The mission of the Office of Financial Aid is to provide access to financial resources in a fair, sensitive and confidential manner; to inform and educate students and their families about their financial options; and, to continually improve our services so that students may take full advantage of their educational opportunities. The Office of Financial Aid assists eligible students in meeting their educational expenses while attending Florida A&M University. Assistance is provided through grants, scholarships, student employment and loans. Answers to many of the questions frequently asked concerning financial aid are provided on the financial aid website.

What’s New Summer 2010?

We have transitioned to the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program summer 2010. We have also elected not to use a summer school application. Once you are registered for half time status you are awarded your maximum eligibility via iRattler.

We apologize for the delay in awards for the 2010-2011 academic year. However, there have been many changes in the Financial Aid community. The Federal Pell Grant has increased to a maximum schedule award of $5500 which more students will be eligible for Pell grants with an increased EFC maximum level of 5273. Pell Grant recipients may now receive the maximum scheduled amount year round if a student is enrolled at least half time over the summer.

We are striving to make the Financial Aid Process more streamlined to service your needs.

Reasons 4 Delay in Financial Aid Processing

FILING FA FSA LATE—FAMU’s priority deadline is 3/1 annually. If you file your FAFSA after this date it is considered late.

DOCUMENT PROCESSING—Submit all requested documents in a timely manner. All documents received after 8/13/2010 will not be processed until after the add/drop period— 8/27/2010.

Please check your iRattler Student Center “To Do” List regularly to ensure all required documents are turned in.

DIRECT LOAN REQUIREMENTS—FAMU transitioned to the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan program effective summer 2010. All students must sign a new master promissory note.
State of Florida Program Updates

Students who received Florida Bright Futures Scholarship Funds for the 2009-2010 academic year who did not meet the renewal criteria for the 2010-2011 academic year, may utilize the summer term to increase their GPA. Students who meet the renewal criteria at the end of the summer, must notify the Office of Financial Aid.

Bright Futures recipients that withdrew/dropped classes after the drop/add period, must have all fund repaid to the University prior to you being reinstated for fall 2010.

New State Program Award Amounts for 2010-2011
- Florida Academic Top Scholarship $53—per credit hour
- Florida Academic Scholarship $125—per credit hour
- Florida Medallion Scholarship $94—per credit hour
- Florida Gold Seal Scholarship $94—per credit hour
- Florida Student Assistance Grant $2235—annual full time award amount

Satisfactory Academic Progress

At the end of each spring term, the Office of Financial Aid evaluates students to ensure they are meeting the standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress. Students who do not meet Satisfactory Academic Progress standards will not be eligible to receive financial aid for the following aid year. However, students with remaining eligibility for the current aid year may receive financial aid during the summer term. Students who are not making Satisfactory Academic Progress may appeal by submitting the appeal form from the financial aid website. To maintain financial aid eligibility, students must: successfully complete 67% of all attempted courses; be within 150% of the hours needed for degree completion; and meet the GPA criteria in the charts below.

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