Dear Student:

We want to let you know about an update to CUNYfirst that allows you to see more and do more with Financial Aid awards. At the completion of the spring 2013 term, students receiving Financial Aid will be able to view all of their information in their CUNYfirst account. You can:

- Accept, decline and reduce awards; Perkins, Federal Work Study
- Complete Federal Direct Loan or Federal Perkins counseling requirements (entrance and exit)
- View Self-Service pages for Financial Aid award packages (award year/period)
- View ‘To Do List’, which provides information on required documents to complete the award process
- Find applications to submit request for Direct Loans, Perkins Loan, Aid for Part-time Study (APTS) and summer Federal Work Study

Reminder: CUNYfirst announcements are sent to you via your college email address, so be sure to check your email often for updates. You can also view the changes on the Financial Aid office web page.

To navigate all the steps, guides have been created for you at (college website or cuny.edu/cunyfirst on the Training >> Students >> Financial Aid webpages).

Details:

Once you log in and go to the Student Center page, you will see more information in your To Do List and in the Financial Aid section than before. This is the starting point of understanding your Financial Aid awards and tasks you can do yourself. In the To Do List, click details for specific information.
When you click View Financial Aid and chose the aid year, this is what you’ll see (example):

Links within the summary page allow you to see more information.

When you click on Full-Yr Financial Aid Summary, you see this:

Click on the dollar amount, and you’ll see a complete breakdown of your cost of attendance for the year.
When you click on View Scheduled Disbursement Dates, you'll see this:
**Note the Scheduled Disbursement Dates represents earliest date for aid to be disbursed; it may not be the actual disbursement date.**

Detailed steps for other features — Accepting/Declining Awards, Submitting Direct Loan Processing Form and CUNY Supplement Form — are available in the Training >> Students section of the CUNYfirst website, as are step sheets for all Student Self-Service activities.
You can also now click Account Inquiry (in Finances>>My Account) for information on pending aid that has been applied toward outstanding charges.