

Financial Aid Resource Guide

| | TYPE OF AID | APPLICATION | DEADLINE | AVAILABLE AID* | WHO SHOULD APPLY | THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND |
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| FEDERAL | Federal Pell Grant | FAFSA www.fafsa.gov | Application period opens October 1st of the previous year. For the 2020-2021 year students can submit an FAFSA from October 1, 2019 to June 30, 2021. | Up to \$6,195 (varies) | U.S. citizens and eligible noncitizens | Amount will vary based on information provided through the FAFSA. Remind students that the amount of Federal Pell Grant funds they may receive over your lifetime is limited by federal law to be the equivalent of six years of Pell Grant funding, three years for two-year programs. With this understanding, help students integrate financial aid timelines and lifetime eligibility into their educational plan. Though students can submit an application at anytime between Oct 1st and June 30th, encourage students to meet the state aid deadlines so that can maximize both federal and state aid dollars. |
| | Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) | FAFSA www.fafsa.gov | Same as Federal Pell Grant | Between \$100 and \$4,000 | U.S. citizens and eligible noncitizens | Amount will vary based on information provided through the FAFSA and availability of funds. This aid is available to students with exceptional need. |
| | Federal Work-Study | FAFSA www.fafsa.gov | Same as Federal Pell Grant | No minimum or maximum amounts, contingent upon getting employment with a program participant | U.S. citizens and eligible noncitizens | Encourage students to check the work study box on the FAFSA even if they are not sure that they want work study. Colleges may have available funds to offer work study opportunities. Follow up with the financial aid office to find out more about work study availability. |
| | Federal Loans – Direct Subsidized Loan; Direct Unsubsidized Loan; Direct PLUS Loan | FAFSA www.fafsa.gov | Same as Federal Pell Grant | Dependent students: \$5,500 (varies by grade level) Independent students: \$10,500 | U.S. citizens and eligible noncitizens | Loans can be a good investment towards a student’s education. However, it is important to remind students that this is money that will need to be repaid. Repayment begins six months after the student is no longer enrolled at least half-time. This is also a good time to introduce students to the loan repayment calculator: https://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/repaymentEstimator.action |

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| STATE | Cal Grant A | FAFSA or CA Dream Act + GPA Verification https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/cal-grant-gpa-verification-form | March 2 (High School and Transfer Entitlement and Competitive) September 2 (High School Entitlement for Former Foster Youth attending a CCC. Competitive for students attending a CCC) | For UC and CSU students the amount is tied to tuition and fees For students attending private, for-profit institutions, the amount is \$4,000 For students attending private, for-profit, WASC accredited institutions, the amount is \$9,084 For students attending independent institutions, the amount is \$8,056 or \$9,084 based on the number of ADT students accepted \$6,000 for Cal Grant B recipients with children dependents and attend a public postsecondary institution | California residents | This award is tied to tuition and fees at UC and CSU institutions and is offered in a set amount for students attending private colleges. If awarded while the student is attending a California Community College, the award will be held in reserve for up to two academic years until the student transfers to a tuition charging institution. |
| | Cal Grant B | FAFSA or CA Dream Act + GPA Verification https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/cal-grant-gpa-verification-form | Same as Cal Grant A | \$1,672 towards non-tuition expenses \$6,000 for Cal Grant B recipients with children dependents and attend a public postsecondary institution | California residents | Cal Grants are awarded to students through an entitlement and competitive process. High school students are entitled to a Cal Grant if they meet Cal Grant eligibility criteria and apply within one year of graduating high school. All other students are eligible for a Competitive Cal Grant, of which there are limited awards. |
| | Cal Grant C | FAFSA or CA Dream Act + Cal Grant C Supplement Form https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/cal-grant-c-supplement-form | March 2 (priority deadline) September 2 (Extended deadline) | \$1,094 for non-tuition expenses at CCC. \$4,000 for Cal Grant C recipients with child dependents and attending a public postsecondary institution. | Career Education students | Students who are pursuing an occupation listed on CSAC's Cal Grant C Priority Occupational List will receive priority. More information can be found at: https://www.csac.ca.gov/sites/main/files/file-attachments/cal_grant_c_priority_occupational_list_0.pdf |

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| STATE | CHAFEE | FAFSA or CA Dream Act + California Chafee Grant Application https://chafee.csac.ca.gov/ | | Up to \$5,000/year for college or career and technical training | Current or former foster youth | In addition to covering registration and fees, students can use the grant to help pay for childcare, transportation, and rent while in school. |
| | Awards for Students with Dependent Children | | <i>See deadline for Cal Grant B and C</i> | \$6,000 for Cal Grant A and B recipients; \$4,000 for Cal Grant C recipients | Students with dependent children | To be eligible for this award, a student must be a recipient of a Cal Grant A, B, or C. These awards are intended to help parents pursue their education by alleviating some of their total cost of attendance. |
| | Incentive Grant Program | CA Dream Act https://dream.csac.ca.gov/ | March 2, 2020 | Between \$600 and \$3,000 per year | AB 540 students | The Incentive Grant is for Cal Grant B recipients who perform at least 150 hours per semester of community or volunteer service. The student must also meet all the requirements for an exemption from paying nonresident tuition pursuant to Section 68130.5 (AB 540). |

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| INSTITUTIONAL | California College Promise Grant | FAFSA or CA Dream Act or Promise Grant Application https://home.cccapply.org/money/california-college-promise-grant | None | Waives per-unit enrollment fee (tuition) at any CCC | All students | Formerly known as Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver. Remember to point out to students that they can apply year-round for this grant and that this grant is only available for the equivalent of four full-time years. |
| | California College Promise Program | | | | First-time full-time students | Be aware of how your district implements the California College Promise Program, whether it chooses to use funds to cover the enrollment fees of first-time, full-time students or other ways. Advise students on available support based on your district. |
| | Student Success Completion Grant | FAFSA or CA Dream Act + GPA Verification https://www.csac.ca.gov/post/cal-grant-gpa-verification-form | | 12 to 14.99 units receive \$1,298 annually 15+ units receive \$4,000 annually | Full-time students | Must be Cal Grant B or Cal Grant C recipient. This grant is a “last-dollar award,” meaning that all other aid will be paid first, and the addition of this grant cannot exceed unmet need. |

Notes: This list of federal, state, and institutional aid is not extensive. This document provides information for commonly available aid programs. Please note award amounts may vary and eligibility varies. For the purposes of this document, “all students” means students should be aware of these programs but not *all* students will all qualify for these programs