A complete listing of your individual awards can be reviewed via the CalArts Hub Self-Service student portal.

**CalArts Scholarships**
CalArts institutional scholarships are merit-based, taking into account a variety of criteria, and are awarded in consultation with academic Deans and faculty. The amount of scholarship awards varies, as it is based on the availability of funding and may not exceed the cost of tuition. All scholarships are tuition-only awards, credited to your CalArts student account in equal disbursements each semester.

**Endowed & Annually Funded Scholarships**
Many CalArts scholarships are donated by individuals, organizations, or foundations and carry the donor or organization’s name. If you are a recipient of one of these donor awards, you will be notified by our Advancement Office and asked to report annually (in writing) on your academic/artistic progress as well as compose a thank-you letter.

**Private Scholarships**

**Outside Scholarships**
Outside scholarships are awarded to a student’s financial aid award upon receipt of the scholarship check from the donor. Once funds are received by CalArts, they will be disbursed to your student account according to our disbursement schedule. If you have received or are expecting to receive an outside scholarship, please notify the Financial Aid Office, as they are required to document this information accordingly and make any necessary adjustments to your financial aid per federal guidelines.

**Federal Pell Grant & Federal SEOG**
Federal Grant award amounts are contingent upon sufficient funding by the federal government and are subject to change.

*Federal Pell Grant* is awarded only to undergraduate students who display exceptional financial need and have not earned a bachelor’s, graduate, or professional degree. A Pell Grant does not have to be repaid. Pell Grants are prorated based upon the numbers of credits a student is enrolled in for the semester.

*Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)* is awarded to students that have exceptional financial need. Federal SEOG does not have to be repaid and is awarded based on eligibility until all available funds have been depleted.

**Cal Grant (State of California residents ONLY)**
The *Cal Grant* is money for college that does not have to be repaid. To qualify, you must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application (CADAA) by the deadline (typically March 2nd) and meet all financial criteria and eligibility requirements, which includes a minimum GPA requirement. Cal Grants can be used at any University of California, California State University or California Community College, as well as qualifying independent and career colleges or technical schools in California.

There are three types of Cal Grant — A, B and C — but you are not required to decipher which of these types to apply for. Your eligibility will be determined by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) based on your FAFSA or CADAA responses, type(s) of qualifying California college(s) listed, verified Cal Grant GPA, and whether you are a recent California high school graduate. For the complete listing of all eligibility requirements, please visit [https://www.csac.ca.gov/cal-grants](https://www.csac.ca.gov/cal-grants).
**Federal Work Study**

*Federal Work Study* is a federally funded program that assists students with earning income through part-time employment on or off-campus. With this type of aid, students will need to find employment in order to receive this award. To electronically accept your Federal Work Study award, sign into your CalArts Hub Self-Service portal. Prior to the start of the semester, additional instructions will be sent to you, via email, regarding the placement process and all pertinent hiring deadlines.

**Undergraduate Federal Direct Subsidized & Unsubsidized Loan**

To accept awarded loan amounts, visit your CalArts Hub Self-Service portal, view Financial Aid awards, and electronically accept loan(s). First-time borrowers of Federal Direct Loans must complete *Federal Loan Entrance Counseling* and *Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN)* before loan(s) will be processed and disbursed. Complete these steps online at [https://studentloans.gov](https://studentloans.gov). All loans must be processed and disbursed prior to the end of each academic semester.

**Graduate Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan**

To accept awarded loan amounts, visit your CalArts Hub Self-Service portal, view Financial Aid awards, and electronically accept loan(s). First-time borrowers of Federal Direct Loans must complete *Federal Loan Entrance Counseling* and *Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN)* before loan(s) will be processed and disbursed. Complete these steps online at [https://studentloans.gov](https://studentloans.gov). All loans must be processed and disbursed prior to the end of each academic semester.

**Federal Direct Parent Plus Loan**

Parents of dependent students, as defined by the federal government, are eligible to apply for the *Parent PLUS Loan* to assist their students’ educational needs. Eligibility for this loan will be based on a credit check performed by the Department of Education upon submission of the Parent PLUS Loan application.

To apply for the Parent PLUS Loan, visit [https://studentloans.gov](https://studentloans.gov). The application opens on/after April 1st for each upcoming academic year. Parents must use their own FSA ID to log in to the loan application.

Once the Financial Aid Office receives the application from the Department of Education, we will update the financial aid award to reflect the approved/requested Parent PLUS Loan amount.

Parent borrowers must complete a *PLUS Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN)* before loan(s) will be processed and disbursed. Complete this step online at [https://studentloans.gov](https://studentloans.gov). All loans must be processed and disbursed prior to the end of each academic semester.

In the event that a Parent PLUS Loan is denied, the student is eligible for increased Unsubsidized Loan.

In the event that an endorser (co-signer) is required for loan approval, the parent will be required to complete mandatory PLUS Loan Credit Counseling.

**Federal Direct Graduate Plus Loan (Graduate and Professional Level students ONLY)**

Graduate students are eligible to apply for the *Graduate PLUS Loan* to assist with their educational needs. Eligibility for this loan will be based on a credit check performed by the Department of Education upon receipt of the Graduate PLUS Loan application.

To apply for the Graduate PLUS Loan, visit [https://studentloans.gov](https://studentloans.gov). The application opens on/after April 1st for each upcoming academic year. Students must use their own FSA ID to log in to the loan application.

Once the Financial Aid Office receives the application from the Department of Education, we will update the financial aid award to reflect the approved/requested Graduate PLUS Loan amount.

Graduate borrowers must complete a *PLUS Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN)* before loan(s) will be processed and disbursed. Complete this step online at [https://studentloans.gov](https://studentloans.gov). All loans must be processed and disbursed prior to the end of each academic semester.
In the event that an endorser (co-signer) is required for loan approval, you will be required to complete mandatory PLUS Loan Credit Counseling.

*Important Note for all PLUS Loan Borrowers- There is a question on the PLUS Loan application that asks whether you wish to defer loan payments while you/your student is enrolled in school. If you wish to defer loan payments, you MUST answer this question accordingly.

**Private Educational Loan**
To apply for a student or parent Private Educational Loan, you will need to submit an application with the private lender of your choice. Please visit https://choice.fastproducts.org/FastChoice/home/113200 to begin your Private Educational Loan research and comparison.

The Financial Aid Office will certify Private Loan eligibility once we receive notification of an approved private loan application from your lender.

**Please feel free to contact the Financial Aid Office if you have any additional questions**