

FINANCIAL AID PROCESS FLORENCE 2026 – Preliminary Information

If you qualify for financial aid, then you can use it to help pay for your study abroad experience! But in order to receive your financial aid, you must take some extra steps. If you don't take them, you won't receive your financial aid while studying abroad.

Right now it's too soon to take these steps for the Florence Spring 2026 program; more details will be available here later, around the beginning of the fall 2025 semester. But just to give you a heads up on what to expect:

- **UPDATE YOUR FAFSA** (if you haven't already). You'll want to make sure your FAFSA is up-to-date. When the time comes, be sure you have filled out your FAFSA for 2025/2026, preferably by early March 2025.
- **CONSORTIUM SCHOOL CODES ON FAFSA IF YOU RECEIVE THE CALIFORNIA PROMISE GRANT**. When you are studying abroad, you'll almost certainly be taking classes not just from SRJC, but from other schools in our consortium. If you receive the California Promise Grant, your SRJC financial aid code will already be on your FAFSA—but it won't show on the other schools you might be taking a class through. Therefore, you'll be given the financial aid codes of the other schools and instructed to go to your FAFSA and put in those codes so you can get into their system and still receive the CA Promise Grant if you wind up taking a class through them.
- **YOUR STUDY ABROAD SPECIALIST IN FINANCIAL AID IS JAKE KAPLAN**. For our purposes, it's important to note that by financial aid, we are not referring to scholarships (such as the Doyle, for example), but rather are referring to grants, such as the Pell Grant or Cal Grant. If you have questions about your eligibility and how much you can expect to receive in financial aid while studying abroad, please contact Jake Kaplan at jkaplan@santarosa.edu.

In order to receive any financial aid that you qualify for, later in the fall semester, Jake will contact you with some special forms for you to fill out. These forms will verify that you are taking some classes through another school in our Consortium and that you will therefore have a combined total of 12 units. Without these forms, you won't receive financial aid while studying abroad. Therefore, when the time comes that Jake asks you to fill out the forms, please take care of them as soon as possible!