Summer 2020 Financial Aid – Guidelines & Application

Before you decide which types of aid to apply for, read the guidelines for each type to see how <u>it will impact your eligibility for fall and spring aid</u>.

In order to receive aid for summer, the following must be taken into consideration for all students:

➢ You must be admitted into a degree program.
Only students who have attended in the prior Spring 2020 semester and did not graduate or withdraw can receive summer financial aid. New, Readmit, and Transfer students are not eligible for summer as they cannot be admitted until the fall.

➢ All summer courses **MUST** be applicable to your current degree program in order to receive aid.

➢ All notifications regarding your summer aid application will be sent to your SUNY Canton email account. Be sure to monitor your email account regularly.

➢ Summer courses are now scheduled in UCanWeb. Your academic advisor will assign you a summer registration code.

➢ All aid disbursements will be used to pay your charges first before refunds will be issued. Summer aid is not received until after July 1st, please plan accordingly.

➢ Are you taking courses at another college? To receive aid to help pay for them you must complete and submit a SUNY Cross-registration form at SUNY.edu/crossregister. To be aid eligible the course must transfer back into your degree program. If the school is not a SUNY school please complete the paper consortium agreement found here http://www.canton.edu/fin_aid/documents/CONSRTwCoverLetter.pdf.

Your eligibility for each program will be determined by a member of the Financial Aid staff.

Several types of aid are available for the summer, each has different eligibility criteria.

✓ Federal Work Study (enrollment not required),
✓ Federal Pell Grant,
✓ Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans,
✓ Federal Direct Parent Loan,
✓ New York State TAP Grant,
✓ Private loans and other third-party grants.

To apply for Summer 2020 financial aid, complete the following steps:

1. File a 2020-2021 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov .
2. Complete the New York State TAP application online at www.tapweb.org . After completing the FAFSA online you will be given this link.
3. Provide any additional documentation that is required by Financial Aid in the One Hop Shop. All requirements are posted in UCanWeb under Financial Aid Requirements.
4. Schedule your classes in UCanWeb using the summer registration code assigned by your Academic Advisor.
5. Complete the attached SUMMER AID APPLICATION and submit to the One Hop Shop for processing. **See guidelines on reverse to help decide which types of summer aid to apply for.**
6. Complete the online billing forms in your UCanWeb account. Be aware of deadlines to prevent your courses from being dropped and make timely payment on any balance due before classes begin.

Read these guidelines to help determine which types of aid to apply for:

1. Federal Pell Grant
    a. The FAFSA and all required documentation must be received to determine your eligibility.
    b. Receiving a Summer 2020 Pell grant <u>may reduce</u> your Spring 2021 Pell grant eligibility if you enroll in less than 6 credits for Spring 2021.

2. Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loans
    a. You must be enrolled for and attending at least 6 credit hours over the entire summer term. *(Total summer credits are determined by adding up the number of credits for each summer course you take.)*
    b. Summer loans <u>reduce Fall and Spring</u> semester loan eligibility.
    c. Loans cannot be processed until the FAFSA and all required documentation has been received.

3. Federal Work-Study
    a. Enrollment in summer courses is NOT required UNLESS you are graduating in August 2020. You must, however, be enrolling in the Fall 2020 semester if not graduating.
    b. You must have filed your FAFSA by March 1, 2020.
    c. A portion of your summer earnings (approximately 60%) will be counted as a resource in your 2020-2021 academic year financial aid package. This <u>could reduce the total amount</u> of your Fall and Spring semester financial aid.
    d. Incoming students (who aren't June 2020 high school graduates) cannot begin work until July 1.

4. New York State TAP Grant
    a. You must be enrolled for at least 6 credit hours over the summer term. *(Total summer credits are determined by adding up the number of credits for each summer course you take.)*
    b. You <u>must have earned</u> 12 credits in each of the last two semesters here at SUNY Canton.
    c. A part-time summer TAP award will count as a one-half semester toward your maximum limit. (6 semesters of eligibility in a two-year program or 8 semesters in a four-year program)
    d. The college will not receive the payment of summer TAP until October 2021 per NYS law.
    e. TAP can only be used on your summer bill if you have received an actual award. You can check your current TAP application status online any time at www.tapweb.org .

5. Private Alternative Loans
    a. You may apply for private alternative loans for the summer. More information regarding these loans is available on our website at www.canton.edu/fin_aid/private_loan.html . You are not required to use any of the lenders provided in our alternative loan comparison guide.
    b. Apply early as payment cannot be deferred against your bill until we receive confirmation of the loan approval which may take several weeks.

6. Other third-party agency programs
    a. Includes ACCESS-VR, WIA, Veteran benefits and other various external agency programs.
    b. Contact that agency directly for summer assistance and submit a copy of the approval for proper credit of an expected payment.

No summer financial aid payments will be received until after July 1, 2020.
All charges will be paid prior to any refunds being issued.

Student Name: _____   ID Number: _____

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1) During the summer I will be living: *(check one)*   ❑ Home with Parents   ❑ Off-Campus   ❑ On-Campus

2) My local summer address is: _____

3) My summer phone number is: _____   ❑ *Check box if this is a mobile number.*

4) My email address is: _____
   Note: If your SUNY Canton email address is not your primary email address, be sure to monitor BOTH carefully!

5) My anticipated date of graduation from my current program at SUNY Canton is: _____/_____ *(mm/yy)*

6) Check the box for each semester you plan to attend this year: ❑ Fall 2020   ❑ Spring 2021

7) My summer enrollment plans are: *(check all that apply)*

   ❑ I will not be enrolled in classes for the summer. I am applying for summer work-study only.

   ❑ I have scheduled the following SUNY Canton summer courses in my UCanWeb account:

Name of Course	Number of Credits	Dates of Enrollment

   ❑ I will be enrolled at another college and have completed a cross-registration form and/or consortium agree..

   Name of College: _____   Number of Credits: _____

8) I want to apply for the following types of financial aid to help cover my summer costs. Be sure you have read all of the guidelines for each program. *(check all that apply)*

   ❑ I want a Federal Pell Grant.
   (I understand that it may affect my Federal Pell Grant eligibility for the Spring 2021 semester.)

   ❑ I want a Federal Work-Study job for the summer.
   (I understand that it may affect my overall aid eligibility for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters.)

   ❑ I want a Federal Direct Stafford Loan.
   (I understand that my loan eligibility will be reduced for Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 semesters.)

   ❑ I have applied for summer TAP. (Remember payment will not be received until October 2021.)

   ❑ I plan to receive some help from an external agency for summer (ACCES-VR, WIA, etc). Attach statement as proof or have it sent directly by the agency.
   Name of Agency: _____

   ❑ I have applied for a private alternative loan. I understand that it may take several weeks to be approved and must be received before I can register.   Name of Lender: _____

   ❑ I want to increase my 2019-2020 loans if possible so I can use the refund to pay for my summer bill.

9) I have read all of the guidelines and understand the impact summer aid will have on my academic year eligibility.

   Student Signature: _____   Date: _____

Submit this form to the One Hop Shop for processing.
You must also schedule your summer courses and complete your billing forms in your UCanWeb account.
Any summer financial aid offers will be sent to you by email.