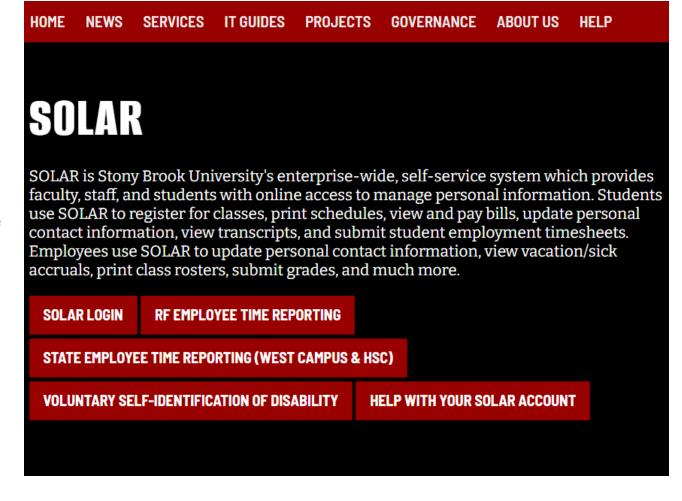


## Solar Self-Service

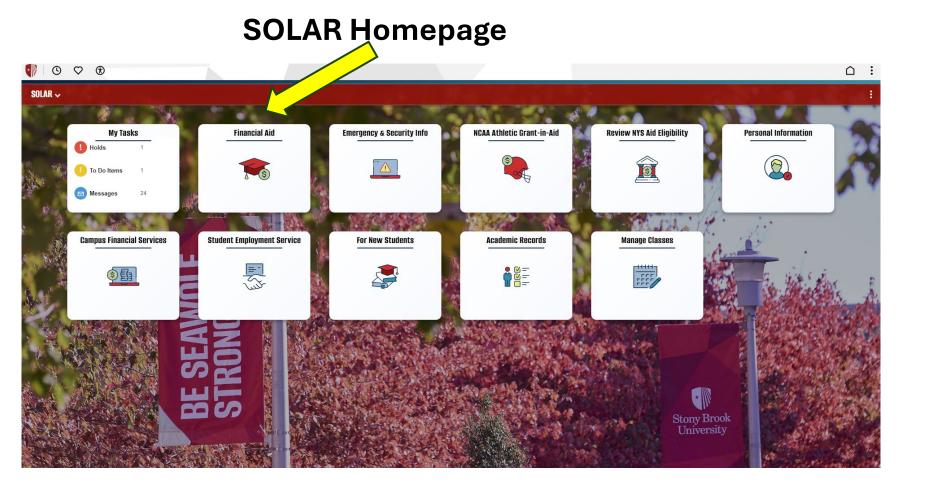
### A NEW LOOK FOR A NEW ERA: SOLAR REIMAGINED

The first phase focuses on giving the SOLAR system a modern and user-friendly update. You'll notice a refreshed look and feel with improved navigation, making it easier to find what you need. Think of it as a significant cosmetic update—the underlying functions haven't changed, but the new interface is cleaner, more intuitive, and easier to use.

https://it.stonybrook.edu/services/solar



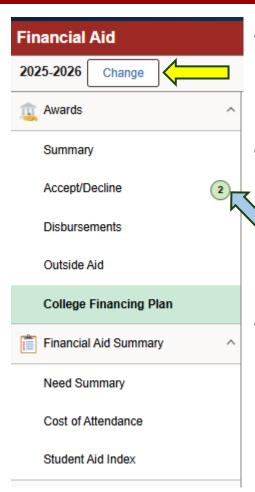
## How to Navigate to Financial Aid Self-Service



### **Step 1: Financial Aid**



# Navigation Panel



- Ability to change Aid Years
  - Defaults to last Aid Year from last login
  - Check your Aid Year

### **Academic Year**

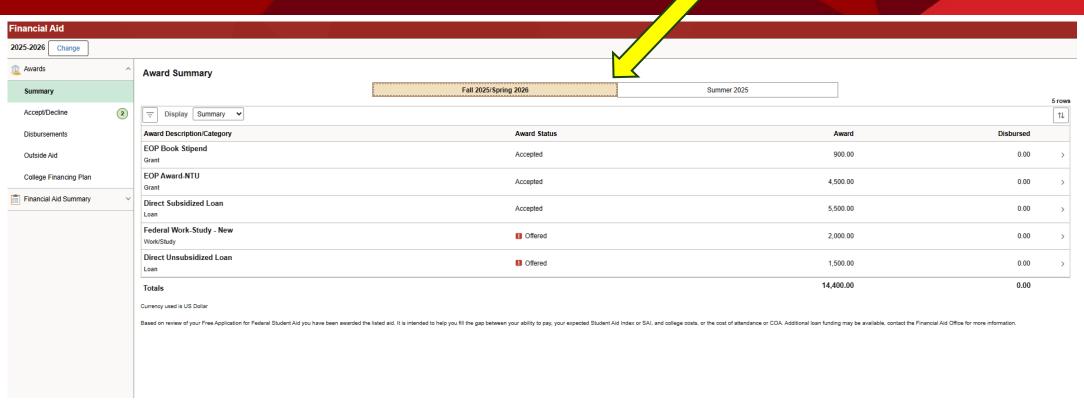
**2025-2026**: Summer 2025, Fall 2025, Spring 2026

2026-2027: Summer 2026, Fall 2026, Spring 2027

- Awards
  - **Summary** Overview of your financial aid awards
  - Accept/Decline Accepting/Declining aid awards
  - Outside Aid Report External Scholarships/Awards
  - College Financing Plan printable award letter
- Financial Aid Summary
  - Need Summary Aid Eligibility based on cost, family contribution, and estimated need
  - Cost Of Attendance Breakdown of your cost of Attendance
  - Student Aid Index View your FAFSA Student Aid Index information

Note: Icon Indictor for pending aid offered

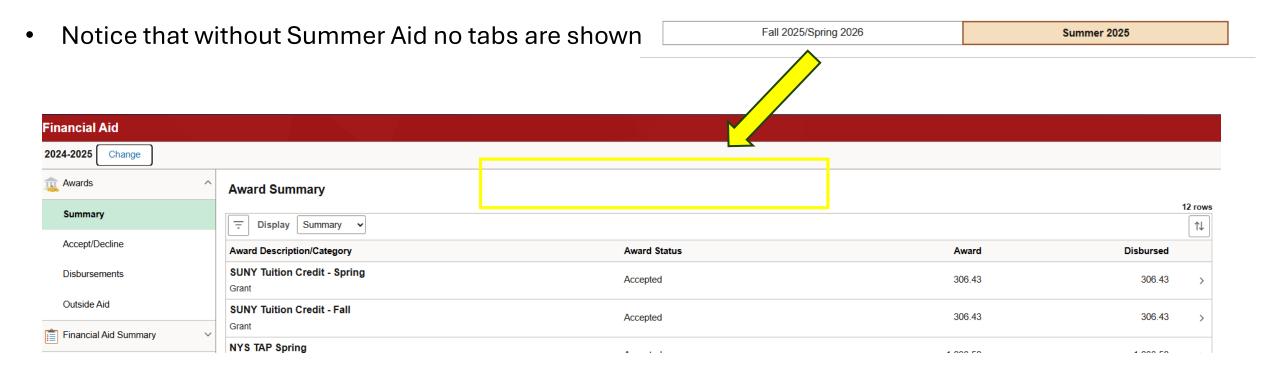
# Awards – Summary (Fall/Spring with Summer)



- Fall/Spring and Summer Terms are separate tabs
  - Fall/Spring & Summer Tabs will only be displayed if Summer Aid is present on student's account
- Clicking on specific awards will show award details

# Awards – Summary (Fall/Spring Only)

- Fall/Spring and Summer Terms are separate tabs
  - Fall/Spring & Summer Tabs will only be displayed if Summer Aid is present on student's account
- Clicking on specific awards will show award details

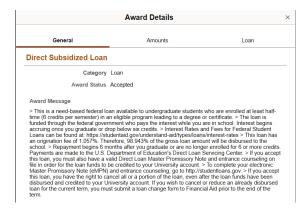


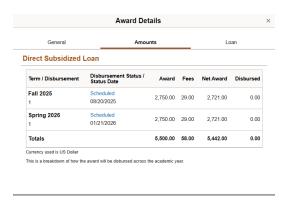
## Awards – Award Details

### **Award Summary**



Selecting and Clicking on a specific award will bring up Award Details.





### Awards – Award Details

Award Details ×

General Amounts Loan

#### **Direct Subsidized Loan**

Term / Disbursement	Disbursement Status / Status Date	Award	Fees	Net Award	Disbursed
<b>Fall 2025</b> 1	Scheduled 08/20/2025	2,750.00	29.00	2,721.00	0.00
<b>Spring 2026</b>	Scheduled 01/21/2026	2,750.00	29.00	2,721.00	0.00
Totals		5,500.00	58.00	5,442.00	0.00

Currency used is US Dollar

This is a breakdown of how the award will be disbursed across the academic year.

Award Details			×	
	General	Amounts	Loan	
I	Discret Outraidiscret Land			

#### Direct Subsidized Loan

Category Loan

Award Status Accepted

#### Award Message

> This is a need-based federal loan available to undergraduate students who are enrolled at least half-time (6 credits per semester) in an eligible program leading to a degree or certificate. > The loan is funded through the federal government who pays the interest while you are in school. Interest begins accruing once you graduate or drop below six credits. > Interest Rates and Fees for Federal Student Loans can be found at: https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/loans/interest-rates > This loan has an origination fee of 1.057%. Therefore, 98.943% of the gross loan amount will be disbursed to the school. > Repayment begins 6 months after you graduate or are no longer enrolled for 6 or more credits. Payments are made to the U.S. Department of Education's Direct Loan Servicing Center. > If you accept this loan, you must also have a valid Direct Loan Master Promissory Note and entrance counseling on file in order for the loan funds to be credited to your University account. > To complete your electronic Master Promissory Note (eMPN) and entrance counseling, go to http://studentloans.gov. > If you accept this loan, you have the right to cancel all or a portion of the loan even after the loan funds have been disbursed and credited to your University account. If you wish to cancel or reduce an already disbursed loan for the current term, you must submit a loan change form to Financial Aid prior to the end of the

### **Award Details**

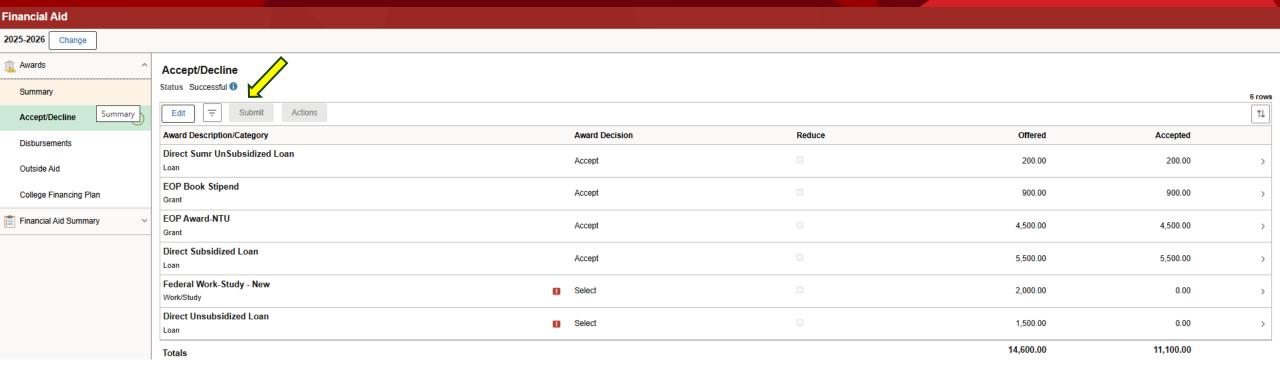
### **Amounts:**

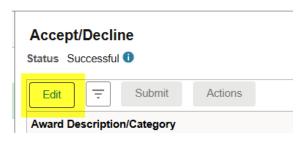
Gives breakdown of specific award by term. Includes information such as Disbursement Dates, Award Amounts, Fees if applicable

### General:

Will outline the terms and conditions of your award.

# Awards - Accept/Decline

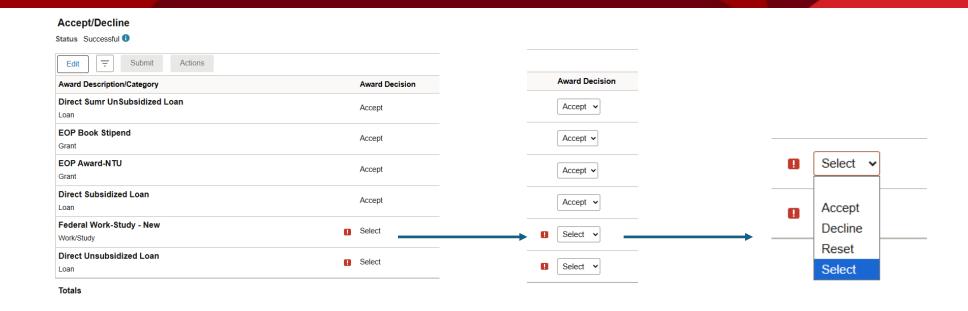




To Accept/Decline aid:

Step 1: Click on "Edit"

## Awards – Accept/Decline or Reduce Aid



### Step 2:

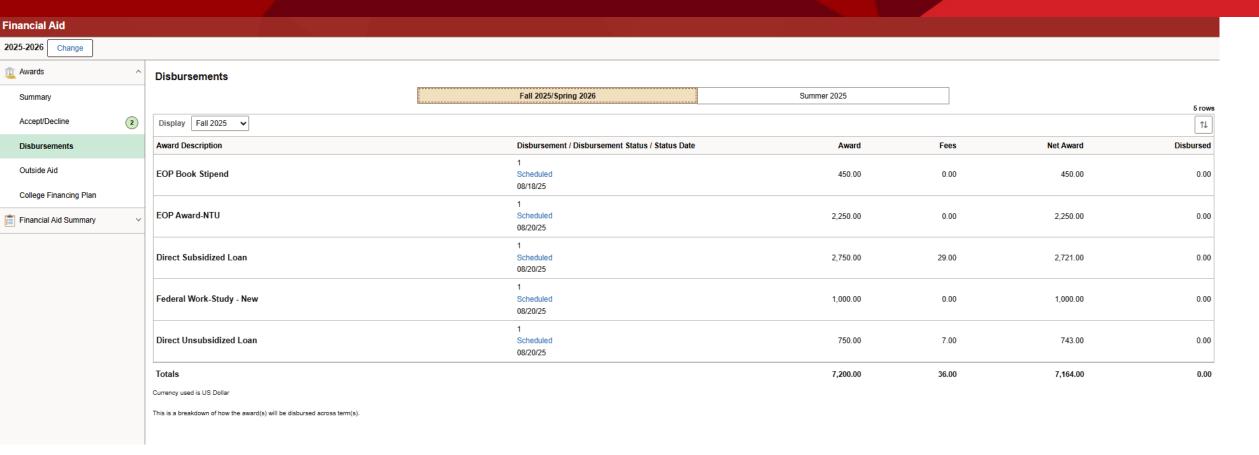
- Select the Action for each Award Decision
  - Accepting will accept full amount offered
  - To accept lower amount of your loan, click on "Reduce" and the Accepted amount will be able to be changed



### Step 3:

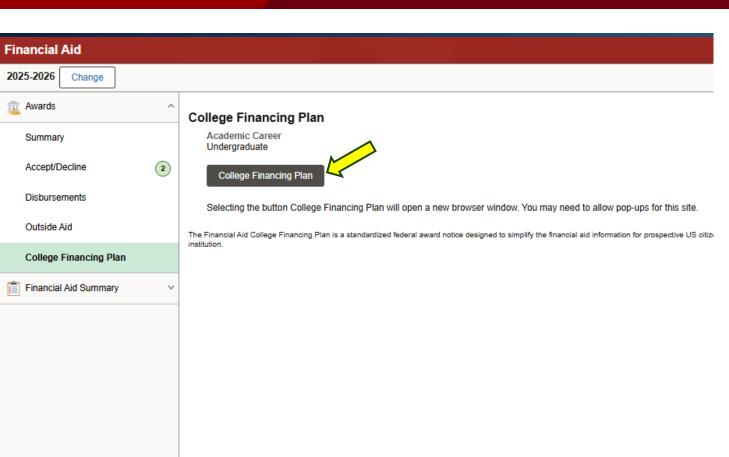
Click on "Submit" to confirm your award decisions

## Awards - Disbursements



Disbursement Information of your awards by term

## Awards - College Financing Plan



Selecting College Financing Plan provides students with the following information:

- Estimated Cost of Attendance
- Grant and Scholarship Awards
- Net Costs
- Work-Study Award
- Loan Awards
- Glossary of Terms
- SBU's Borrowers Loan Repayment Rates compared to National Average
- Loan Repayment Information

## Awards – College Financing Plan



#### Estimated Cost of Attendance 2025-2026

	On Campus Residence	Off Campus Residence
Tuition and Fees	\$11,	008
Housing and Food	\$19,044	
Books and Supplies	\$90	00
Transportation	\$84	40
Other Education Costs	\$2,4	408
Estimated Cost of Attendance	\$34.200 / vr	

#### Student Aid Index

	9,031 / yr
As calculated by the Department of Education and/or the institution using a formula prescribed by law.	
Based on Institutional Methodology	0 / yr
Used by many private institutions in addition to the FAFSA.	

#### Scholarship and Grant Options

Scholarships and Grants are considered "Gift" aid - no repayment is needed

Scholarships		
Merit-Based Scholarships		
Scholarships From Your School	\$0	
Scholarships From Your State	\$0	
Other Scholarships	\$0	
Employer Paid Tuition Benefits	\$0	
Total Scholarships	\$0 / yr	١,

Grants	
Need-Based Grant Aid	
Federal Pell Grants	\$0
Institutional Grants	\$0
State Grants	\$5,400
Other Forms of Grant Aid	\$0
Total Grants	\$5,400 / yr

#### **VA Education Benefits**

VA Education Benefits	\$0 / yr

#### College Costs You Will Be Required to Pay

Net Price To You	\$28,800 / yr
Total cost of attendance minus total grants and total scholarships	

#### Loan and Work Options to Pay the Net Price to You

You must repay loans, plus interest and fees

	Loan Options*			
	Federal Direct Subsidized Loan (6.53% interest rate) (1.06% origination fee)	\$5,500 / yr		
	Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan (6.53% interest rate) (1.06% origination fee)	\$1,500 / yr		
	Total Loan Options	\$7,000 / yr		

<sup>\*</sup> For federal student loans, origination fees are deducted from loan proceeds.

#### Other Options

You may have other options to repay the remaining costs. These include:

- · Tuition payment plan offered by the institution
- Parent PLUS loans, which your parent can apply for
- Non-Federal Private education loan, which you or your parent can apply for after passing a credit check
- Other Military or National Service Benefits

#### Customized Information from SBU

The figures on this College Financing Plan Sheet are an estimate of your cost of attendance and aid offers. Although we've done our best to accurately calculate these figures, please remember these are only estimate. You may be one the SELL Self Sensies parts SOLAD for

#### Work Options

	Work-Study Hours Per Week (estimated)	\$2,000 / yr 8 / wk
	Other Campus Job	\$0 / yr
	Total Work	\$2,000 / yr

#### For More Information

Stony Brook University
Financial Aid and Scholarship Services
Stony Brook Union, Suite 208
Stony Brook, NY 11794-3252
Telephone: 631-632-6840
E-mail: finaid@stonybrook.edu

#### \* Loan Amounts

Note that the amounts listed are the maximum available to you.To learn about loan repayment choices and calculate your Federal Loan monthly payment, go to: <a href="https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/repayment/plans">https://studentaid.gov/manage-loans/repayment/plans</a>.

#### Next steps

09 / 25 / 2025

If you would like to print a copy of this award letter for your records, click here. You may also choose to print this letter to a PDF if you prefer.

#### Glossarv

Cost of Attendance (COA): The total amount (not including grants and scholarships) that it will cost you to go to school during the 2025–26 school year. COA includes tuition and fees; housing and food; and allowances for books, supplies, transportation, loan fees, and dependent care. It also includes miscellaneous and personal expenses, such as an allowance for the rental or purchase of a personal computer; costs related to a disability; and reasonable costs for eligible study-abroad programs.

Direct Subsidized Loan: Loans that the U.S. Department of Education pays the interest on while you're in school at least half-time, for the first six months after you leave school (referred to as a grace period\*), and during a period of deferment (a postponement of loan payments).

Direct Unsubsidized Loan: Loans that the borrower is responsible for paying the interest on during all periods. If you choose not to pay the interest while you are in school and during grace periods and deferment or forbearance periods, your interest will accrue (accumulate) and be capitalized (that is, your interest will be added to the principal amount of your loan).

Student Aid Index: A number used by your school to calculate the amount of federal student aid you are eligible to receive. It is based on the financial information provided in your Free Application for Federal student Aid (the FAFSA). This is not the amount of money your family will have to pay for college, nor is it the amount of federal student aid you will receive.

Federal Work-Study: A federal student aid program that provides part-time employment while the student is enrolled in school to help pay his or her education expenses. The student must seek out and apply for work-study jobs at his or her school. The student will be paid directly for the hours he or she works may not automatically be credited to pay for institutional tuition or fees. The amount you earn cannot exceed the total amount awarded by the school for the award year. The availability of work-study jobs varies by school. Please note that Federal Work-Study earnings may be taxed in certain scenarios; however the income you earn will not be counted against you when calculating your Student Aid Index on the FASFA.

Grants and Scholarships: Student aid funds that do not have to be repaid. Grants are often need-based, while scholarships are usually merit-based. Occasionally you might have to pay back part or all of a grant if, for example, you withdraw from school before finishing a semester. If you use a grant or scholarship to cover your living expenses, the amount of your scholarship may be counted as taxable income on your tax return.

Loans: Borrowed money that must be repaid with interest. Loans from the federal government typically have a lower interest rate than loans from private lenders. Federal loans, listed from most advantageous to least advantageous, are called Direct Subsidized Loans, Direct Unsubsidized Loans, and Parent PLUS Loans. You can find more information about federal loans at StudentAid.gov.

Net Price: An estimate of the actual cost that a student and his or her family need to pay in a given year to cover education expenses for the student to attend a particular school. Net price is determined by taking the institution's cost of attendance and subtracting any grants and scholarships for which the student may he eligible.

Non-Federal Private Education Loan: A private education loan is a loan issued expressly for postsecondary education expenses to a borrower (either through the educational institution or directly to the borrower) from a private educational lender, rather than as a Title IV, HEA loan offered by the Department of Education

Origination Fees: An upfront fee charged by a lender for processing a new loan application. It is compensation for putting the loan in place. Origination fees are quoted as a percentage of the total loan.

Parent Plus Loan: A loan available to the parents of dependent undergraduate students for which the borrower is fully responsible for paying the interest regardless of the loan status.

Teach Grant Program: Provides grants of up to \$4,000 a year to students who are completing or plan to complete course work needed to begin a career in teaching. If you do not meet the requirements of your service obligation, all TEACH Grants you received will be converted to Direct Unsubsidized Loans. You must repay these loans in full, with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement. Service obligation information can be found at https://studentaid.gov/understand-aid/types/grants/teach.

Tuition Payment Plan: A tuition payment plan offered by an institution may allow students to spread out their payments. It includes an extension of credit of 90 days or less in which the educational institution is the lender, or of one year or less where an interest rate will not be applied to the credit payment.

VA Education Benefits: Benefits that help Veterans, service members, and their qualified family members with needs like paying college tuition, finding the right school or training program, and getting career counseling. You can find more information here: https://www.va.gov/education/.

For more information visit https://studentaid.gov.

## Financial Aid Summary – Need Summary

#### **Need Summary**



Remaining Need = 10.849.00

Currency used is US Dollar

This is your financial aid eligibility based on your estimated financial aid (budget) costs, family contribution, and estimated need for this aid year.

Academic – Fall/Spring Aid Year Non Standard – Summer Term

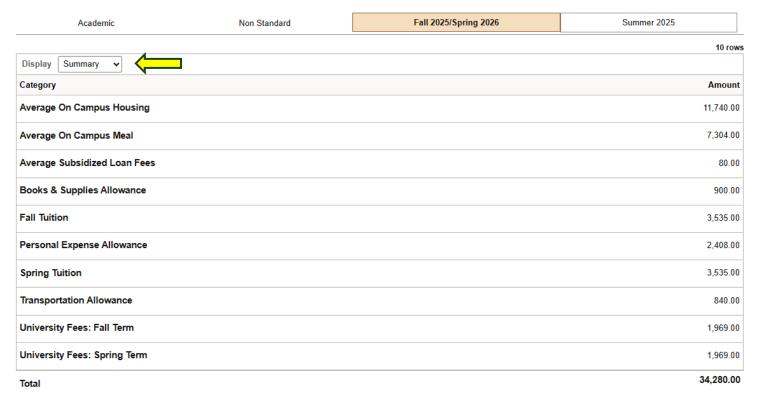
**Cost of Attendance** 

Student Aid Index (SAI)

**Estimated Need** 

## Financial Aid Summary – Cost of Attendance

#### **Estimated Cost of Attendance**



Currency used is US Dollar

This information is a breakdown of the categories and amounts used in determination of your cost of attendance for this award year.

### How your Cost of Attendance is broken down:

- Tuition
- Fees
- Housing Costs
- Meals
- Books & Supplies
- Personal Expenses
- Transportation

### Can be broken down by Term as well

- Summary Full Year (Fall/Spring)
- Fall

**Estimated Cost of Attendance** 

Spring



## Financial Aid Summary – Student Aid Index

#### Student Aid Index

#### **Summer 2025 Contribution**

Parent	0.00
Student	0.00
Total	9,031.00

Displays aid year Student Aid Index (SAI)

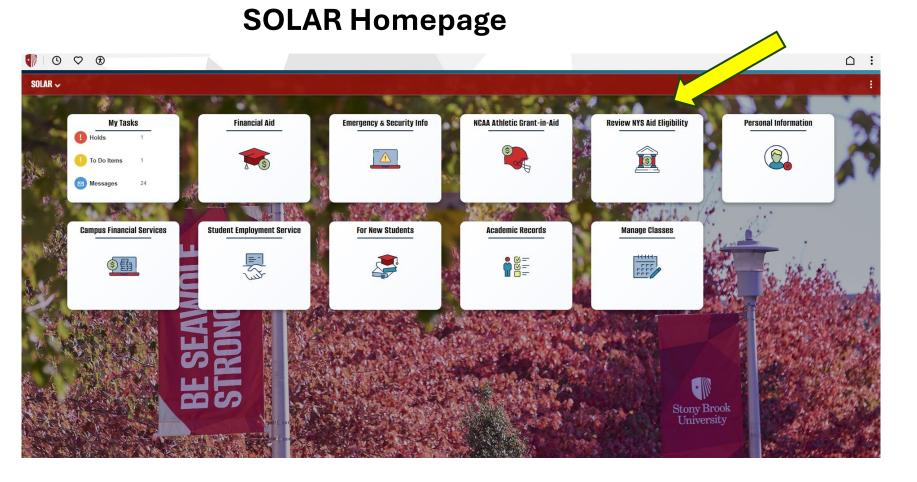
#### Fall 2025/Spring 2026 Contribu

Parent	0.00
Student	0.00
Total	9,031.00

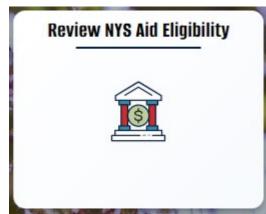
#### **Family Contribution**

Parent	0.00
Student	0.00
Total	9,031.00

## How to Navigate to NYS Aid Eligibility

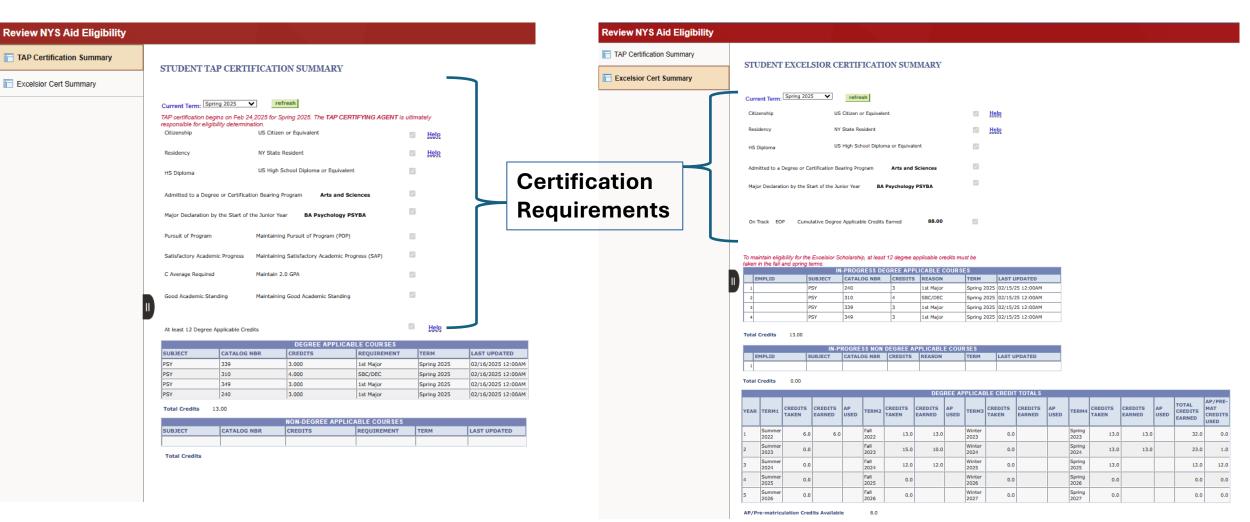


Step 1: NYS Aid



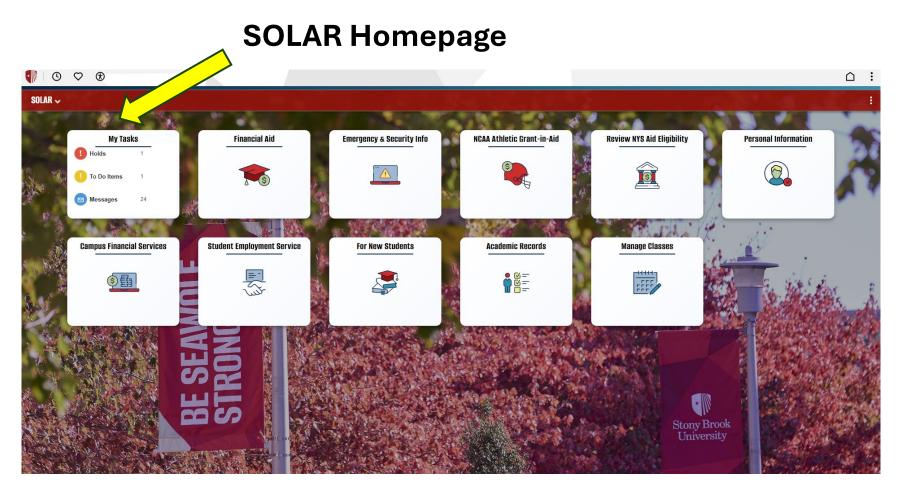
## NYS Aid Eligibility Pages

### **TAP Certification Summary**

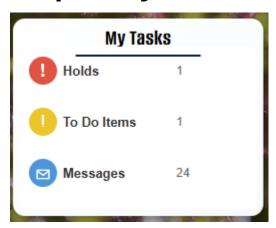


**Excelsior Certification Summary** 

## How to Navigate to your "To Do Items"



Step 1: My Tasks



 Each task is a selectable icon to view your Holds, To Do Items, Messages

## My Task - To Do List

#### To Do List



#### To Do List

Below is a list of your current To Do items.

Items with a status of 'NOT RECEIVED' require you to take immediate action.

Items with a status of 'RECEIVED' or 'ACTIVE' are currently in progress and being reviewed.

Items with a status of 'RESUBMIT' indicate that the received information was either incomplete, insufficient, or not legible. Follow up and resubmit required information.

Items with a status of 'NOTIFIED' are designed to inform you of a specific issue or outcome.

The 'Status Date' reflects the date of the status.

Items will no longer appear on your To Do list when they have either been reviewed and completed, or are no longer required.

Click on the 'To Do Item' description link to view detailed information about each item.

Item List			
To Do Item	Status Date		Status
FA Award Response 2025-2026	09/19/2025	Not Received	
<b>■</b> Go to top			

### **Status of Items**

Not Received – Requires action

**Received** – Submitted and ready for review

Active – Being reviewed

**Resubmit** – Incomplete, follow up and submit information

Notified – Information of issue or outcome

- or actions needed to be taken or submitted to the Financial Aid Office.
- Each Item is a selectable link to give you more details on what is required