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The CSU makes every effort to keep student costs to a minimum. Fees listed in published schedules or student accounts may need to be increased when public funding is inadequate. Therefore, CSU must reserve the right, even after fees are initially charged or initial fee payments are made, to increase or modify any listed fees. All listed fees, other than mandatory system wide fees, are subject to change without notice, until the date when instruction for a particular semester or quarter has begun. All CSU listed fees should be regarded as estimates that are subject to change upon approval by the Board of Trustees, the Chancellor, or the Presidents, as appropriate. Changes in mandatory system wide fees will be made in accordance with the requirements of the Working Families Student Fee Transparency and Accountability Act (Sections 66028 -66028.6 of the Education Code).

Students will be liable for amounts that become due as a result of such change.

my.SDSU.edu

my.SDSU.edu is the official online portal for student admissions, student records, financial aid, tuition and fee payment, and more. For guides on how to pay tuition, set up an Alternate Payer Account, or enroll in direct deposit, please refer to the student guides located on the my.SDSU website, in addition to the University Bursar's website.

Liability of Payment

It is the student's responsibility to be aware of total fees due, whether or not a notice is received. Students are strongly encouraged to check their student email and student account for important information. Students with an approved Petition for Late Schedule Adjustment must pay, in addition to the $20.00 late add fee, any fees that may be due as a result of the added units. For example, if a student is currently enrolled in 6 units and has an approved petition to add 3 additional units, in addition to the $20.00 late add fee, the fees for the difference between part-time and full-time fees are due AFTER the Office of the Registrar processes the add request.

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Liability of Payment cont.

Please note: Dropping a course after the schedule adjustment deadline (based on an approved petition only) does not reduce fee liability. For example, a student enrolled in nine units who drops three units will remain liable for full-time Basic Tuition and Fees based on nine units of enrollment.

Students submitting authorization to bill a third party for Basic Tuition and Fees will be held responsible for payment if the third party agency fails to pay.

If a student is utilizing financial aid to fund their education, please note that there may be charges that cannot be covered by their financial aid award. Students are liable for any outstanding fees not covered or paid by financial aid.

According to Title 5 of the California Code of Regulations, Sections 42380 and 42381, should a student or former student fail to pay any debt owed to the institution, the institution may "withhold permission to register, to use facilities for which a fee is authorized to be charged, to receive services, materials, food or merchandise or any combination of the above from any person owing a debt." In addition, the University may also hold a diploma until the debt is paid.

Prospective students who register for courses offered by the university are obligated to pay Basic Tuition and Fees associated with the registration of those courses. Failure to cancel registration in any course for an academic term before the first day of the academic term gives rise to an obligation to pay Basic Tuition and Fees including any amounts due for the reservation of space in the course.

Registration Holds

All student account balances must be paid in full and all outstanding debt holds must be cleared prior to registration for future terms. Payments to clear holds must be made by cash, debit cards, money order, or certified check. Please note that students will be required to pay for tuition and fees even after the ADD/DROP date. For questions, contact the Cal Coast Student Financial Center for more information.

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Financial Responsibility Agreement

Before registering each term, students must review and accept the Financial Responsibility Agreement, which explains the university's payment policies and a student's financial obligations. It outlines tuition and fee payments, refunds, financial aid adjustments, and the consequences of missed payments. Understanding this agreement helps students stay informed and avoid unexpected charges. Click to view: Financial Responsibility Agreement

Tuition & Fees

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Basic Tuition and Fees

Basic Tuition and Fees are required of all students. Campus fees are mandatory regardless of whether the student attends full-time, part-time, online, or abroad, even if the student does not anticipate using the programs or facilities supported by the fees.

Non-Resident and Graduate Business students pay the Basic Tuition and Fees as listed below and additional per unit tuition and fees (see Professional Business Fee and Nonresident Tuition sections below).

Campus fees are determined by the student's home campus (the campus to which they were admitted). If they transfer from one campus to another, they will be subject to the new home campus fees. These fees are not subject to cancellation under any circumstance. Thesis extension, other zero-unit courses, and half-unit courses are charged as one unit for fee purposes. Auditors pay the same fee as students carrying courses for credit.

San Diego Campus Fall 2026 Basic Tuition and Fees
(Nonresident and Graduate Business students are charged an additional amount)

	Ugrad (PT**)	Ugrad (FT**)	Teacher Cred. (PT**)	Teacher Cred. (FT*)	Grad (PT**)	Grad (FT**)	Ed (Doct.**)	Phys.Ther. (Doct.**)	Public Health (Doct.**)	Nursing (Doct.**)
Basic Tuition	1,981	3,419	2,302	3,969	2,480	4,274	7,047	10,240	10,618	9,095
Student Body Association Fee *	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35	35
Student Body Center Fee *	506	506	506	506	506	506	506	506	506	506
Health Facility Fee *	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Health & Wellness Fee *	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252
Library Fee *	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Instructionally Related Activities Fee *	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360
Student Success Fee *	268	268	268	268	268	268	268	268	268	268
Total	**$3,452**	**$4,890**	**$3,773**	**$5,440**	**$3,951**	**$5,745**	**$8,518**	**$11,711**	**$12,089**	**$10,566**

***Campus Fee** **Part Time **PT - (0-6 units)** **Full Time **FT - (6.1 + units)**

Basic Tuition and Fees

Imperial Valley Campus Fall 2026 Basic Tuition and Fees
(Nonresident and Graduate Business students are charged an additional amount)

	Ugrad (PT**)	Ugrad (FT**)	Teacher Cred. (PT**)	Teacher Cred. (FT**)	Grad (PT**)	Grad (FT**)	Ed (Doct.**)	Phys.Ther. (Doct.**)	Public Health (Doct.**)	Nursing (Doct.**)
Basic Tuition	1,981	3,419	2,302	3,969	2,480	4,274	7,047	10,240	10,618	9,095
Student Body Association Fee*	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65	65
Student Body Center Fee*	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24	24
Health Facility Fee*	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Health & Wellness Fee*	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252	252
Library Services Fee*	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Instructionally Related Activities Fee*	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360	360
Student Success Fee*	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200	200
Total	**$2,932**	**$4,370**	**$3,253**	**$4,920**	**$3,431**	**$5,225**	**$7,998**	**$11,191**	**$11,569**	**$10,046**

***Campus Fee** **Part Time **PT - (0-6 units)** **Full Time **FT - (6.1 + units)**

Student Involvement and Representation Fee $2.00 (SIRF - Optional Fee)

The CSU Board of Trustees adopted the SIRF, establishing a stable funding model for the California State Student Association (CSSA). The new funding model expands independence and builds capacity to engage students in advocacy and policy making. The funding model consists of a $2 per-term fee assessed to each CSU student, on a voluntary basis, allowing the choice to opt-out each semester. SDSU students can opt out of this fee by logging into my.SDSU.edu, selecting the following:

- Select “Financial Account”
- Select “Account Inquiry”
- Click “SIRF Opt Out” button
- Select Reason
- Click “Opt Out”

The deadline for opting out of SIRF is 30 days after the term census date (September 21, 2026). For the Fall 2026 term that day is October 21, 2026. Please note, students must Opt Out of the SIRF fee before payment has been made.

Once paid, students can no longer Opt Out and the fee is non-refundable.

Professional Program Fee

Graduate students in the College of Business must pay $321 per unit for all units taken as a requirement for graduation with the following degrees. This fee is in addition to Basic Tuition and Fees and Non-Resident tuition.

- MS in Accountancy (Financial Reporting, AIS, Taxation, and Data Analytics)
- MBA Master of Business Administration
- MS Business Administration
- MS Information Systems
- MS in Cybersecurity Management
- MS in Global Business Development BS in International Business/MS Global Business
- Development
- MS in Finance
- MS in Supply Chain Innovation
- MS in Financial and Tax Planning

A fee waiver is available for courses that are not used to meet degree requirements (excluding prerequisite courses). Contact the Graduate Business Programs Office, EBA 448, for details.

Tuition for Non-Resident Students (International or Out-Of-State)

In addition to Tuition and Fees, International and out-of-state students will be charged tuition for all units attempted at a rate of $471 per unit.

For tuition purposes, zero-unit and half-unit courses are counted as one unit. Auditors pay the same tuition as students carrying for credit.

Tuition for Non-Resident students may be paid using any of the methods outlined under "Payment Options". If the student is subject to non-resident tuition and does not pay in full prior to the due date, their enrollment may be cancelled. Students can also avoid enrollment cancellation by enrolling in a Installment Payment Plan.

***Important:** In addition to the $50.00 late fee, Non-Resident/Foreign students not enrolled in an Installment Payment Plan may be subject to an additional 10% service charge fee on any outstanding tuition balance.

Tuition for Non-Resident Students (International or Out-Of-State) cont.

Minimum Payment Requirements for Foreign Students:

- Undergraduate international students must pay for or sign a tuition fee installment payment agreement covering at least 12 units.
- Graduate international students must pay for, or sign a tuition fee installment payment agreement covering at least 9 units.

Out-of-State and International Student Fee

Effective Fall 2023, incoming Out-of-State and International students as well as future incoming cohorts, will be required to pay an additional fee per semester until graduation. Out-of-State and International students will be required to pay this fee in addition to Non-Resident Tuition ($471 per unit).

Non-Resident students in any SDSU doctoral program, including joint doctoral programs, are exempt from paying the Out of State and International Student Fee.

SDSU will waive the SDSU Out-of-State and International Student fee (Category II), established in Fall 2023, for individual students who are enrolled in a San Diego State University graduate program who are classified or conditionally classified as graduate students and who are employed by San Diego State University as Teaching Associates (Class Code 2353 or 2354).

Out of State and International Student Fee	
Student Cohort	**Amount Per Term**
AY 2023-2024	$500 per semester until graduation
AY 2024-2025	$1000 per semester until graduation
AY 2025-2026	$1500 per semester until graduation
2026 - Beyond	$1500 + HEPI*per semester until graduation

Out of State and International Student Fee	
Academic Year (AY)	**Amount Per Term**
AY 2026 -2027	$1554

*HEPI - will be increased annually based on the Higher Education Price Index (HEPI), an inflation index specific to higher education costs, to ensure that the fee is sufficient to support its intended purpose as costs rise due to inflationary factors

***For more information: Out of State and International Student Fee**

Health Insurance

Health Insurance (mandatory for foreign students) is available, for more information click here.

Tuition Insurance

SDSU has partnered with GradGuard to offer Tuition Insurance for students, families and supporters. Please visit the link for information or visit the University Bursar's website.

Course Fees for Fall 2026

Class	Sections	Cost
ART	103, 210, 216, 410, 416, 511, 516	$10.00
ART	148, 240, 241, 242, 248, 250, 340, 341, 342A, 348, 440, 441, 442,	
ART	445C, 448, 450,451, 453, 454, 540, 541, 542, 544, 545, 552, 553	$20.00
ART	203, 403, 407	$25.00
ART	220, 223, 226, 231, 323, 325, 326, 331, 423, 425, 431, 432, 523A, 523B,524, 525, 531, 532, 623, 625, 627, 631	$60.00
ASTR	109	$14.00
BIOL	100L	$15.00
BIOL	204L, 514	$20.00
BIOL	211L	$22.00
BIOL	101L, 203L, 212, 261, 350, 354L, 436, 509, 517, 523, 526, 530, 531	$25.00
BIOL	366L	$28.00
BIOL	496, 525	$30.00
BIOL	512, 518, 524, 528	$40.00
BIOL	515, 556, 557	$50.00
BIOL	516A, 516B	$60.00
BIOL	567L	$100.00
BIOL	562	$150.00
BIOL	596	$720.00
CHEM	797, 798	$15.00
CHEM	100, 410A, 897	$25.00
CHEM	200, 202, 251	$30.00
CHEM	201	$35.00
CHEM	417	$40.00
CHEM	102	$45.00
CHEM	232L	$50.00
CHEM	432L, 457	$70.00
CHEM	536	$100.00
CHEM	567	$140.00
CIV E	121, 218, 220	$10.00
CIV E	482, 495	$20.00
CIV E	302, 612	$25.00
CIV E	463	$35.00
CJ	431, 543	$150.00
COMPE	270	$20.00
COMPE	375, 470L	$30.00
COMPE	491, 496	$50.00
CON E	320, 401	$20.00

Course Fees for Fall 2026

Class	Sections	Cost
E E	330L, 430L	$30.00
E E	491	$50.00
E E	210	$20.00
ENS	322, 437A	$20.00
ENS	265L	$25.00
ENS	389A	$30.00
ENS	304L	$40.00
ENS	627L	$50.00
ENS	699A	$35.00
ENV E	363	$35.00
FIN	302L	$45.00
FIN	405	$35.00
GEOL	300, 505	$15.00
GEOL	101, 550	$20.00
GEOL	307, 324, 412, 514	$25.00
GEOL	205	$35.00
GEOL	200	$70.00
GEOL	221	$78.00
GEOL	530	$80.00
GEOL	306, 508	$150.00
M E	241	$35.00
M E	495	$25.00
MUSIC	160, 204, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 260, 360, 560	$20.00
NURS	320	$20.00
NURS	400	$25.00
NURS	356	$35.00
NURS	354	$45.00
NURS	202, 300	$60.00
NURS	206	$110.00
NURS	501L, 657	$120.00
NURS	655	$150.00
NUTR	205	$55.00
OCEAN	100	$25.00
PA	431, 435, 485, 555, 596	$150.00
PHYS	182A, 182B, 195L, 196L, 357	$25.00
PHYS	197L	$45.00
PHYS	311	$85.00
PHYS	553	$150.00
SLHS	525, 629, 630	$150.00
SLHS	539	$11.00

Course Fees for Fall 2026

Class	Sections	Cost
TFM	327	$10.00
TFM	321, 561	$15.00
TFM	522, 560	$20.00
TFM	314, 361	$25.00
THEA	240, 447, 547	$10.00
THEA	546	$15.00
THEA	349, 554A, 554B	$20.00
THEA	541	$35.00
THEA	448	$50.00

Day1Ready

Day1Ready is a program that provides every SDSU undergraduate student access to their required textbooks by the first day of class, all for $22.00 per credit. This program will provide all undergraduate students with access to their required course materials before the start of classes and through the add/drop date of the summer session in which they are enrolled in. The program provides undergraduates with predictable pricing which allows them to budget for their course materials semester to semester.

To opt out, please click here. For questions, please email: d1r@sdsu.edu.

Tuition and Enrollment Related Late Payment Fees

A $50 late payment fee will be assessed on tuition and enrollment related fee charges (TUT) upon first tuition due date, 7 days after the payment is due. An additional $50 tuition late payment fee will be assessed for each past due payment thereafter, 7 days after the due date. Visit the University Bursar's website for more information on payment deadlines.

Housing Late Fee Payment

A $50 late payment fee will be assessed on housing charges (HSG), 7 days after the first housing payment is due. An additional $50 housing late payment fee will be assessed for each past due payment thereafter, 7 days after the due date. Visit the Housing website for more information.

Immediate Access Fee

The Immediate Access (IA) Program is designed to help graduate students save money and have digital access to their materials by the first day of class. The Immediate Access Program is a team effort between the Bookstore, San Diego State University, faculty, and the publishers to provide students with the best cost savings. For more information about IA please click here.

This program will provide graduate students with access to their required course materials before the start of classes and they can keep that access through the add/drop date of the summer session in which they are enrolled in. To opt out, please click here.

Undergraduate Graduation Services Fee

A one-time Graduation Services Fee of $181 will be charged to students who have completed 90 or more units applicable toward their undergraduate degree. This fee may be covered by financial aid, depending on your award. Please note: Paying the fee does not confirm graduation. Students must still apply for graduation separately. For more information on how to apply for graduation, click here.

Miscellaneous Campus Fees

The following university services that have miscellaneous fees charged are payable when the service is rendered:

Fee Type	Amount
Adobe Creative Suite License Fee	$25.00 per year
Administrative Citation Fee (enforcement of smoking, bicycling and skateboarding violations)	$75.00
Application for Admission or Readmission (NONREFUNDABLE)	$70.00
Athletic Winter Guard Membership Fee (rate range based on yearly travel plans)	$1200 - $1500
Athletic Cheer Team Membership Fee (rate range based on planned competitions and available resources)	$450 Fall
	$200 Spring
Counseling Diversion Program Fee	$100.00
Counseling Diversion Program Fee- Missed Appointment	$30.00
Credential Application Fee (Established by and payable to the Commission on Teacher Credentialing)	$55.00
Credential Evaluation Fee	$25.00
Credit by Exam Fee	$100.00
Diploma Replacement Fee	$20.00
Document Copying Fee	$1.00 per page
Enrollment Confirmation Deposit (NONREFUNDABLE)	$400.00
Intent to Enroll Fee for Online BS/BA General Business Degree (GC) (NONREFUNDABLE)	$400.00
First Year Experience Fee	$348.00
Fingerprinting Fee (Live Scan)	$20.00 plus applicable DOJ and FBI fees
Graduation Services Fee	$181.00
Graduate Student Experience Program Fee (GSEP)	$300.00
Graduate Student Health Insurance (GSHIP)	$2,088.00 (Fall 2026)
	$2,862.00 (Spring & Summer 2027)
Internet Reconnect Fee (wired/wireless)	$150.00
Interest Inventory Assessment Fee	$10.00
Late Course Forgiveness Fee	$20.00
Late Fee (Failure to meet administratively required appointment or time limit)	$20.00
Late Registration Fee (NONREFUNDABLE)	$50.00

Miscellaneous Campus Fees cont.

Late Key Fee	$30.00
Latin Diploma Fee	$30.00
Lock and Locker Fee (optional)	$1.00
Loss of or Damage to Library Materials	Replacement cost plus service charge of $8.00
Lost key fee - Per Key (Late fee also charged when applicable)	$50.00
Musical Instrument and Audio/Visual Equipment fee	$20.00
Music Recital Fee (half solo/junior recital)	$80.00
Music Recital Fee (full solo/senior recital)	$100.00
Photo-Identification Card (one-time cost to new undergraduate and graduate students at time of registration (NONREFUNDABLE)	$25.00
Photo Identification Card Replacement Fee	$25.00
Police Report Fee	$10.00
Registration Installment Plan Service Charge (NONREFUNDABLE)	$60.00
Resident Affiliate Program Fee (RAP)	$25.00
Returned Payment Fee (Late fee also charged when applicable)	$35.00
Student Health Services (No Show Fee charged for missing appointments at SHS)	$25.00
Teacher Education Credential Application Processing/Advising Fee	$25.00
Towel Fee (optional)	$4.00
Tow Fee	$150.00
Transcript of record, official (per transcript)	$15.00
Official Transcript of Record - On Demand (per transcript) ($25.00 for the first transcript and $10.00 for each additional on demand transcript printed at the same time.)	$25.00
Tuition and Fees & Installment Payment Late Payment Fee	$50.00
Tuition (Foreign and Out-of-State) Installment Plan Service Charge	equal to 10% of each installment payment
Tuition (Foreign and Out-of-State) without Installment Plan Service Charge (Late Fee)	10% of outstanding balance
Vehicle Boot Fee	$150.00

Late Registration Fee

The Late Registration fee ($50) pertains to students who have not registered for at least one course prior to the first day of classes. Newly admitted students MAY be exempted from this fee.

For the Fall 2026 term, students who enroll into courses beginning August 24, 2026 will be assessed a late registration fee.

Class Cancellation

Please contact the Cal Coast Student Financial Center for questions regarding cancellations due to non-payment.

Parking Permit Fees and Information

Fall 2026 semester parking permits can be purchased online through the AZTEC Parking Portal.

For additional information regarding parking permits, please visit Parking Services.

Waiver of Parking Fees: Section 42201 of Title 5, California Code of Regulations, provides for the waiver of campus parking fees for students with disabilities who have been issued a DMV placard or license plate, and who meet low-income requirements. For further information regarding eligibility, contact Student Disability Services (Calpulli Center 3101).

Tuition Due Dates

Fall 2026	
Registration Period	Due Date
April 13 - August 17	August 21
August 18 - September 4	September 5
September 5 - on	24hrs following enrollment

SDSUcard Office Fee and Information

All new students are highly encouraged to purchase an SDSU photo identification card, which permits use of campus services, such as student activities, athletic events, library privileges, etc. Student will be billed $25. For details on how to obtain your ID Card please click here. Charge will appear in my.SDSU.edu.

The SDSU Card Office is located in Student Services West, Room 2536. Current office hours are Monday - Friday, 9 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. For additional information visit the SDSU Card Office.

Payment Options

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Payment Options

Please refer to my.SDSU Financial Account Tile to view due dates and pay charges related to the Fall 2026 term.

Online - ACH (Electronic Check)

Basic Tuition and Fees and other University charges can be paid using the ACH payment option. ACH Payment is similar to writing a check and there is no additional charge for this option. Bank routing and checking account number are required, and are not the same as your debit card number. If using a savings account, please contact your bank (or financial institution) before making payment to confirm a withdrawal is possible.

Any payment returned by a banking institution to the University Bursar's Office, for any reason, will result in a $35 dishonored payment charge. A $50 late fee will be assessed when applicable. These fees apply to all forms of payments returned by a bank. Non-payment of Tuition and Fees may result in cancellation of a registration and withholding of further services until all financial liabilities have been resolved.

The University reserves the right to refuse payments by electronic check from those individuals who have previously had items returned for any reason (ex. insufficient funds) by their bank.

Please Note: If electronic check writing privileges are revoked, the student will have to wait one (1) year to be reinstated.

Online - Credit Card

Students are able to use MasterCard, Visa, American Express, and Discover Card to pay Basic Tuition and Fees using illumia (Formerly Transact), our secure third party vendor. The University Bursar's Office does not accept credit cards for in-person payment of Basic Tuition and Fees and Installment Plan payments. Payments made using illumia (Formerly Transact) are normally posted to the student's account in real time. illumia (Formerly Transact) assesses each customer a 2.65% service charge based on the illumia (Formerly Transact) transaction amount. See illumia (Formerly Transact) website for more details.

If a payment is returned due to a payment dispute or charge back, your credit card privileges will be revoked and this payment option will no longer be available.

Online - Credit Card cont.

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In Person - Cash

Students can make a payment in person at the University Bursar's Office, located in the Student Services West Building, Room 2536 on the Main Campus. The office is open Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

The office accepts cash, checks, money orders, and cashier's checks made payable to San Diego State University. Students must include their RedID number on their payment to ensure it is applied to their account correctly.

*Please note that in person credit card payments are not accepted for tuition or housing charges.

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Important Notice:
If you make cash payments/cash equivalents, money orders, or travelers checks totaling more than $10,000 within a 12-month period, a Form 8300 will be required to report the transactions, in accordance with federal law. This helps ensure compliance with IRS regulations.

Mail - Check or Certified Funds

Basic Tuition and Fees may be paid in full by personal check, money order, or certified funds. Checks should be made payable to SDSU. In order to have a payment processed on time, please include the student's first & last name with RED (EMPL) ID number on the check memo line.

Payments should be mailed to:
University Bursar's Office
San Diego State University
5500 Campanile Dr, SSW 2536
San Diego, CA 92182-7425

Checks are accepted for the exact amount of the payment. Overpayments of $10.00 or less are refunded only upon request.

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The University reserves the right to refuse payments by electronic check from those individuals who have previously had items returned for any reason (ex. insufficient funds) by their bank.

Please Note: If check writing privileges are revoked, the student will have to wait one (1) year to petition to be reinstated.

International Funds Transfer

SDSU has partnered with Convera, Flywire, and illumia (Formerly Transact) powered by TransferMate to provide a convenient and secure online payment option for international students. All students paying in foreign currency should use the IFT option through Illumia (Formerly Transact) in my.SDSU. Payments are automatically posted to the student account once received. Wires through Convera and Flywire offer favorable exchange rates and eliminate bank fees typically associated with wire transfers.

529 Plan Payments

A 529 plan is a tax-advantaged savings account designed to be used for the beneficiary's education expenses. The account holder can use the funds to pay all or a portion of a student's Tuition and Fees at SDSU. **We recommend that funds are requested a month in advance to ensure that our office receives payment in time for registration**. There is also a 529 electronic option through Illumia (Formerly Transact), for more information please visit our 529 Plan webpage for detailed information.

Tuition Installment Payment Plans in my.SDSU

The Basic Tuition and Fee Installment Plan (California Residents) requires an initial payment of your Mandatory Campus Fees. Payments are made via my.SDSU and selecting the "Financial Account" tile. Your remaining tuition will be split into 3 equal installments, with the first installment including the $60 service fee. If you are receiving a Basic Tuition paying resource (Cal Grant, State University Grant, or Cal Vet Fee Waiver), your Basic Tuition is already covered, please do not sign up for the Installment Plan. Please check eligibility of a Financial Aid Tuition Fee Deferment.

The Non-Resident Tuition Installment Plan (Out of State/International) requires an initial payment of your Basic Tuition and Mandatory Campus Fees. Your remaining non-resident tuition will be split into 3 equal installments including a service charge totaling 10%.

*Please note: Students must first enroll in an Installment Payment Plan before making initial payment. Deadline to enroll in the Installment Plan is the Schedule Adjustment Deadline found in the Academic Calendar.

The initial payment for both plans must be paid to avoid enrollment cancellation.
Parking fees and other miscellaneous fees may not be paid in installments.

Tuition Payment Plans in my.SDSU cont.

What are the due dates for the Tuition Payment Plans?

Installment	Installment Due Date
Initial Payment	Once Enrolled in Tuition Payment Plan
#1	September 20
#2	October 20
#3	November 20

To enroll in the Tuition Installment Payment Plan students must first be enrolled in courses. After enrollment (24 hours) students may sign up on the payment plan. Once enrolled in the payment plan, students are required to make their initial payment.

How do I sign up for a Tuition Payment Plan?

Students can enroll in a Tuition Payment Plan by logging into my.SDSU and selecting the following:

1. Select the “Financial Account” tile
2. Select “Account Services”
3. Select “Enroll in Payment Plan”
4. Click "Enroll in Payment Plan"
5. Choose "Payment Plan".
6. Once enrolled pay your initial payment.

After I have made my initial payment, how do I pay my remaining installments?

The University Bursar’s Office sends payment reminders to students SDSU email prior to each due date. Students can log into their my.SDSU account, select the “Financial Account” tile, followed by “Make Payment” to make a payment. A 2.65% Illumia (Formerly Transact) payment service charge is accessed if you choose to pay with a debit or credit card. There are no additional service charges if you pay using the ACH option.

Tuition Payment Plans in my.SDSU cont.

I am participating in Late Registration. Can I still use the Basic Tuition and Fee Installment Plan?

Yes, as long as the student enrolls by the ADD/DROP deadline they will still be eligible to enroll in the Installment Payment Plan. Following the initial payment, you will also be billed for a $50 late registration fee. The additional tuition and fee installments will be billed to your account following the add/drop deadline. You can view your bill by logging into my.SDSU and selecting the "Financial Account" tile. For more information on Installment Payment Plans click here.

I am a Global Campus student, can I enroll in a Basic Tuition Installment Plan?

For questions related to Global Campus Installment Payment Plans, please contact; cashier.global@sdsu.edu

Third Party Billing & Fee Waivers Programs

In some instances, student's tuition and fees may be partially or fully paid by outside agencies or waivers. Please see below.

CSU - Over 60 Fee Waiver Program

San Diego State University offers a fee waiver program for California residents 60 years of age and older. Both undergraduate and post-baccalaureate students may participate in the program. The program waives the $70.00 admission application fee and most of the Basic Tuition and Fees. The student will be responsible for paying a substantially reduced fee each semester in order to attend. Please contact the University Bursar's Office - Third Party for the current fee amount. Participants must apply for admission during the regular application filing period and be admitted under regular SDSU admission requirements.

Participants register for classes on a space-available basis after regularly matriculated students have completed registration. For additional information, contact the Prospective Student Center at (619) 594- 6336.

Third Party Billing & Fee Waivers Programs cont.

CSU - Alan Pattee Scholarships

If the student is the child of a deceased public law enforcement or fire suppression employee who was killed in the course of their respective duties, you will not be charged system-wide mandatory fees or any mandatory campus fees at any California State University campus. For information refer to the Alan Pattee Scholarship Act, California Education Code, Section 68121. Please be aware that the student is still responsible for fees not waived by the Alan Pattee Scholarship.

New students qualifying for these benefits need to contact the Prospective Student Center. Current students need to contact the Office of the Registrar to determine eligibility.

Third Party Billing/Approved Fee Waivers

If an outside agency (agency, government program, Employee Fee Waiver, etc.) is paying all or part of your Basic Tuition and Fees, the student will need to send a copy of the authorization letter to the University Bursar's Office. Failure to do so will result in the fees being deducted from your financial aid award. Students submitting authorization to bill a third party for their fees will be held responsible for the payment if the third party agency fails to pay the fees within the semester of attendance.

Students should submit their authorization to the University Bursar's Office at least two weeks prior to the due date posted in my.SDSU. For more information visit the University Bursar website.

Veterans Readiness and Employment (Chapter 31)

Veterans receiving Veterans Readiness and Employment (VR&E) benefits – (Chapter 31) must contact their Veterans Readiness and Employment (VR&E) counselor. Once a VR&E counselor has submitted the approved P.O. in the Tungsten system, the student, needs to contact the Joan and Art Barron Veterans Center (Student Services West, Rm 1661) to submit the Certification Request form at least two weeks prior to the fee payment deadline as posted on their my.sdsu account.

Third Party Billing & Fee Waivers Programs cont.

The Post 911 GI Bill Benefits®

Veterans receiving Post 911 GI Bill Benefits® must contact the Joan and Art Barron Veterans Center (Student Services West, Rm 1661) and turn in an approved VA Certificate of Eligibility (COE) along with a Certification Request two weeks prior to their fee payment deadline as posted in their account on my.sdsu.

Cal Vet Fee Waiver- Eligible Dependents of Deceased or Disabled Veterans

Eligible Dependents of Deceased or Disabled Veterans receiving the Cal Vet fee waiver must submit an approved College Fee Waiver authorization issued by the County VSO for the current Academic Year to the Joan and Art Barron Veterans Center (Student Services West, Rm 1661). This must be submitted two weeks prior to their fee payment deadline as posted on their my.sdsu account. The student account will be updated with the waiver within two weeks of submitting the College Fee Waiver authorization. Authorizations are accepted only through the last day of the academic year for which the letter is valid. No retroactive waivers for prior years will be accepted, per California Education Code 66025.3(c). Please note that the Cal Vet Fee waiver will only waive the CSU system wide basic tuition fee; Mandatory Campus Fees are required to be paid by the student each semester.

Tuition Assistance (TA) for Active Duty and Reservist

To determine eligibility for TA, please contact the Education Service Officer (ESO) for details. Active Duty military service members please visit the service-specific portal to learn more about Tuition Assistance policies.

Once approved, submit the approved TA Authorization to SDSU University Bursar's Office.

DoD Military Tuition Assistance Per Unit Rates	
Class level	Per Unit Rate
Undergraduate	$623.00
Undergraduate - Out of State	$1,094.00
Teacher Credential	$768.00
Teacher Credential - Out of State	$1,239.00
Graduate	$827.00
Graduate - Out of State	$1,298.00

Third Party Billing & Fee Waivers Programs cont.

Exonerated Persons Waiver

In compliance with Assembly Bill No. 703, any student who has been exonerated (as that term is defined in Section 3007.05 of the Penal Code) will not be charged any system wide mandatory fees (ex. Basic Tuition, Professional Program Fees, Doctoral Program Tuition Fees, and application fees) if the student meets all of the following conditions:

- Completes and submits the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Meets the financial need requirements established for Cal Grant A.
- A student shall not have the student's mandatory system wide tuition or fees waived pursuant to this subdivision in excess of the equivalent of six years of full-time attendance in an undergraduate program.
- A person who is eligible for a waiver of tuition or fees under this section may receive a waiver for each academic year during which the person applies for that waiver, but an eligible person may not receive a waiver of tuition or fees for a prior academic year.
- The waiver of tuition or fees under this section shall apply only to a person who is determined to be a resident of this state pursuant to this chapter.
- Students eligible for this waiver are still required to pay mandatory campus fees.

Current or Former Foster Youth Waiver

The California State University (CSU) Foster Youth Tuition Waiver is available for current and former foster care youth who are enrolled at a California State University campus in an undergraduate program. The purpose of the CSU Foster Youth Tuition Waiver is to provide increased access for current and former foster youth to higher education by providing a tuition waiver.

Students are exempt from paying the system wide tuition fee (this covers only state-supported courses) at any CSU campus. The tuition fee waiver only applies to the system wide mandatory tuition fee and application fee. It does not apply to campus-based mandatory fees. The waiver does not include campus fees, housing, books, transportation, or other costs of attendance. The amount of the waiver may be reduced by any state or federal aid, including scholarships or grants, received by the student for the academic year or semester/quarter.

Third Party Billing & Fee Waivers Programs cont.

Eligibility Criteria:

- Is 25 years of age or younger
- Has been in foster care for at least 12 consecutive months after reaching 10 years of age.
- Is under a current foster care placement order by the juvenile court
- Was under a foster care placement order by the juvenile court upon reaching 18 years of age
- Was adopted, or entered guardianship, from foster care
- Completes and submits the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

This waiver would apply after other applicable federal and state need-based financial aid is awarded. For more information visit https://www2.calstate.edu/attend/student-services/foster-youth/Pages/Foster- Care-CSU-Tuition-Fee-Waiver.aspx

Overpayments

In accordance with SDSU policy, overpayments on student accounts are not permitted. Payments submitted in excess of the amount due may be refused and returned by the University Bursar's Office.

Disbursement of Financial Aid and Scholarship Funds

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Disbursement of Financial Aid and Scholarship Funds

All financial aid and scholarship payments are processed and disbursed by the University Bursar's Office

Notification and Schedule

Disbursement begins approximately 10 days prior to the first day of classes of each semester and continues throughout the semester as new awards are processed or changes to awards occur.

San Diego State University policy is to apply financial aid and/or scholarship funds directly to charges for the semester's basic tuition and fees, housing charges, and other eligible institutional expenses (including financial aid overpayments) at the time of disbursement. Any excess financial aid will be refunded to the student directly via direct deposit (if enrolled) or check within 14 days of disbursements.

IMPORTANT: Please note, that not all University fees are covered by financial aid. It is the student's responsibility to review their account for any outstanding balance not covered by their financial aid award.

The University Bursar's Office will send an email notification when financial aid or scholarship funds have been disbursed. Students are responsible for reviewing their account to determine whether any balance remains due. Financial aid disbursements typically occur on a weekly basis. Refunds issued via ACH may take up to three to four business days to process, while check refunds will be mailed to the address on file.

Receiving Financial Aid Funds

At SDSU, direct deposit is the easiest, fastest and most secure way for students to receive financial aid and scholarships (the amount after institutional charges are deducted). Refunds may be deposited directly to your personal checking or savings account at your bank.

Here are instructions for setting up direct deposit.

Please note that banks do not deposit funds into accounts on banking holidays, which may delay your refund.

Parent Loans

Parents can authorize the university to disburse excess funds from a Parent Loan directly to the student. Please see the Parent Loan request form for more details. When Parent PLUS Loan funds are available, any eligible outstanding university charges are deducted and the remaining funds are mailed to the parent/borrower. If the parent/borrower has authorized, the remaining funds may instead be deposited into the student's designated bank account. If mailed, Parent Loan checks are normally printed on the following schedule:

- Checks are mailed weekly to the address on file. Please be aware that federal holidays may cause a mailing delay.

IMPORTANT: It is the parent's responsibility to contact the Cal Coast Student Financial Center of any address changes.

View Disbursement Information

To view a summary of how financial aid disbursements were applied to charges, log in to my.SDSU and navigate to the "Financial Account" tile. Then select "Account Inquiry" followed by "Account Activity".

Before funds can be disbursed, the student must be enrolled at least half time and must resolve any financial aid and student account holds affecting their aid. For certain types of aid, you may need to complete additional information before disbursement of funds.

- Cal Grant A or B Access Grant - A student may request that their Cal Grant A or B Access Grant be disbursed directly to them. This request can be made at any time; however, if the grant has already been disbursed, the request would affect only future disbursements. The request may be made via the Cal Coast Student Financial Center.
- California Dream Act Service Grant - Students will be notified via their student email account with next steps.
- Excess Financial Aid funds will be sent within 14 days of disbursement unless we have received written authorization to hold the funds.

Refunds of Non-Financial Aid Funds

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Refunds of Non-Financial Aid Funds

If a student is due a refund for either withdrawing from the university by the withdrawal deadline or dropping units by the schedule adjustment deadline, they can enroll in direct deposit to have the funds directly deposited into a personal checking or savings account. It is not necessary to file an application for a refund, as these are processed automatically after the census date. Processing time will vary between 4-6 weeks.

Here are instructions for setting up direct deposit.

If the student does not enroll in direct deposit, they will receive their refund in the following form:

- Basic Tuition and Fees paid using electronic Checking/Savings accounts (ACH) process, Checks, Money Orders, Certified Funds, Cash or Debit Cards, will receive the refund in the form of a SDSU check, if not signed up for direct deposit. All refund checks are mailed to the address on file with the Office of the Registrar.

- Tuition and Fees paid online using Credit Cards through illumia (Formerly Transact), will receive an electronic refund back to the credit card used to make the payment.

Tuition and fees paid by a 3rd party, (e.g. employer, government or military, foreign agency, etc.), payments will be refunded back to the 3rd party according to the regulations as stated in Section 41802 of Title 5 in the California Code of Regulations and following the Return to Title IV calculations.

Refund Policy

Regulations governing the refund of mandatory fees, including Non-Resident tuition, are included in Section 41802 of Title 5, California Code of Regulations. For purposes of the refund policy, mandatory fees are defined as those system-wide fees and campus fees that are required to be paid in order to enroll in state-supported academic programs at the California State University.

A refund administrative fee of $21 will be withheld for all tuition and fees refunds.

Return to Title IV

When a student who has received Title IV financial aid withdraws or otherwise fails to complete a period of enrollment for which he or she was charged, the institution is required to determine if a refund must be made to the student or if unearned aid must be returned to the federal accounts.

Calculations will be based on the withdrawal date and the percentage of the period of enrollment completed. If Title IV funds have been disbursed during the enrollment period, aid will first be returned by the institution to the programs in the order listed below as required by Federal Law and determined by the university. If funds have been disbursed directly to the student, he or she may be required to repay any unearned aid. In some cases where eligibility for aid exceeds the amount disbursed, the regulations allow for a post-withdrawal disbursement. Should this apply, the University will notify the student of the process required to receive the funds.

The University must return unearned funds for which it is responsible as soon as possible but no later than 45 days from the determination of a student's withdrawal.

Title IV Financial Aid consists of the following programs:

- Unsubsidized William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan
- Subsidized William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan
- William D. Ford Federal Direct PLUS Loan
- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Federal Teach Grant

Full Refund

To receive a full refund of Basic Tuition and Fees, Non-Resident Tuition and Professional Program fee, a student must officially withdraw, or otherwise cancel their registration prior to the first day of instruction for the term. A refund administrative fee of $21 will be withheld from the refund. Students are not required to file a refund application.

Full Refund cont.

Please note: If the student does not complete the official withdrawal process and only drops their classes online, their refund will not be processed until after the census date.

Students will also receive a full refund of mandatory fees under the following circumstances:

- The tuition and fees were assessed or collected in error.
- The course for which the tuition and fees were assessed or collected was canceled by the university.
- The University makes a delayed decision that the student was not eligible to enroll in the term for which the fees were assessed and collected and the delayed decision was not due to incomplete inaccurate information provided by the student.
- The student was activated for compulsory military service.

Tuition and Fees Prorated Refund Schedule (see schedules below)

Starting with the first day of instruction, refunds for complete withdrawal or cancellation of registration will be prorated based on the date of withdrawal and the percentage of the period of enrollment completed. A refund administrative fee of $21 will be withheld for any refund due. It is not necessary to file an application for refund.

Prorated refunds will be processed for a student's complete withdrawal up to the 60 percent point of the term. A student who withdraws from the university after the 60 percent point in the academic period, or fails to officially withdraw from the campus shall not be entitled to any refund of Basic Tuition and Fees. After the drop/add deadline of the semester, schedule adjustments are only permitted for extremely serious, documented cases involving health or accident.

If Tuition & Fees have been paid in full, please refer to the **"Percent Refunded" column.*

If Tuition & Fees have not been paid in full, please refer to the **"Percent Owed" column.*

Tuition and Fee Refunds Based on Unit Load

A student within the schedule adjustment period and in accordance with campus procedures, who reduces their credit load, shall receive a refund of applicable fees, less a $21 administrative fee, to be processed after the census date. It is not necessary to file a refund application.

Fall 2026 Tuition and Fees Prorated Refund Schedule

Withdraw Date	Days Attended	Percent Refunded	Percent Owed
8/24/2026	1	99.15%	0.85%
8/25/2026	2	98.29%	1.71%
8/26/2026	3	97.44%	2.56%
8/27/2026	4	96.58%	3.42%
8/28/2026	5	95.73%	4.27%
8/29/2026	6	94.87%	5.13%
8/30/2026	7	94.02%	5.98%
8/31/2026	8	93.16%	6.84%
9/1/2026	9	92.31%	7.69%
9/2/2026	10	91.45%	8.55%
9/3/2026	11	90.60%	9.40%
9/4/2026	12	89.74%	10.26%
9/5/2026	13	88.89%	11.11%
9/6/2026	14	88.03%	11.97%
9/7/2026	15	87.18%	12.82%
9/8/2026	16	86.32%	13.68%
9/9/2026	17	85.47%	14.53%
9/10/2026	18	84.62%	15.38%
9/11/2026	19	83.76%	16.24%
9/12/2026	20	82.91%	17.09%
9/13/2026	21	82.05%	17.95%
9/14/2026	22	81.20%	18.80%
9/15/2026	23	80.34%	19.66%
9/16/2026	24	79.49%	20.51%
9/17/2026	25	78.63%	21.37%
9/18/2026	26	77.78%	22.22%
9/19/2026	27	76.92%	23.08%
9/20/2026	28	76.07%	23.93%
9/21/2026	29	75.21%	24.79%
9/22/2026	30	74.36%	25.64%
9/23/2026	31	73.50%	26.50%
9/24/2026	32	72.65%	27.35%
9/25/2026	33	71.79%	28.21%
9/26/2026	34	70.94%	29.06%
9/27/2026	35	70.09%	29.91%

Fall 2026 Tuition and Fees Prorated Refund Schedule cont.

Withdraw Date	Days Attended	Percent Refunded	Percent Owed
9/28/2026	36	69.23%	30.77%
9/29/2026	37	68.38%	31.62%
9/30/2026	38	67.52%	32.48%
10/1/2026	39	66.67%	33.33%
10/2/2026	40	65.81%	34.19%
10/3/2026	41	64.96%	35.04%
10/4/2026	42	64.10%	35.90%
10/5/2026	43	63.25%	36.75%
10/6/2026	44	62.39%	37.61%
10/7/2026	45	61.54%	38.46%
10/8/2026	46	60.68%	39.32%
10/9/2026	47	59.83%	40.17%
10/10/2026	48	58.97%	41.03%
10/11/2026	49	58.12%	41.88%
10/12/2026	50	57.26%	42.74%
10/13/2026	51	56.41%	43.59%
10/14/2026	52	55.56%	44.44%
10/15/2026	53	54.70%	45.30%
10/16/2026	54	53.85%	46.15%
10/17/2026	55	52.99%	47.01%
10/18/2026	56	52.14%	47.86%
10/19/2026	57	51.28%	48.72%
10/20/2026	58	50.43%	49.57%
10/21/2026	59	49.57%	50.43%
10/22/2026	60	48.72%	51.28%
10/23/2026	61	47.86%	52.14%
10/24/2026	62	47.01%	52.99%
10/25/2026	63	46.15%	53.85%
10/26/2026	64	45.30%	54.70%
10/27/2026	65	44.44%	55.56%
10/28/2026	66	43.59%	56.41%
10/29/2026	67	42.74%	57.26%
10/30/2026	68	41.88%	58.12%
10/31/2026	69	41.03%	58.97%
11/1/2026	70	40.17%	59.83%

**No refund after this date.

Fall 2026 Student Parking Fee Refund Schedule

Parking Fee Refund information is available on the Parking Services website under the Permit link.

Appeal Process

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Appeal Process - Petition for Special Consideration

An appeals process exists for students who feel that individual circumstances warrant exceptions from published policy. Students should file a "Petition for Special Consideration" obtainable online on the University Bursar's Office website. Petitions must be filed with the University Bursar's Office before the end of the twelfth week of classes and only after approval from the Registrar's Office.

Petitions outside the scope of published policy in accordance with the deadlines stated in the Class Schedule, Catalog, and registration material are approved only when applicants can demonstrate exceptional circumstances and the chief financial officer or designee determines that the university did not earn Basic Tuition and Fees.

The following situations are typical of those for which "exceptional circumstances" is an appropriate justification for reviewing accounts:

1. Unexpected medical situation: verifiable accident, illness, or personal problems serious enough to cause withdrawal from the University.
2. Schedule adjustments based on department recommendation.
3. Death in the immediate family.
4. Other unusual or very special cases, considered on a case-by-case basis.

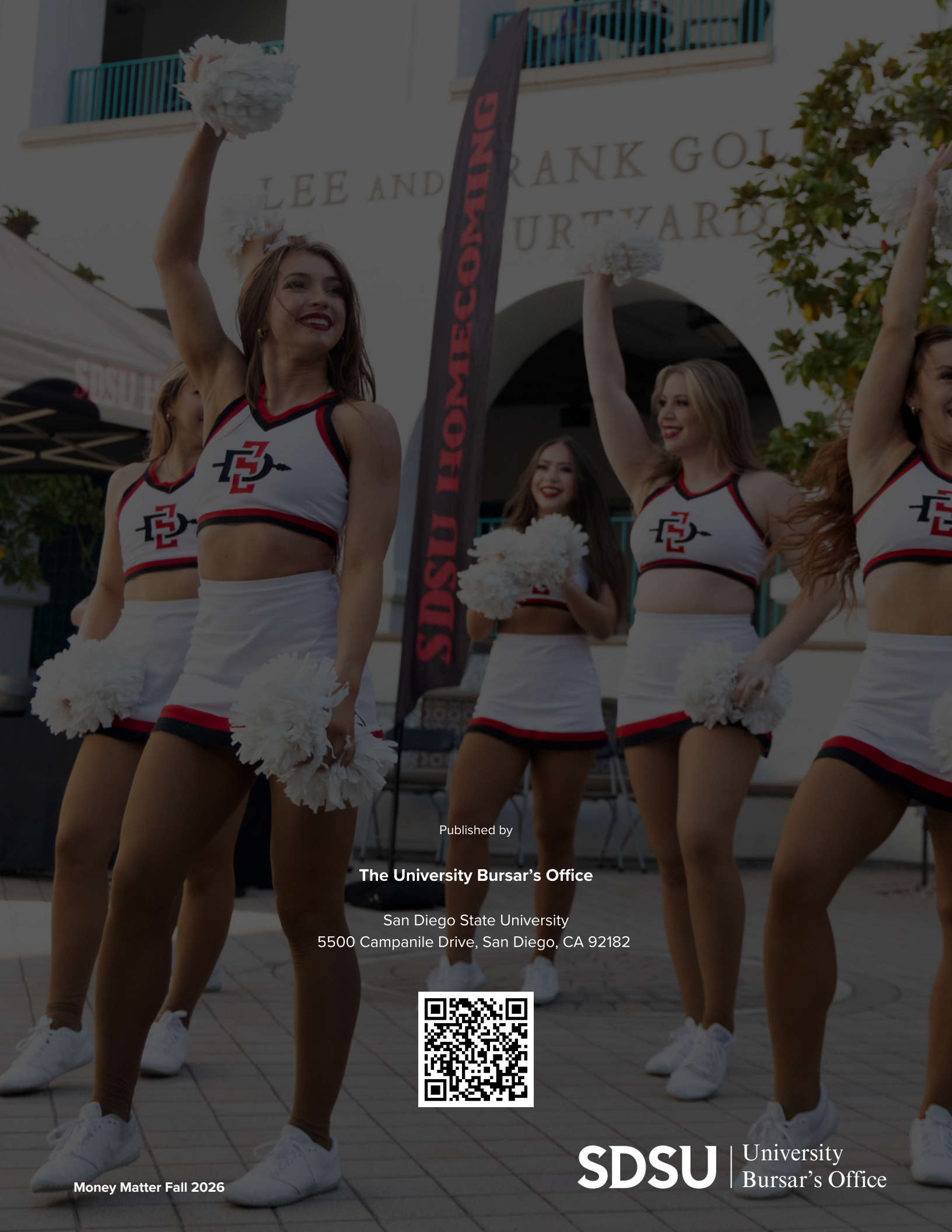
Submitting a petition does not guarantee approval. All petitions are subject to review.

The following situations would not fall under "exceptional circumstances":

1. Grade anticipated in class is not sufficiently high, or the student is failing.
2. Dissatisfaction with course material, instructional method, and/or professor.
3. Class is harder than expected.
4. Pressure of other classes, participation in social activities, or lack of motivation.
5. Inability to pay.
6. Work conflict.

The petition is intended for students who dropped classes outside of the dates listed on the refund schedule or failed to make proper payment resulting in subsequent mandatory fees but feel they have an exceptional circumstance which prevented them from meeting their obligation.

**Please note that petitions may take approximately eight weeks from the date of submission for review. Incomplete or insufficient supporting documentation may extend the review timeline. Please monitor your email for additional requests to avoid delays.



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