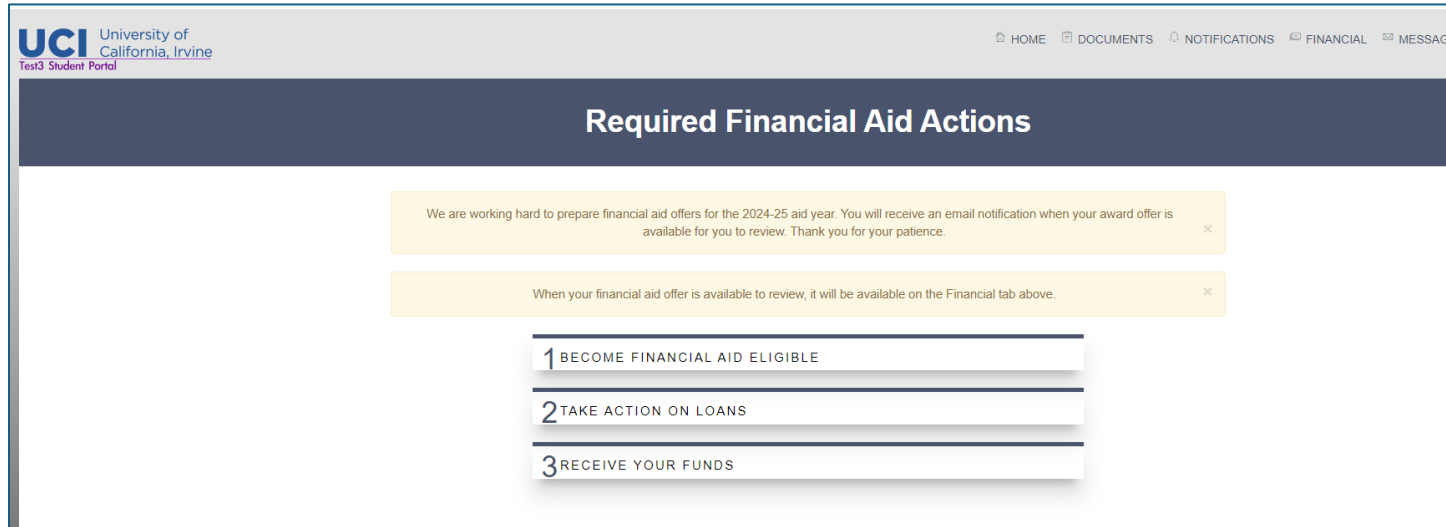


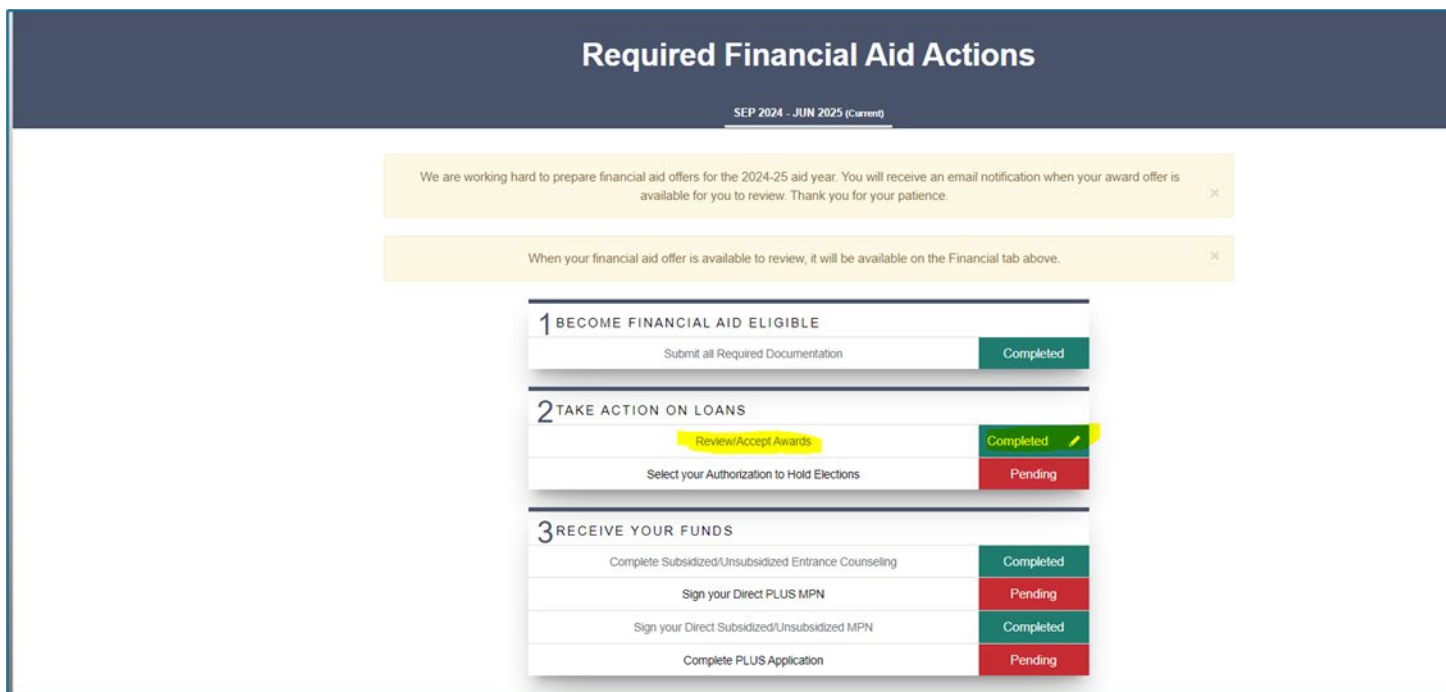
Accepting Your Financial Aid in the ZotAid Portal

Log into the ZotAid portal.

The homepage will look like this:



When you come to this page, click on **REVIEW / ACCEPT AWARDS**:



In this example, the Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized loans are both in 'FUND NOT ACCEPTED' status:

Award Name	Award Eligibility	Accepted Amount	Acceptance Status	Acceptance Check
Federal Pell Grant	\$3,400.00	N/A	No Acceptance Required	☑
Cal Grant A	\$14,436.00	N/A	No Acceptance Required	☑
Federal Work-Study	\$3,100.00	N/A	No Acceptance Required	☑
UC Irvine USHIP Grant	\$2,654.00	N/A	No Acceptance Required	☑
UC Irvine Grant	\$7,214.00	N/A	No Acceptance Required	☑
Middle Class Scholarship	\$1,609.00	N/A	No Acceptance Required	☑
Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford Loan	\$3,500.00	\$0.00	Fund Not Accepted	⚠
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	\$2,000.00	\$0.00	Fund Not Accepted	⚠

START LOAN ACCEPTANCE

Click on START LOAN ACCEPTANCE.

On the next screen, you may see that the text recommends accepting \$0 of your Direct Loan amounts. This is the case if the other funds that you were awarded (such as, for example, Pell Grant / Cal Grant / UC Irvine Grant), are enough to fully cover your DIRECT COSTS (tuition and fees).



Step 2 – Accept your Awards

Please select the amount required to cover the costs necessary to attend school for the upcoming year. You are eligible for a maximum of \$5,500.00, we **recommend accepting \$0.00**, the amount required to cover or maximize your remaining tuition and fee costs.

Award Name	Award Eligibility	Amount to accept to cover my remaining costs
Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford Loan	\$3,500.00	\$0.00
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	\$2,000.00	\$0.00

I would like to Accept

- \$0.00, the amount to fully cover my remaining Tuition and Fees
- Another amount Help me calculate my living expenses
- I would like to decline my funds that require acceptance

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Alternately, you may see that the text recommends borrowing an amount greater than zero. This is the amount you will need to borrow to fully pay your DIRECT COSTS.

The bottom of this screen displays three options:

I would like to Accept

- \$0.00, the amount to fully cover my remaining Tuition and Fees
- Another amount Help me calculate my living expenses
- I would like to decline my funds that require acceptance

1. If your tuition and fees are not already fully covered by your other awards and you wish to only borrow enough of your Direct Loans to fully cover your tuition and fees, click on the FIRST option.
2. Alternately, if you wish to borrow a different amount that includes money for your living expenses, click on the SECOND option and type in the amount you wish to borrow:

I would like to Accept

\$0.00, the amount to fully cover my remaining Tuition and Fees

Another amount MIN \$0 - MAX \$5,500.00 Help me calculate my living expenses

I would like to decline my funds that require acceptance

3. Alternately, if you wish to decline all of your Direct Loans, click on the THIRD option:

I would like to Accept



\$0.00, the amount to fully cover my remaining Tuition and Fees

Another amount Help me calculate my living expenses

I would like to decline my funds that require acceptance

Important note: Selecting this third option does not decline any institutional loans (University, Hawk, DREAM Loans) you have been awarded. To decline these loans, you must visit the DOCUMENTS tab and complete a form located there titled 'Institutional Loan Acceptance Form'.

When you continue to the next page, you are shown the loan amounts you accepted divided into the amounts you can expect to receive for the Fall / Winter / Spring terms of the 2024-25 Academic Year (*these are net amounts, not gross*):

Award Name	Award Eligibility	Your Award	Amount you'll receive per Term			Edit
			Term 11	Term 12	Term 13	
Federal Pell Grant	\$3,400.00	\$3,400.00	\$1,133.00	\$1,134.00	\$1,133.00	
Cal Grant A	\$14,436.00	\$14,436.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Federal Work-Study	\$3,100.00	\$3,100.00	\$1,033.00	\$1,033.00	\$1,034.00	
UC Irvine USHIP Grant	\$2,654.00	\$2,654.00	\$884.00	\$885.00	\$885.00	
UC Irvine Grant	\$7,214.00	\$7,214.00	\$2,404.00	\$2,405.00	\$2,405.00	
Middle Class Scholarship	\$1,609.00	\$1,609.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford Loan	\$3,500.00	\$3,500.00	\$1,166.00	\$1,167.00	\$1,167.00	
Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$666.00	\$667.00	\$667.00	

You have been offered financial aid that exceeds your direct expenses for the Sep 23, 2024 - Jun 13, 2025 aid year. If you accept all aid offered to you, including loans, you will receive an excess of \$19,372.00 to cover your living and other expenses, which amounts to about \$2,235.23 per month.

If you plan to borrow Federal Direct Subsidized or Unsubsidized student loans, you must accept the amount you wish to borrow. If you don't need \$2,235.23 per month to cover your living expenses, only accept what you need. If you aren't sure what you need to cover your living expenses, click the link to calculate living expenses.

Federal Direct PLUS loan applicants must also accept the amount they wish to borrow and visit studentaid.gov to complete an application to determine creditworthiness. First-time borrowers at UCI must visit studentaid.gov to complete a Master Promissory Note and Entrance Counseling.

⚙️ ADJUST MY FUNDING

📄 HELP ME CALCULATE MY LIVING EXPENSES

📄 COMPLETE LOAN ENTRANCE COUNSELING

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Once you have reviewed these amounts, click 'Continue':



Step 4 – E-Sign your Awards Letter

Please **review** your Award Letter/Disclosure information for Academic Year **Sep 23, 2024 - Jun 13, 2025**.

Please view your current Award Letter from the Messages tab.

Electronic Signature Consent

By selecting the "I Accept" button, you are signing this document electronically. You agree your electronic signature is the legal equivalent of your manual/handwritten signature on this document. You further agree that your signature on this document (hereafter referred to as your "E-Signature") is as valid as if you signed the document in writing. You also agree that no certification authority or other third party verification is necessary to validate your E-Signature, and that the lack of such certification or third party verification will not in any way affect the enforceability of your E-Signature or any resulting agreement between you and the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships. You are also confirming that you are the student authorized to provide the data in this document. By electronically signing documents, you agree to all the terms and conditions of such documents.

Enter the "External Student ID" found in your Profile in the dropdown arrow menu located in the top right hand corner.

Enter Student ID Enter Last Name

Click on 'I ACCEPT'.

Enter your Student ID and Last Name.

Click on 'SIGN & FINISH'.

Step 5 – Done

Congratulations! You have successfully accepted your awards for Academic Year **Sep 23, 2024 - Jun 13, 2025**.