

THE OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

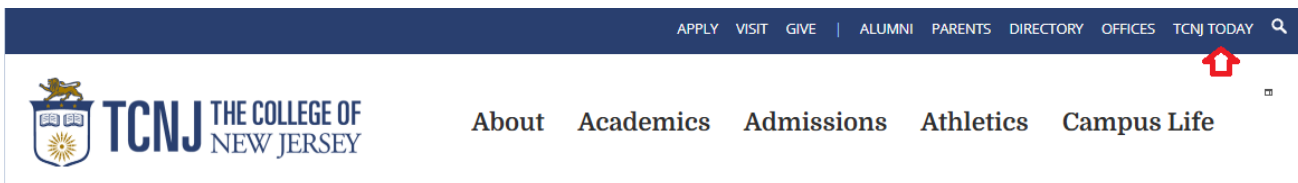
How to Interpret Pending Financial Aid and Expected Refund Check

When your financial aid awards are posted in PAWS, the total is reflected as 'pending aid' until the disbursement process begins. Financial aid awards posted as 'pending aid' are confirmed financial aid and the total is deducted from the outstanding charges. The disbursement process does not begin until after Add/Drop has ended per the [TCNJ Academic and Registration Calendar](#). The Office of Student Accounts manages the refund process. **Instructions to sign up for refund direct deposit, [click here](#)**. Questions about refund checks should be directed to stuacct@tcnj.edu.

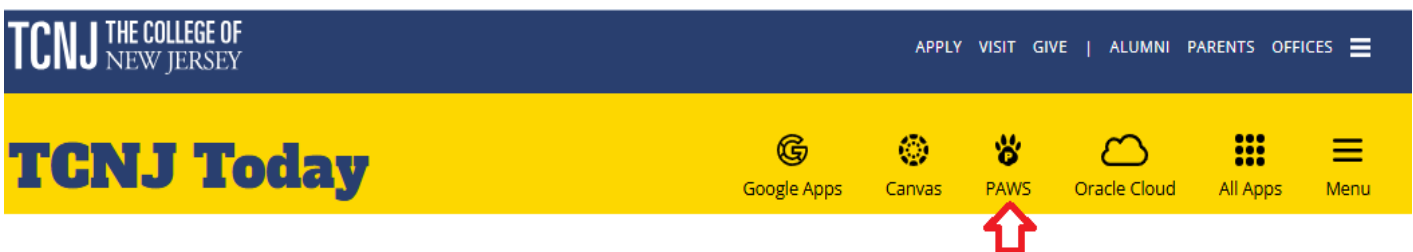
Financial Aid Disbursement Timeline

- Fall Semester: mid-September
- Spring Semester: mid-February
- Winter Term: January
- Summer Terms: Session 1 (May), Session 2 (June), Session 3 (July)

1. To view pending Financial Aid go to The College of New Jersey website at: www.tcnj.edu.
2. Click the **TCNJ TODAY** in the top right hand corner.



3. Click on the **PAWS icon**



4. Click the **PAWS Icon**

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5. In the Finance section, click the **Account Inquiry** link.



6. You will see the Account Summary Page listing '**Pending Financial Aid**'

Xavier Jordan

Account Summary

What I Owe			
Term	Outstanding Charges & Deposits	Pending Financial Aid	Total Due
2025 Spring	6,175.90	18,915.00	
Total	6,175.90	18,915.00	

Currency used is US Dollar

- Outstanding Charges & Deposits – this amount reflects all charges on your bill (i.e. tuition, fees, etc.) and payments already posted to your account (i.e. personal payments via check, credit card, cash, etc.).
- Pending Financial Aid – Confirmed Financial Aid
- Total Due – Outstanding balance due

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- **If the 'Total Due' field is ZERO then you DO NOT owe any balance. Pending Financial Aid will disburse after the Add/Drop period per the TCNJ Academic and Registration Calendar.**
- **If there is an amount in the "Total Due" field, this is amount that you owe.**

Xavier Jordan
Account Summary

What I Owe			
Term	Outstanding Charges & Deposits	Pending Financial Aid	Total Due
2025 Spring	17,081.66	16,138.00	943.66

- Refunds

If 'Pending Financial Aid' is more than the "Outstanding Charges and Deposits. This is the amount of your refund.

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Account Summary

What I Owe			
Term	Outstanding Charges & Deposits	Pending Financial Aid	Total Due
2025 Spring	6,175.90	18,915.00	
Total	6,175.90	18,915.00	

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Example: Pending Financial Aid (18,915) minus Outstanding Charges & Deposits (6,175) = Refund of \$12,740

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- View Pending Financial Aid

- To view your pending financial aid, click the drop down arrow and select 'Pending Financial Aid'.

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- Change the drop down arrow to the current semester.

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Pending Financial Aid

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Award	Term	Amount
Federal PELL Grant	2025 Spring	3,697.00
NJ Tuition Aid Grant	2025 Spring	5,281.00
NJ ED Opportunity Fund	2025 Spring	975.00
Federal Direct Unsub Loan	2025 Spring	3,464.00
Federal Direct Subsidized Loan	2025 Spring	2,721.00
Total Pending Financial Aid for this view		16,138.00

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