

Financial Aid at SUNY ESF



State University of New York
College of Environmental Science and Forestry

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Aid Process Update

- **Always Check for Outstanding Requirements First**
 - Verification Update
- **Aid Package Status**
 - Review Aid Package
 - Check Status of Each Source (Offered/Estimated/Accepted)
 - Registration may impact status
 - Disbursement
 - Will not appear as “paid” until semester starts
- **Institutional Grants and Scholarships**
 - Should already be accepted
 - May be in an authorized (pending) status for billing
- **State Grants and Scholarships**
 - Status can indicate if you have completed everything
 - Accepted = Application Processed and Results Received
 - Offered/Estimated = Outstanding Requirements

Aid Process Update

- **Loans**

- Response Required – Accept or Decline
- If accepting, paperwork is also required
 - Student Loans – Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized:
 - Entrance Counseling
 - Master Promissory Note/Loan Agreement
 - **Student** completes @ <https://studentaid.gov/>
 - Parent Loans – Direct PLUS
 - PLUS Application
 - PLUS Master Promissory Note/Loan Agreement
 - **Parent** completes @ <https://studentaid.gov/>

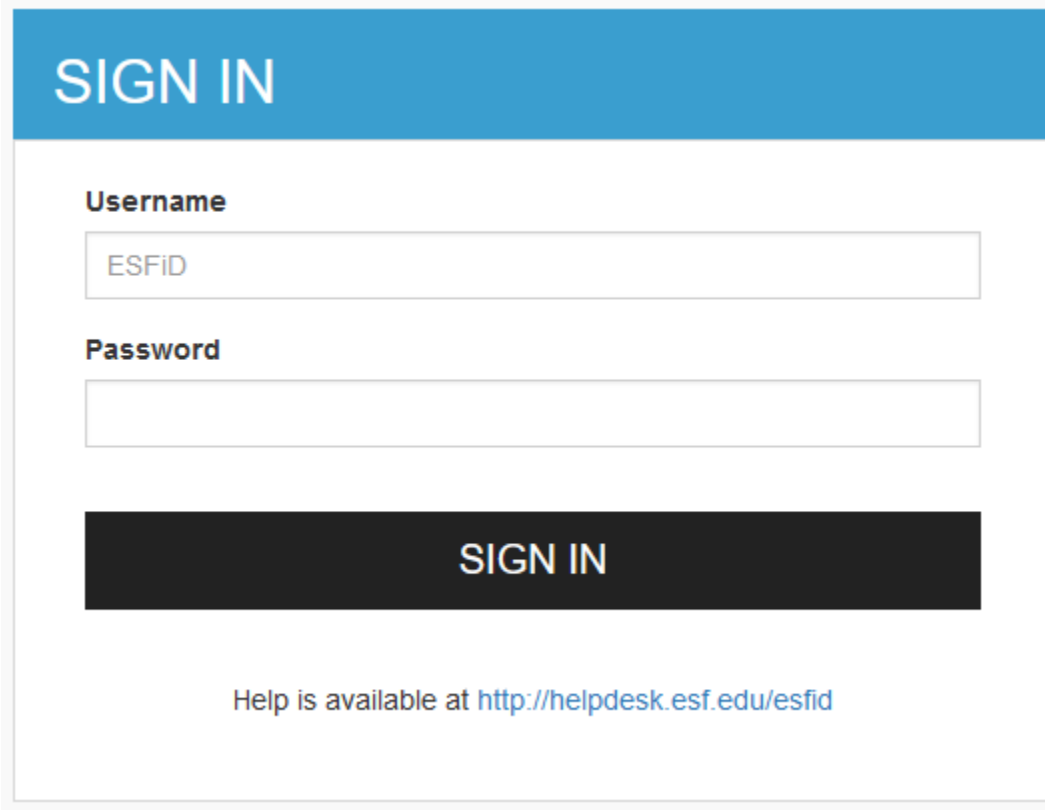
- **Federal Work-Study**

- Jobs posted at start of each semester
- If hired for a position, then complete paperwork
- <https://www.esf.edu/financialaid/studentfws.htm>

Aid Packages and Requirements

<https://myesf.esf.edu>

- Activate Account Using the Applicant Portal
- Sign in with your ESFiD credentials:

A screenshot of a web portal for signing in. At the top is a blue header with the text "SIGN IN" in white. Below the header, there are two input fields. The first is labeled "Username" and contains the text "ESFiD". The second is labeled "Password" and is empty. Below the input fields is a large black button with the text "SIGN IN" in white. At the bottom of the form, there is a line of text: "Help is available at <http://helpdesk.esf.edu/esfid>".

SIGN IN

Username

ESFiD

Password

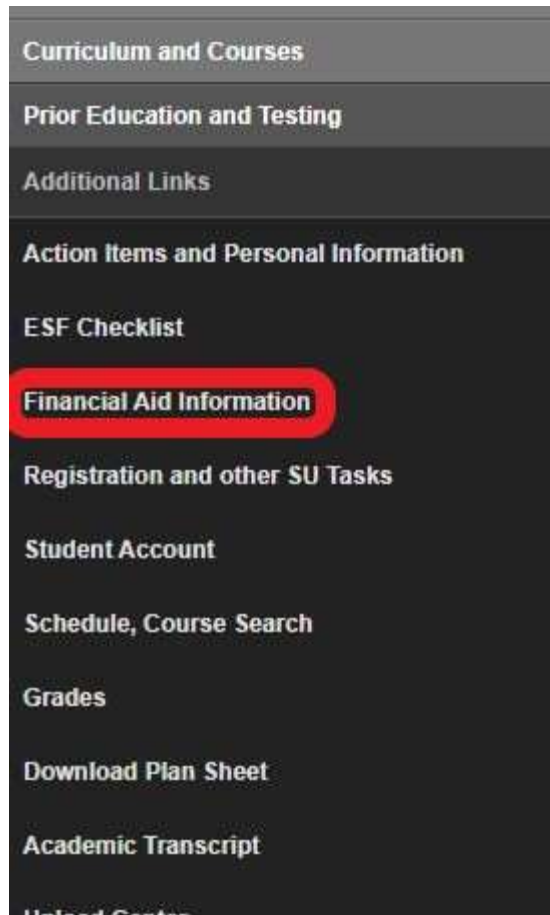
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Aid Packages and Requirements

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Use menu on the left to access aid information:





Aid Packages and Requirements

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Review “Home” tab for outstanding requirements:

Financial Aid

Award Year: 2020-2021 Aid Year  | 

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Responses Required

 Questions from the Financial Aid Office
Please answer the questions from FAO

[VIEW QUESTIONS](#)

Student Requirements

Satisfied Requirements

 Free Application for Federal Student Aid
Last update: 01/30/2020

RECEIVED AND SATISFIED

General Links

Federal Direct Loan Information

Aid Packages and Requirements

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Use “Award Offer” tab to view aid package details:

Overview info:

Expected Enrollment Status ⓘ



Fall 2020: Unknown

Housing Status ⓘ

Off Campus

Expected Family Contribution ⓘ

\$0.00

Aid Packages and Requirements

Grants and Scholarships to Pay for College ?



Type	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Amount
Federal Pell Grant	\$3,173.00	\$3,172.00	\$6,345.00 ACCEPTED
Federal SEOG	\$300.00	\$300.00	\$600.00 ACCEPTED
ESF Renewal Grant	\$1,000.00 ACCEPTED	\$1,000.00 ACCEPTED	\$2,000.00
SUNY Tuition Credit	\$1,024.91 ACCEPTED	\$1,024.91 ACCEPTED	\$2,049.82
Tuition Assistance Program	\$1,462.50 ACCEPTED	\$1,462.50 ACCEPTED	\$2,925.00
	\$6,960.41	\$6,959.41	\$13,919.82
			-\$13,919.82

Net Cost ?

\$8,258.18

Aid Packages and Requirements

Options to Pay Net Cost

Work [?]



Type	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Amount
Federal Work Study	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00 ACCEPTED
	\$1,500.00	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
			-\$3,000.00

Loans [?]



Type	Fall 2020	Spring 2021	Amount
Fed Direct Subsidized Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 DECLINED
Fed Direct Unsubsidized Loan	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00 DECLINED
	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
			\$0.00

Aid, Billing, and Refunds

- **Aid Disbursement Status**

- Pending (Authorized)
 - Aid is expected to credit your bill at the appropriate time, but will be listed in the pending aid total
- Paid
 - Aid has processed and should appear as a credit on your ESF bill

- **Billing Status**

- “Balance” will show charges less PAID aid
- If you have pending aid, you can deduct that from the balance

- **Refunds**

- Provided to you AFTER the semester begins and only if you have excess funds after ESF charges are covered

BankMobile

- **Yes – BankMobile is legit!**
- **Setup Preferences**
 - Direct Deposit to Existing Bank Account
 - Direct Deposit to New Bank Account with BankMobile (Vibe)
 - Paper Check
- **Default Option**
 - Paper check if no other selection is made
 - This will delay the availability of your funds
- **Refunds**
 - Provided to you AFTER the semester begins and only if you have excess funds after ESF charges are covered

Credentials

- FSA ID – All Federal Student Aid Services
 - Complete the FAFSA and Financial Aid Paperwork
 - Access Federal Aid Records (Loans and Grants)
 - Complete Financial Aid Paperwork
 - **<https://fsaid.ed.gov>**
- HESC ID (HESCPIN)
 - Complete State Aid Applications and Access Award Records
 - **<https://webapps.hesc.ny.gov/hescpin/main>**
- ESFiD
 - Access ESF Student Information System (MyESF aka Banner)
 - **<https://it.esf.edu/Account-Info/Current-Students>**
- SU NetID
 - Access SU Student Information System (MySlice)
 - **<https://netid.syr.edu/>**

Credentials

- Never share passwords
 - Be wary of anyone who asks you for your password, even college, federal, or state employees.
- Keep any hard copies in a safe, secure location
 - Try not to store them near your devices
 - Consider using a secret code or excluding characters for hard copies
- Do not reuse passwords
- Consider using a passphrase instead of a password
- Consider using a password manager
 - Keeper, LastPass, Dashlane
 - Free Options – LogMeOnce, Bitwarden

Important Policies

Satisfactory Academic Progress

- Federal

- Grade Requirements (target = 2.0)
- Pace Requirements (target = 67%)
- Maximum Timeframe Requirements (target = 150%)

- State

- Grade Requirements (target = 2.0)
- Completion Requirements (target = 12 credits/semester)

Important Policies

Satisfactory Academic Progress

- Institutional
 - Grade Requirements (target = 2.5; 3.0 for merit awards)
- More Information
 - www.esf.edu/financialaid/sap.htm

Important Policies

Required Coursework

Federal Aid

If a student is enrolled in courses that do not count toward his degree, certificate, or other recognized credential, they cannot be used to determine enrollment status unless they are eligible for remedial courses. This means you cannot award the student aid for classes that do not count toward his degree, certificate, or other recognized credential.

State Aid

Credit-bearing courses in the student's minimum full-time course load (12 semester hours or the equivalent) must consist of courses applicable to the student's program of study as a general education requirement, major requirement, or elective.

Helpful Hints!

- **Check E-Mail Regularly**
 - This is the official method of college communication
- **Check aid requirements in the portal regularly**
 - Requirements can change throughout the year
- **Review your billing information in the portal regularly**
- **Excelsior Recipients – Carefully Plan Credit Hours**
 - Must have at least 30 degree-applicable credits per year
 - Special rules exist for Ranger School
 - Use caution when planning for future years

Thank You!



Good Luck!

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