



THE QUARTERLY

CERRITOS COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID E-NEWSLETTER FOR
STUDENTS, FACULTY AND STAFF

What is Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)?

Did you know that in order to maintain financial aid eligibility, you will need to meet Cerritos College's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards? You will be notified of your SAP status after each term (Fall, Spring and Summer). Our SAP standards are:

1. **Maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA**
2. **Maintain a 67% unit completion rate** (complete at least 67% of your attempted units attempted with an A, B, C, D, CR or P)
3. **Complete your program within 150% of its published time-frame** (60 units for certificate programs and 90 units for most other majors)

Check your Message Center in you myCerritos Student Center for your SAP status after each term.



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Failure to meet the above SAP Standards:

 WARNING	You will be placed on warning after one semester of not meeting SAP. You may remain eligible to receive financial aid.
 DISQUALIFICATION	If you fail to meet SAP after one semester on warning status, you will be placed on disqualification . You will NOT be eligible to receive financial aid.
 APPEAL	If disqualified, you have the opportunity to appeal by the posted deadline. If approved, you may be required to meet with a financial aid counselor to complete an academic plan.

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IMPORTANT DATES

NOW	Don't forget to <u>Submit Forms</u> (Step 2)
NOW	Review <u>Financial Aid Offer Notification</u> (Step 3)
8/16/21	First day of Fall 2021 and <u>aid disbursements</u> (Step 4)
10/01/21	2022-2023 FAFSA & Dream Act applications open (Step 1)

Do You Need to Appeal Your SAP Status?

If your SAP Status is "disqualified," because you failed to meet SAP after one semester on warning status, you will not be eligible to receive financial aid. If disqualified, you have the opportunity to appeal your status by the posted deadline, each semester:

- **Fall 2021:** SAP Appeal deadline is **10/18/2021**
- **Spring 2022:** SAP Appeal deadline is **3/21/2022**

SAP Appeal Process

**DON'T FORGET:
Fall 2021
Fin. Aid Census
Deadline is
SEPT. 6TH!**

Did you know that your enrollment at the FA census (add/drop deadline) determines your Pell Grant and Cal Grant award amounts? You may owe money if you drop unit(s) before the FA census date. What's more, if you drop unit(s) after FA census, those units will be counted against your unit completion rate (SAP status determinate), it is very important that you finalize your enrollment by the FA census date each semester to avoid SAP disqualification and having to pay-back financial aid awards.

SPOTLIGHT: JOBSPEAKER

2021-2022 Federal Work-Study Applications Are Now Available on Jobspeaker!

The Federal Work-Study program provides part-time jobs for Cerritos College students with financial need, allowing you to earn money to help pay for education expenses.

Requirements for program:

- must have a completed financial aid file and demonstrate financial need
- must enroll in at least 6 units
- must be in good standing with Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

How to Apply:

1. Submit your FAFSA
2. Check your To-Do List and complete all tasks
3. Create Jobspeaker account and apply!



IT'S NOT TOO LATE!

Submit the **2021-2022** FAFSA/Dream Act NOW!

**ZOOM SESSIONS
HAPPENING NOW!**

That's right, if you haven't yet submitted your 2021-2022 FAFSA or Dream Act, DO IT NOW! We are hard at work to review your documents and release initial Financial Aid Offers. Don't forget our 4 Easy Steps to Cash:

1. Apply by completing the 2021-2022 [FAFSA](#) or [Dream Act](#).
2. Check your [myCerritos](#) Student Center To-Do List and complete all required tasks.
3. [Review your Awards](#) on myCerritos under "View Financial Aid."
4. Receive your [disbursements](#) once school starts.

Where's My Money?

Fall 2021 Disbursement Dates:

Pell Grant 1st disbursement: Mon. 8/16/21
2nd disbursement: Fri. 9/10/21

Cal Grant & SSCG Disbursement: Fri. 8/27/21

Federal SEOG Disbursement: Fri. 9/17/21

Federal Direct Loans Disbursement: Fri. 9/3/21*

Check your [BankMobile account](#) for your refund...

LOOK FOR THE BRIGHT
GREEN ENVELOPE!



To Get Started:

Look for your personal code. There are multiple ways you can get a code:

- MAIL: Look out for the green envelope. Your code will be sent to the address you have on file with your school.
- EMAIL: We will send you an email with your code.
- ON DEMAND: Visit [RefundSelection.com](#) and click on the Need A Code? link. You may use any personal code assigned to you to make your refund preference selection.

Once you have your code, follow these easy steps:

Step 1

VISIT [refundselection.com](#)

Step 2

ENTER your unique Personal Code

Step 3

SELECT how you'd like to receive your money

If you do not receive your financial aid by the disbursement dates listed above, you should...

1. Check that you have completed all [To-Do List items](#).
2. Check your [SAP status](#). If your status is "disqualified" you can appeal that decision.
3. Insure that you have no financial aid debt from a pervious semester/year.
4. Check your enrollment status. If you change your enrollment during the add/drop period, or if you are waitlisted, your financial aid will be re-evaluated.
5. Check your Financial Aid Course Eligibility on your [myCerritos Student Center](#). You can only receive financial aid for courses that are listed on your Comprehensive Ed. Plan.