

## Financial Aid and Scholarship Award Notification for 2011-2012

Your financial aid eligibility for 2011-2012 has been determined based on Federal and State regulations guiding financial aid programs and your FAFSA information. **New beginning with the 2011-12 academic year: Initial student aid eligibility for all students is based on a full-time cost of attendance and full-time enrollment. Awards will be reviewed and revised at the census date (end of the 80% refund period) each semester/term based on your enrollment at that point in time.**

Check PCSTAR at [www.purduecal.edu/pcstar](http://www.purduecal.edu/pcstar) to view your awards and monitor your financial aid status.

1. Select “**Student Services and Financial Aid**” from the Main Menu
2. Select “**Financial Aid**”
3. Select “**Award Information**” from the Financial Aid Menu
4. Select “**Awards by Aid Year**” from the Award Information Menu
  - a. **General Information** tab – provides general information related to your awards
  - b. **Award Overview** tab - review and print your awards
  - c. **Resources/Additional Information** tab – provide responses to questions and information about additional resources you may be receiving
  - d. **Terms and Conditions** tab – review and accept terms and conditions for receiving financial aid
  - e. **Accept Award Offer** tab – review to accept your awards in full or in part, or to decline an award
  - f. **Special Messages** tab – view additional information that may be posted for your review
5. Select “**Important Financial Aid Messages**” from the Financial Aid Menu to view important messages to you
6. Select “**Award Messages**” from the Award Information Menu to view messages related to a specific award or awards

Other important information available to you via PCSTAR

1. Select “**Overall Status of Financial Aid**” from the Financial Aid Menu.
  - a. Select “**Student Requirements**” to view documents or information required from you, if any
  - b. Select “**Academic Progress**” to review your current status. If your status is “Warning” you are at risk of losing your aid eligibility. If your status is “Ineligible” you are currently not eligible to receive financial aid and may submit an Appeal available at the following link <http://webs.purduecal.edu/ofasa/files/SAPAPPEAL.pdf>.
  - c. Select “**Account Summary**” to view your current account information
2. Select “**Aid Eligibility**” from the Financial Aid Menu.
  - a. Select “Financial Aid Holds” to view any holds currently existing on your account

### First time Stafford Loan Borrowers at Purdue University Calumet:

Complete required loan counseling and Master Promissory Note at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).

### Important Dates for 2011-2012

Activity	Fall 2011	Spring 2012
Classes Begin	August 22, 2011	January 17, 2012
Aid Disbursed (posted) to students’ accounts	August 12, 2011	January 7, 2012
Begin issuing financial aid refunds to students via mail or ACH (E-refunding)	August 12, 2011	January 7, 2012

**The University will begin issuing financial aid refunds to students prior to the start of classes for the semester.** These refunds will be issued via the mail (check) or ACH (E-Refunding). Financial Aid refunds are issued to students whose refundable financial aid is greater than the total amount due on their bill at that time. *Note: Financial Aid refunds are based on your aid eligibility at the time the refund is issued. Should there be a change in your enrollment or other eligibility factors your award will be revised. Any refund issued to you that you may not be eligible to receive must be returned to the University.*

To create your ACH payment profile for E- refunding go to PCSTAR, Payment Options, On-Line Payment System, and then **click** the Create a Refund Profile tab under Quick View. Click Payment Profile and follow instructions provided.

### Awards are Reviewed and Adjusted (+/-), if necessary, at the following times during each semester:

End of first week of classes (end of 80% refund period)	All federal and institutional aid reviewed based on your enrollment at that point in time
End of 4 <sup>th</sup> week of classes (end of all refund periods)	State Aid (Frank O’Bannon Grant, Twenty-first Century Scholar Award) awards reviewed based on your enrollment at that point in time

### Special Circumstances:

If your family has experienced a loss in taxable or nontaxable income you may be eligible for an adjustment to your aid eligibility. Meet with a financial aid counselor to see if you might qualify for an Appeal based on your Special Circumstances.

**Questions?** Visit us in the Enrollment Services Center (Lawshe 130), call us at (219) 989-2301 or e-mail us at [finaid2@purduecal.edu](mailto:finaid2@purduecal.edu)