FAFSA and CADAA for the next school year opens **October 1<sup>st</sup>**
- **NOVEMBER**
  - [CAL POLY HUMBOLDT SCHOLARSHIP](#) application opens **November 15<sup>th</sup>**
  - Early Registration for Spring Classes Begins
- **DECEMBER**
  - Term Grades Post & Financial Aid conducts [SAP REVIEW](#)
- **JANUARY**
  - Fees are due; Financial Aid disburses to Student Accounts; Spring Semester Begins
  - [CAL POLY HUMBOLDT SCHOLARSHIP](#) Application closes **January 31<sup>st</sup>**
- **FEBRUARY**
  - [FREEZE DATE](#) – This is the last day to add/drop classes
  - Financial Aid award notification for next school year begin going out
- **MARCH**
  - Financial Aid application filing priority deadline is **March 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- **APRIL**
  - Registration for Summer & Fall classes Begins
- **MAY**
  - Term Grades post & Financial Aid completes [SAP REVIEW](#)

- Review your financial aid award notification for next school year