

April 10, 2024 Campus Email to students

Dear SBCC Students,

As you may already be aware, the US Department of Education has been working to improve and simplify the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Unfortunately, there have been many challenges and delays during the process which means that colleges, including SBCC, do not yet have the information we need in order to determine students' financial aid eligibility for the 2024-2025 academic year.

Because SBCC does not yet have necessary information needed to determine students' financial aid eligibility in time for fall 2024 registration, **we will be suspending the drop for non-payment process for all CA residents and all non-resident, out-of-state students for FALL 2024 registration.** Please note that summer 2024 registration is still subject to the 7 day drop for non-payment policy.

What does this mean?

- For the Fall 2024 semester, if you are a CA resident and/or AB540 student, you will not be dropped for non-payment once you have registered for class
- For the Fall 2024 semester, if you are an out-of-state student who pays non-resident tuition, you will not be dropped for non payment once you have registered for classes
- If you are an F1 Visa and/or other International student, you will still be subject to the 7 day drop for non-payment policy as F1 Visa and/or other International students are not eligible for Federal Financial Aid and therefore, not impacted by FAFSA delays

Once you register for classes:

- If you do not apply or qualify for Financial Aid, you are still expected to pay your enrollment and registration fees upon registration
- If you are Financial Aid eligible, you may not see your Financial Aid awards listed and your *Class Schedule and Bill* may still show the entire amount due to the college
- Once SBCC receives and processes your FAFSA/Financial Aid information, you will be notified of any financial aid award eligibility and expected to pay any outstanding balance as soon as possible

If you do not pay your Fall 2024 tuition and enrollment fees, it will result in a hold being placed on your Student Account for the Spring 2025 enrollment period and beyond, which will prevent you from adding classes or enrolling in a subsequent semester.

Even though colleges are not yet receiving your FAFSA information, you still strongly encourage you to complete your [FAFSA](#) as soon as possible! The application is ready for you to complete and help is available through the Financial Aid office. Check out the [Financial Aid Website](#) for details!

If you have any questions, please check your *Class Schedule and Bill*, visit our [Cashier's website](#) and pay close attention to your SBCC Pipeline Email.