

FALL 2026 CHECK DISBURSAL DATES

Fall 2026: August 24, 2026 to December 16, 2026

What is a Financial Aid? Any funding a student receives (loans, grants, scholarships) are all Financial Aid.

What is a Refund Check? After tuition, fees, bookstore costs and other authorized charges are paid in full, any remaining financial aid will be disbursed to the student in a **Refund Check**. Students must be registered and actively attending at least six credits of classes at the time of disbursement for loans to disburse. All other aid will be disbursed based on classes attending and required for the student's degree. Aid for express or late start classes will be disbursed after those classes begin.

Refund checks will be mailed to the primary address on file unless written request is submitted to the Student Accounts Office (studentaccountsinfo@sunyulster.edu) to pick-up in person. Students can review/update the primary mailing address on the Student Portal.

Please Note: Refund checks are not available until after tuition and fees are paid in full.

Loan Check Date: Monday, September 28, 2026 [provided that funds have been received].

First Time Borrowers Loan Check Date: Monday, September 28, 2026

1st Pell Check Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2026

The 1st Pell disbursement: 50% of the Pell grant semester eligibility & the Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG). Federal Work Study funds are paid based on hours worked within the payroll schedule.

Fall Only Loan 2nd Loan Check Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2026

2nd Pell Check Date: Monday, November 9, 2026

The 2nd Pell disbursement: The remaining 50% of the Pell grant semester eligibility and any unpaid Federal funds.

Important Note: It is the student's responsibility to notify the Financial Aid Office of changes in enrollment (drop or withdrawal from classes, never attend classes, audit or incomplete grades, etc.) Audit grades taken at any point in the semester could result in a reduction in both State and Federal aid. Students who withdraw before 60% completion of the Fall or Spring semesters will be subject to a Title IV Refund Calculation, which could require the student to pay back all or a portion of the federal financial aid funds received, including loans.

Financial Aid Disbursements: In order to receive financial aid funds, a student must be registered, in good academic standing, and attending classes. Any changes to the number of credits for which the student is registered can impact financial aid eligibility for the current semester and possible future semesters. Changes in registration may be student-initiated by a drop or withdrawal, can be instructor initiated due to lack of class attendance, or by the Registrar's office, who reserves the right to cancel courses.

It is the student's responsibility to ensure they are registered for classes that will be financial aid eligible.

Census/Freeze Date: SUNY Ulster will base a student's financial aid eligibility on their enrollment and active attendance as of the census date listed below for each semester. The Census date refers to the point at which your enrolled and attending credit hours are "frozen" for financial aid purposes.

- *Classes for which a student was registered before the freeze date will be included in financial aid eligibility if the classes meet all other financial aid requirements.*
- *Classes added after the freeze date will not be included in the student's financial aid eligibility, regardless of when the class begins.*
- *Students who register for classes for the first time after the freeze date will have their eligibility reviewed based on the number of credits they register for at that time - students starting the semester late cannot add classes after their initial registration to increase their financial aid eligibility.*

Fall 2026 Census Date: September 16, 2026

Spring 2027 Census Date: February 16, 2027

Summer 2027 Census Date: June 8, 2027

Pell Grant: The amount of Pell awarded is based on: required classes for the degree, attendance determined at the freeze date (September 16th, 2026), the number of weeks attending, and the data provided on your FAFSA. Students will receive one-half of their annual Pell Grant eligibility in the fall and the other half in the spring, assuming registration of the same number of credits.

Pell-eligible students who registered before the freeze date and are enrolled in express or late start classes will receive Pell based on the classes they are actively attending. Pell will be disbursed for classes that have begun, with Pell for eligible late start classes disbursed after those classes begin and attendance is verified.

Example: A student is enrolled for 12 credits (3 credits per class).

Three classes begin on August 24th, and one class begins on October 14th. The Pell award reflected will be for 9 credits until the October 14th class begins and attendance is verified. As of October 14th, the student will then be considered attending 12 credits, and the remaining Pell will be applied on schedule.

Federal Student Loans: Student loans do not pay out until the student has begun attendance in at least six credits. Student loans are paid out in two disbursements. Fall/Spring loans are paid out with one-half in the fall, one-half in spring. Spring Only loans will be paid out in two disbursements over the spring term. Summer loans are paid out in two disbursements over the course of the term.

NYS TAP/Part-time TAP Awards: A student must be registered for at least 3 credits and be enrolled in at least one 15-week-long course. TAP (full-time award) will not pay until the student has begun attendance in at least 12 credits. Students whose full-time status includes express or late start classes will not be eligible for their full-time TAP award until any express or late start classes actually begin and attendance is verified.

Example: A student is enrolled for 12 credits (3 credits per class).

Three classes that begin on August 24th and one class that begins on October 14th. The TAP award will not be applied to the account until after the October 14th class begins and attendance is verified.

Student Employment: For questions regarding payroll, please contact the Payroll office (845-687-5042).

Institutional Grants/Scholarships: Generally, institutional scholarship funds are paid out half in the fall and half in the spring. For questions regarding scholarship eligibility, please contact the Foundation office (845-687-5283).