

# Understanding Financial Aid

## STARTING AT CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE THROUGH TRANSFERRING TO UC DAVIS



### FEDERAL AID

Federal Aid is determined by submitting the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

**- Priority Deadline between October 1 and March 2. Must be submitted no later than June 30.**

#### Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

You can receive between \$100 and \$4,000 a year, depending on your financial need, when you apply, the amount of other aid you get, and the availability of funds at your school. Submit your FAFSA as early as possible to be considered.

#### Federal Work Study Program

Provides part-time jobs to students to help pay for educational expenses. Check with your school's financial aid office to see if your school participates.

#### Pell Grants

Amounts change yearly, but grow with financial need, cost of attendance, and enrollment status. You can only receive the Pell Grant for up to 12 semesters. Awards up to \$6,495 for the 2021–22 award year.

**>> Submit your FAFSA each academic year to maintain eligibility for Federal Aid.**

»» Tip: Save some of your Pell Grant if you are transferring to an institution with a higher cost of attendance

## WHEN SHOULD I USE MY AID?

### Community College

California College Promise Grant  
Cal Grant  
FAFSA or California Dream Act

### UC Davis

Pell Grant  
Cal Grant  
FAFSA or California Dream Act

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# CALIFORNIA STATE PROGRAMS

## California Dream Act

Allows undocumented and non-resident students to apply for State aid. Deadline is March 2nd.

## California College Promise Grant

For eligible California residents, permits enrollment fees to be waived at the community college. Many California Community Colleges offer online applications through CCCApply.

## UC Davis Scholarships

For prospective and entering undergraduates, the UC Application for Admission serves as your application for campus-based scholarships at UC Davis. A minimum 3.25 GPA is required for all applicants.

## Cal Grant

Assists with tuition and fees and can provide a living allowance depending on your school, income, and GPA. The amounts usually rise with tuition at California's public colleges and universities. There are two different categories of Cal Grants:

### Cal Grant Transfer Entitlement Awards:

For students who plan to transfer directly from a California Community College to a 4-Year University that offers a bachelor degree in the academic year that they are applying for the award. Deadline is March 2 and applicants must submit a FAFSA, California Dream Act, and have a minimum GPA of 2.4.

### Cal Grant Competitive Awards:

This is a competitive award and limited to 41,000 awards each academic year. To be considered for the award, you must meet the general cal grant eligibility requirements and complete a FAFSA or CADAA. Only students who are not awarded a Cal Grant Entitlement award can apply.

## Other State Grants

### Chafee Grant for Foster Youth

### California's Middle Class Scholarship

### Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents Grant

### California Military Department GI Bill Award Program

More information can be found at [csac.ca.gov/](https://csac.ca.gov/)

**>> Apply by filling out the FAFSA or CA Dream Act and submit your GPA verification to the California Student Aid Commission by March 2.**

## WHAT NEXT?

1. Search online for available programs
2. Discuss options with your financial aid office and your parents
3. Establish a timeline for application deadlines

## Additional Resources

[icangotocollege.com](https://icangotocollege.com)  
[CaliforniaColleges.edu](https://CaliforniaColleges.edu)  
[FinAid.org](https://FinAid.org)

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[studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)  
[csac.ca.gov](https://csac.ca.gov)