

Graduate Orientation 2009

Presented by the Office of Financial Aid
and Scholarship Services



What is SOLAR and What Can I do on SOLAR?

- SOLAR is an individual web portal that allows students access to their Stony Brook University information



SOLAR Home Page

❖ The University Offices Communicate with students using SOLAR

- Holds
- To Do List
- New Messages
- Read Messages

❖ Students View:

- Financial Aid
- Account Information/
Payment

The screenshot displays the SOLAR System Home Page. At the top, the header includes the 'STONY BROOK SOLAR System' logo and navigation links for 'Home', 'Add to Favorites', and 'Sign out'. The main content area is divided into several sections:


- Action Center:** Contains 'Holds' (No Holds) and 'To Do List' (No To Do's).
- Message Center:** Features buttons for 'new message(s)' and 'read message(s)', and a 'New Messages' section (No New Messages).
- Solar System:** A vertical menu of services including:
 - Security and Personal Data
 - SB Alert Emergency Information
 - Elections
 - For New Students
 - Student Records & Registration
 - Student Financial Services
 - Campus Housing
 - Student Employment Service

Red arrows point from the text on the left to specific elements in the interface: three arrows point to the 'Holds', 'To Do List', and 'New Messages' sections of the Action and Message Centers; one arrow points to the 'Account Information/Payment, Financial Aid' link under Student Financial Services; and one arrow points to the 'Campus Housing' link.

My To Do List Items

Action Center

Holds
No Holds.

To Do List
07-08 Award Adj-Eligibility  [details ▶](#)

To Do List

Item List		
To Do Item	Institution	Administrative Function
FA Award Offer for 2008-2009	SUNY at Stony Brook	Financial Aid

FA Award Offer for 2008-2009

Aid Year: 2009

Contact

Academic Institution: SUNY at Stony Brook

Administrative Function: Financial Aid

Date Requested: 08-AUG-08

Contact: Financial Aid Office

[SB Financial Aid](#)

Description

You have a financial aid award offer that currently requires action.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO NOW:

1. Click on "Financial Aid" located under the Student Financial Services section of SOLAR.
2. Click on "View & Accept/Decline FinAid".
3. Click on the 2009 Aid Year link.
4. After viewing your awards, click on the "Accept/Decline Awards" link at the bottom of the page and follow the instructions.

My Financial Aid



Student Financial Services

Account Information/Payment, Financial Aid



Main Menu > Solar System > Student Financial Services >



Financial Aid



View & Accept/Decline FinAid

View details about your financial aid awards and accept/decline your award offers.

Financial Aid

Select Aid Year to View

Select the Aid Year you wish to view (ie., Aid Year 2009 = Summer 2008, Fall 2008, Spring 2009)

Aid Year	Institution	Aid Year Description
2009	SUNY at Stony Brook	Financial Aid Year 2008-2009



Financial Aid

Award Summary

Financial Aid Year 2008-2009

Scroll down to view all award summary information on this page.

Aid Year

Award Description	Category	Offered	Accepted	Disbursed
Grad Tuition Scholarship - FA	Scholarship	2,592.00	2,592.00	\$0.00
Grad Tuition Scholarship - SP	Scholarship	1,604.00	1,604.00	\$0.00
Subsidized Stafford Loan-HSC	Loan	946.00	0.00	\$0.00
Grad PLUS - HSC	Loan	500.00	0.00	\$0.00
Unsubsidized Stafford Loan-HSC	Loan	19,554.00	0.00	\$0.00
Aid Year Totals		25,196.00	4,196.00	\$0.00

Terms

Fall 2008

[View Scheduled Disbursements](#)

Award	Category	Offered	Accepted	Disbursed	
Grad Tuition Scholarship - FA	Scholarship	2,592.00	2,592.00	\$0.00	Award Term Detail
Subsidized Stafford Loan-HSC	Loan	473.00	0.00	\$0.00	Award Term Detail
Grad PLUS - HSC	Loan	250.00	0.00	\$0.00	Award Term Detail
Unsubsidized Stafford Loan-HSC	Loan	9,777.00	0.00	\$0.00	Award Term Detail
Term Totals		13,092.00	2,592.00	\$0.00	

Spring 2009

[View Scheduled Disbursements](#)

Award	Category	Offered	Accepted	Disbursed	
Grad Tuition Scholarship - SP	Scholarship	1,604.00	1,604.00	\$0.00	Award Term Detail
Subsidized Stafford Loan-HSC	Loan	473.00	0.00	\$0.00	Award Term Detail
Grad PLUS - HSC	Loan	250.00	0.00	\$0.00	Award Term Detail
Unsubsidized Stafford Loan-HSC	Loan	9,777.00	0.00	\$0.00	Award Term Detail
Term Totals		12,104.00	1,604.00	\$0.00	

Why is Award Term Detail Important?

FA AWARD TERM DETAIL



This award is based on the assumptions listed below. If incorrect, please contact your corresponding financial aid office.

Award: Grad Tuition Scholarship - FA

Career: Graduate

As of Date: 08/08/2008 3:38:27PM

Term: Fall 2008

Financial Aid Enrollment: Full-Time

Loan Year Grade Level: 2nd Year Graduate

Residency: NY

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Financial Aid Awards Continued

Spring 2009

[View Scheduled Disbursements](#)

Award	Category	Offered	Accepted	Disbursed		
Federal Pell Grant	Grant	445.00	445.00	\$0.00		Award Term Detail
SMART Grant-Yr 4	Grant	2,000.00	0.00	\$0.00		Award Term Detail
TAP Spring	Grant	2,187.50	2,187.50	\$0.00		Award Term Detail
Subsidized Stafford Loan	Loan	2,271.00	0.00	\$0.00		Award Term Detail
Unsub Stafford Loan	Loan	1,479.00	0.00	\$0.00		Award Term Detail
Term Totals		8,382.50	2,632.50	\$0.00		

* Awards appearing with an 'N/A' under the 'Disbursed' column are not disbursed in financial aid. Therefore, these awards cannot be applied against your University account.

[Accept/Decline Awards](#)

[Account Summary/What Do I Owe?](#)

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[Return to Aid Year Selection](#)

Accepting Financial Aid

Financial Aid

Award Package

Financial Aid Year: 2008-2009

Listed below are your current awards available to you for this award year as of the last updated date and time indicated below.

1. Click on each AWARD DESCRIPTION link below and view detailed information about the award.
2. Accept and/or decline any remaining award(s) that have not yet been accepted or declined. NOTE: For awards under the category of 'Loan', you can accept a lesser amount AFTER accepting the award by entering a reduced whole dollar amount (no CENTS please!!) in the accepted amount field.
3. Report other aid you received or will receive for this academic year that is not listed by clicking on the 'View or Report Other Aid' link below.
4. For detail information on the next steps of the awarding process, click on the 'Financial Aid Award Guide' link below.
5. Contact your corresponding financial aid office with questions and/or problems regarding your financial aid awards by clicking on the 'Contact Financial Aid' link.

Please note that all awards are subject to change based on new information that may affect eligibility.

Status: New Package

Last Updated: 08/08/2008 3:38:27PM

Award	Category	Career	Offered	Accepted	Accept	Decline
Subsidized Stafford Loan-HSC	Loan	Graduate	946.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grad PLUS - HSC	Loan	Graduate	500.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Unsubsidized Stafford Loan-HSC	Loan	Graduate	19,554.00	0.00	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grad Tuition Scholarship - SP	Scholarship	Graduate	1,604.00	1,604.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Grad Tuition Scholarship - FA	Scholarship	Graduate	2,592.00	2,592.00	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
TOTAL			25,196.00	4,196.00		

Awards Offered

Accept or Decline your Awards Here

Click Submit


SUBMIT

Account Summary/ What Do I Owe?


Main Menu > Solar System >

Student Financial Services

View your account, make an electronic payment, view and accept your financial aid awards.

**Account Information/Payment**

- [Account summary/What do I owe?](#) ←
- [Time Option Payment Plan\(TOPP\)](#)
- [Campus Cash](#)
- [Health Insurance Waiver](#)
- [Health Professions Payment](#)
- [Tax Relief Disclosure Form](#)
- [Direct Deposit](#)

**Financial Aid**


- [View & Accept/Decline FinAid](#)
- [Summer Financial Aid Request](#)

Tuition & Fees				
Term	Charge Amount	Credit Amount	Anticipated Aid	Term Due
Spring2007	630.70	-630.70		
Fall 2007	4678.50	-4678.50		
Spring2008	4578.50	-4578.50		
Summer2008	30.00			30.00
Fall 2008 ←	4299.00		2592.00	4299.00
Total Amount Due:				\$1,737.00
				Pay Tuition and Fees


Understanding Account Summary

Account Detail for Term Fall 2008


As of Date: 06/28/2008 01:03AM

Charges			
Customize Find  First 1-7 of 7 Last			
	Description	Item Amount	Date Posted
1	College Fee	\$12.50	06/28/2008
2	Graduate Activity Fee	\$22.00	06/28/2008
3	Infirmery Fee	\$123.00	06/28/2008
4	Student Health Insurance	\$403.00	06/28/2008
5	Technology Fee	\$179.75	06/28/2008
6	Transportation Fee	\$108.75	06/28/2008
7	Tuition - HSC Grad Resident	\$3,450.00	06/28/2008


Total Charges: \$4,299.00

Credits				
Customize Find  First 1 of 1 Last				
	Description	Receipt Number	Item Amount	Date Posted
1		-	\$0.00	


Total Payments: \$0.00

Financial Aid Disbursements			
Customize Find  First 1 of 1 Last			
	Description	Item Amount	Date Posted
1		\$0.00	

Total Financial Aid: \$0.00

Refunds			
Customize Find  First 1 of 1 Last			
	Description	Item Amount	Date Posted
1		\$0.00	

Total Refunds: \$0.00

Anticipated Aid		
Customize Find  First 1 of 1 Last		
	Description	Net Award Amount
1	Grad Tuition Scholarship -FA	\$2,592.00

Total Anticipated Aid: \$2,592.00

Anticipated Aid and subsequent financial aid disbursements may be subject to change . All TAP Awards must be certified in accordance to the requirements and guidelines of New York State Education Department before disbursement. No refunds will be made on Anticipated Aid.

Term Balance: \$1,707.00

[Return to Term Summary](#)

What is Anticipated Aid?

- How come I had a zero balance and now I received a University bill, and there is a balance?
- What is expired anticipated aid?
- If aid has expired will it still disburse?
- What happens now that the aid has expired?



Anticipated Aid		First ◀ 1-3 of 3 ▶ Last
	Description	Net Award Amount
1	Perkins Loan	\$750.00
2	Federal SEOG	\$250.00
3	Federal Pell Grant	\$1,600.00
Total Anticipated Aid:		\$2,600.00

Anticipated Aid		First ◀ 1 of 1 ▶ Last
	Description	Net Award Amount
1		\$0.00
Total Anticipated Aid:		\$0.00

Refunds			First ◀ 1 of 1 ▶ Last
	Description	Item Amount	Date Posted
1	Refund Check OverPay	\$1,095.25	03/02/2005
Total Refunds:			\$1,095.25

Graduate PLUS Loan

- Students must have a completed FAFSA.
- Students must have applied for the annual maximum loan eligibility under the Federal Subsidized and Unsubsidized Direct Loan Program.
- Students must have enrolled for at least half-time (6 credits per semester).
- In addition, the student cannot have an adverse credit history.
- The annual loan limit is the student's cost of attendance minus any anticipated financial aid received.
- The interest rate is a fixed 7.9 %. This loan has an origination fee of 4%. The Department of Education assumes an up front repayment rebate of 1.5%. Therefore, 97.5% of the gross loan will be disbursed to the school.
- Repayment of principal plus interest begins 60 days after the loan is fully disbursed unless a deferment is granted.
- Before the loan can be guaranteed, a credit approval and Graduate/Professional PLUS Master Promissory Note (MPN) is required.

What is an MPN?

- Students must fill out a Stafford Master Promissory Note if they are accepting Stafford Loans
 - Directions for completing the Stafford MPN will be included in a “To Do List Item”
- Students must fill out a PLUS Loan MPN if they are requesting a Grad PLUS loan
 - Directions for completing the PLUS MPN will be included in a “To Do List Item”

Other Forms of Financial Aid

- The primary form of financial aid for graduate students is the Direct Loan Programs.
- Some students may be eligible for a maximum annual TAP award of \$550. Students must be enrolled in at least 12 credits
- Graduate scholarships or assistantships may be available on a departmental basis. Students are encouraged to check with their appropriate department for availability of these forms of aid.



Any Questions?

