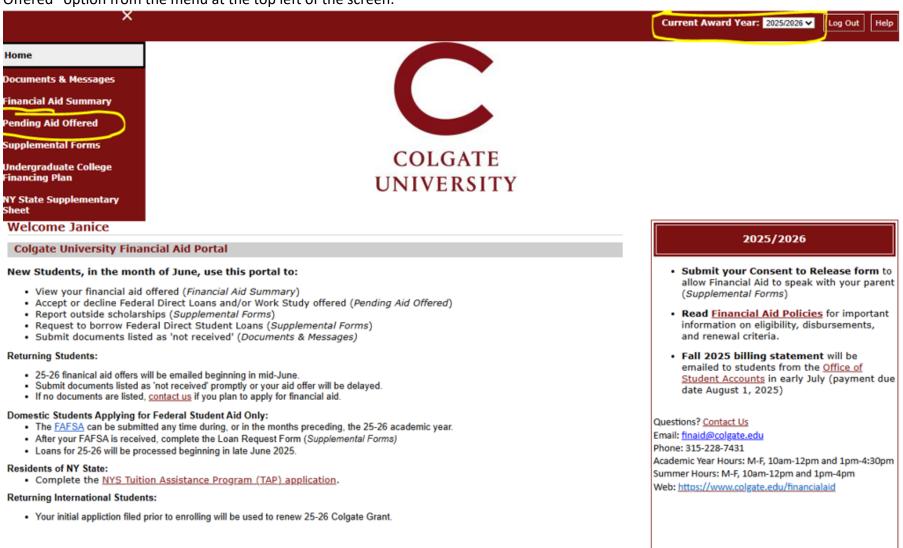
Colgate Financial Aid Portal Instructions

Accepting/Declining Your Aid

First, log-in to the student Financial Aid <u>Portal</u>. Make sure the 2025/2026 award year is selected at the top right corner. Select "Pending Aid Offered" option from the menu at the top left of the screen:



To 'Accept All' aid listed, click the 'Accept All' button and then the "Submit" button.

To 'Decline All' aid listed, click the 'Decline All' button and then the "Submit" button.



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- Declining Federal Direct Loans If you do not plan to borrow, change the status from 'pending' to 'declined' (you may request loans throughout the academic year if your plans change).
- Borrowing a different amount of Federal Direct Loans If you plan to borrow a different amount from what is listed, change the status from 'pending' to 'declined' and then submit a Loan Request Form on the Supplemental Forms section of this portal.



Aid can also be individually accepted or declined by updating the drop-down options under the Status column next to each individual aid type and clicking the "Submit" button.



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To increase a loan amount, first, accept the original loans offered as part of your package, if applicable. Then, complete the Federal Direct Student Loan Request form on the Supplemental Forms page.

The Office of Financial Aid is available at finaid@colgate.edu or 315-228-7431 to help with any questions.