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## Important Update Regarding 2024-25 Financial Aid Awards

Dear City Colleges students,

Recently, the **U.S. Department of Education announced** that information from the 2024-25 Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will not be available to colleges and universities until mid-March. Due to this, we expect delays in processing our financial aid award letters for the 2024-25 academic year.

As the Department of Education works on improving the FAFSA, please know that City Colleges' Financial Aid Offices are also working to reduce the impact this delay may have on your financial aid.

Please read the message below carefully for additional details and support.

### Financial Aid Award Letters

- We expect to be able to provide students who successfully complete a 2024-25 FAFSA by the end of April with their estimated financial aid award letters by or around May 2, 2024. Starting in May, award letters will be generated within 24-48 hours of receipt of the FAFSA.
- This estimate is based on the Department of Education's delivery of FAFSA applications in mid-March. If there are any changes to that timeline, we will provide you with an updated estimate.

### Year-Round Enrollment

- When registration opens in April 2024, students will be able to register for Summer 2024, Fall 2024, and Spring 2025 courses. In an effort to reduce any concerns, you will be able to enroll in Fall 2024 and Spring 2025 classes even before receiving your financial aid award letters (if you completed the 2024-25 FAFSA).
- We will extend the traditional three-day payment verification deadline, and you will have until May 13, 2024, to verify how you plan to pay for your Fall 2024 classes to avoid being dropped from them. You will have until November 1 to verify how you plan to pay for your Spring 2025 classes.

### FAFSA Workshops

- Each college is hosting FAFSA workshops to provide you and your family with assistance on completing the application. If you have not yet completed the 2024-25 FAFSA, please visit [www.ccc.edu/FAevents](http://www.ccc.edu/FAevents) to see what offerings your college has.

City Colleges is dedicated to guiding our students and their families through this process. We will continue to track updates from the Department of Education and will make necessary adjustments to our deadlines to provide continuous support.

For additional details, please visit our [webpage](#) for the latest updates. You can also stop by your Financial Aid Office in person or virtually at [www.ccc.edu/vss](http://www.ccc.edu/vss) to consult with a Financial Aid Advisor.

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