




Please use the following guide if you have questions navigating your offer letter.

If you have completed your Financial Aid steps, the portal should look like the screen below:

Welcome to Financial Aid!

Use Colleague Self-Service Financial Aid to assist in managing your Financial Aid package from submission to completion.




CaArts ID

Change User

Select an Award Year:

Fall 2025 - Spring 2026



Your Financial Aid Package is now ready!

Your financial aid award package is now ready for your review and acceptance.

[Review and accept your Financial Aid Award Package](#)

Checklist

✓ Completed

Complete required documents

✓ Completed

Your application is being reviewed by the Financial Aid Office

⚠ Action Needed

[Review and accept your Financial Aid Award Package](#)

⚠ Action Needed

[Complete Direct Loan Entrance Counseling](#)

⚠ Action Needed

[Sign a Direct Loan Master Promissory Note](#)

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Resources

Form Links

[IRS Form 4506 \(Non Tax filers\)](#)

[Financial Aid Forms](#)

[Upload Docs to Fin Aid Office](#)

Helpful Links

[Master Promissory Note \(MPN\)](#)

[FAFSA.gov](#)

[PLUS/GradPLUS Loan Application](#)

Your checklist of pending action items are on the left and a list of Financial Aid resources can be found on the right.

Click **“Review and Accept Your Financial Aid Award Package”** for a detailed breakdown of your aid package.



Select an Award Year: Fall 2025 - Spring 2026

Contact Financial Aid Office

You have the following Awards

Your award package assumes you will be enrolled full-time. If you enroll less than full time, the financial aid you actually receive may be less than what is stated here. Please contact your Financial Aid counselor if you have questions about your enrollment status.

[View Disbursement info](#)

Scholarships and Grants

Money you don't have to pay back

\$22,500.00

Award	Status	Total Awarded Amount	Fall 2025	Spring 2026
CalArts Grad Scholarship	Accepted	\$22,500.00	\$11,250.00	\$11,250.00

Work

Money you work for

\$6,000.00

Award	Status	Total Awarded Amount	Fall 2025	Spring 2026
Theater Student Assist	Offered	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00
Federal Work Study	Offered	\$3,000.00	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00

Loans

Money you have to pay back

\$20,500.00

Award	Status	Total Awarded Amount	Fall 2025	Spring 2026
Unsubsidized Loans	Estimated	\$20,500.00	\$10,250.00	\$10,250.00

Award Total

Award	Total Awarded Amount	Fall 2025	Spring 2026
Total Awards	\$49,000.00	\$24,500.00	\$24,500.00

Loan Requirements Checklist

Action Needed

[Complete Direct Loan Entrance Counseling](#)

Action Needed

[Sign a Direct Loan Master Promissory Note](#)

You can find applicable institutional aid, grants, work-study and loans here.

Click on “Accept or Decline” to make your decision.

If you choose to accept federal student loans, like the Stafford Subsidized/Unsubsidized loans, you will **still** need to complete the items listed in **“Loan Requirements Checklist”** seen at the bottom of the screen.

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Loans
Money you have to pay back

Award	Status
Unsubsidized Loans ▼ Accept or Decline	Estimated
Award Total	
Award	
Total Awards ▼ Accept or Decline All	

Loan Requirements Checklist

 Action Needed	Complete Direct Loan Entrance Counseling
 Action Needed	Sign a Direct Loan Master Promissory Note

Clicking the individual links in the **Loan Requirements Checklist** will take you **studentaid.gov**, where you will need to log in with the Federal Student Aid username and password used to log into the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).







Complete Your Federal Student Aid Counseling Requirement

A counseling session will take 20–30 minutes to complete. You must complete the counseling in a single session. You cannot save a partially completed counseling session.

If after completing counseling you would like more information about your federal aid, please go to Aid Summary in your StudentAid.gov account.

Select Counseling Type

	Entrance Counseling  Required for Students Before Their First Loan Entrance Counseling is required before you can receive your first Direct Subsidized Loan or Direct Unsubsidized Loan (as either an undergraduate or a graduate/professional student) or your first Direct PLUS Loan (as a graduate/professional student).	Learn More
	Exit Counseling  Required for Students Leaving School or Dropping Below Half-Time Enrollment Exit Counseling is required when you graduate, leave school, or drop below half-time enrollment ②. Exit Counseling provides important information to prepare you for repaying your federal student loan(s). At the end, you'll need to provide the name, address, email address, and telephone number for your closest living relative, two references who live in the U.S., and your current or expected employer, if known.	Learn More

Feel free to email finaid@calarts.edu if you have any further questions.