HOW DO I USE MY FINANCIAL AID TO PAY MY FEES?

Be responsible:
Look at your bill information on Self Service under Student Finance.

Are you registered for all of your classes? Are all of your classes included in your Plan of Study on your Degree Audit? If not, the amount of financial aid you receive could be affected. Consider your costs. Determine if you need to borrow loans. Tuition and fee information can be found here: [http://www.csc.edu/academics/tuition-fees/](http://www.csc.edu/academics/tuition-fees/)

**Financial Aid will be applied to your tuition and fees 10 days before the term begins.**

- Access your Self Service account and click on Student Finance to see how your financial aid has been applied to your account.
- If your financial aid offer is not enough to pay the total fees due, you will need to pay the balance; if fees are not paid by the Fee Payment deadline, your scheduled classes may be dropped.
- Columbus State will make excess financial aid funds available for the purchase of books 7 days before the start of the semester. Verify bookstore funds are available by logging into Self Service and click on Bookstore Funds Available under Helpful Links. For more information on your Financial Aid Disbursement see: [https://www.csc.edu/academics/tuition-and-fees/disbursement.shtml](https://www.csc.edu/academics/tuition-and-fees/disbursement.shtml)
- Financial Aid is available to pay for courses until the Financial Aid Freeze Date. Dates are available on the Academic Calendar.

2. Receiving a loan?
- Verify you have completed your checklist items in Financial Aid Self-Service
- Verify you are registered for at least 6 credit hours (required throughout the entire semester)
- Borrowed before? View your entire loan history at [https://nslds.ed.gov/nslds/nslds_SA/](https://nslds.ed.gov/nslds/nslds_SA/)
- Know the aggregate Federal Student Loan limits

3. Direct Deposit is the fastest and most secure way to receive excess funds!
- Provide your bank account information on Self Service by completing the Banking Information section. For specific semester disbursement dates see link above.