

FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

General Information

Student aid at Evergreen Valley College is available from various sources (federal, state, and institution). The Financial Aid Office, also, process aid from outside sources (private scholarships).

Student aid can be:

- Grants (financial aid funds that do not have to be repaid)
- Scholarships (financial aid funds that do not have to be repaid)
- Loans (borrowed funds that have to be repaid with interest)
- Job Opportunities (funds earned through work to help pay for college costs)

Each funding source and program has its own set of eligibility criteria and regulations. The following programs are available to qualified students.

Federal Student Aid Programs

- **Federal Pell Grant:**
Pell Grants provide financial assistance to eligible part-time and full-time students and are based on a student's enrollment and Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Effective July 1, 2012 – Pell Grant eligibility is limited to the equivalent of 6 full-time years (600% Lifetime Eligibility).
- **Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG):**
The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant is a limited grant fund for Pell-eligible students with the lowest EFC who meet the priority filing deadlines and are enrolled at least half-time.
- **Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant (IASG):**
The Iraq and Afghanistan Service Grant provides funds to students who are under 24 years old and whose parent or guardian was a member of the U.S. armed forces and died as a result of military service performed in Iraq or Afghanistan after the events of 9/11.
- **Direct Loans:**
The Direct Loan program is designed to assist students with educational expenses while attending at least half-time in an eligible program of study. Direct loans are processed and serviced by the federal government. New borrowers as of July 2013 have a maximum of 150% of their program length to complete their program in order to maintain the Federal Subsidy for their Direct Subsidized Loans.
- **Federal Work-Study:**
Federal Work-Study is a program that provides jobs for students who demonstrate financial need and are enrolled at least half-time in an eligible program. Eligible students are placed into work-study jobs usually, on campus.
- **Other Programs:**
AmeriCorps Educational Awards (processed by the Financial Aid Office)
Educational and Training Vouchers for Current and Former Foster Care Youth (in California known as Chafee Grant, processed by the Financial Aid Office)
Veteran's Educational Benefits (processed by Admissions & Records)

State Of California Financial Assistance Programs

- **Cal Grant:**
Cal Grants are state funded, need-based, cash grants given to California college students to help pay for college.
 - **Cal Grant B:**
Cal Grant B is for students who are from disadvantaged or low-income families who otherwise would not be able to pursue higher education. This grant may be used at a community college or a university for up to four years.
 - **Cal Grant C:**
Cal Grant C helps vocationally oriented students who do not plan to transfer to a university. Training must lead to a recognized occupational goal: diploma, associate degree or certificate. Cal Grant financial criteria must be met.
- **Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG)**
Additional grant funds for full-time (12+ units) Cal Grant B and Cal Grant C recipients.
- **Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOP&S)**
 - Grants and CARE
 - See the EOP&S section of this catalog.
- **Chafee Grant** – Federal program that is administered by the state to provide to educational funding for current and former foster youth.
- **California College Promise Grant (CCPG)** -See section for more information.

Eligibility Requirements For Federal And State Financial Aid

Students seeking Aid should:

- Have a high school diploma, GED or equivalent. Students who enrolled before July 1, 2012 can meet this requirement if they passed the Ability to Benefit (ATB) test or have completed 6 degree applicable units,
- Be enrolled in an eligible program,
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen,
- Demonstrate financial need,
- Register with Selective Service (males only),
- Have a valid Social Security Number (for federal student aid),
- Not owe a repayment of a federal grant,
- Not be in default on a federal educational loan, and
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress. To meet this requirement students should:
 - Maintain a minimum 2.0 GPA.
 - Not exceed 150% of the program length (for example, completing more than 90 units for a degree that requires 60 units for completion).
 - Starting July 1, 2017 maintain an overall completion rate of 67% of the units attempted.
 - Submit all requested forms to Financial Aid Office.

2024-2025 Nine Month Student Expense Budget (Cost of Attendance)¹

	Living with Parent	Off-Campus
Fees ^{***}	\$1,366	\$1,366
Books/Supplies ¹	\$2,727	\$2,727
Personal/Miscellaneous ²	\$4,059	\$4,968
Transportation ³	\$1,764	\$1,764

Food & Housing ⁴	\$11,493	\$22,658
Total*	\$21,607	\$33,681

* **Pro-rated for programs shorter or longer than the 9-month academic calendar*

***Based on 14 units/semester (average full-time student load) for 2 semesters. Fees include:*

- Enrollment fee @ \$46/unit
- Health fee @ \$21/semester
- Transportation fee @ \$11/semester
- Associated Students Activity fee @ \$5/semester
- Representation fee @ \$2/semester

All fees are subject to change.

1. *From CSAC's 2022-2023 Student Expense Budgets with additional \$1600 computer/technology allowance. (2022-2023 carried over since 2024-2025 amount is lower)*
2. *From CSAC's 2024-2025 Student Expense Budgets*
3. *From CSAC's 2024-2025 Student Expense Budgets*
4. *Food based on CSAC's 2024-2025 Student Expense Budget and Housing is 50% of average San Jose rent cost per RentCafe.com as of 12/19/2023*

¹ From CSAC's 2021-2022 Student Expense Budgets with additional \$1600 computer/technology allowance.

² From CSAC's 2021-2022 Student Expense Budgets

³ Due to the lasting and fluctuating high cost of fuel in the Bay Area, we continue to use the higher transportation allowance from 2011-12.

⁴ Food based on CSAC's 2021-2022 Student Expense Budget and Housing is 50% of average San Jose rent cost per RentCafe.com

Other factors that could affect an expense budget:

- Non-resident fees
- Dependent care
- Out-of-pocket disability-related expenses
- Maintenance and personal/miscellaneous expenses are excluded from the cost of attendance in the case of a Federal Pell Grant for a less than half-time student.

The California Dream Act

The California Dream Act (comprised of legislation AB 130 & AB131) allows eligible AB540 students to receive state student aid.

- **AB 130**, effective January 1, 2012, allows eligible AB540 students to apply and qualify for state and institutional scholarships.
- **AB 131**, effective January 1, 2013, allows eligible AB540 students to apply and qualify for the California College Promise Grant (formerly known as BOG Fee Waiver), Cal Grants, EOP&S/CARE and Chafee Grant (foster youth only). Most AB540 students are not permitted to receive Federal Financial Aid, such as Federal Pell Grant, Federal Work-Study and/or Direct Loans. There are various private scholarships that you can qualify and be eligible to receive. For a listing of scholarships, please visit our Financial Aid webpage at: <https://www.evc.edu/financial-aid> or go to the MALDEF Scholarship Listing at: <https://www.maldef.org/resources/scholarship-resources/>

For more information go to: http://www.csac.ca.gov/dream_act.asp

California College Promise Grant (formerly known as BOGFW)

The CCP Grant was designed to assist students to pay their enrollment fees. This program is financial assistance that does not need to be repaid. You may be eligible for a CCP Grant even if you are not eligible for other financial aid. The application is simple to complete. Regardless of the number of units, the enrollment fee may be waived. Applicants need to apply only once to have fees waived for the academic year, beginning in summer session. Recipients get \$20 off their parking permit.

Eligibility

If you are a California resident (as determined by Admissions & Records), there are three ways to qualify for financial aid:

- Method A (Requires verification documents):
For families who are receiving TANF/Cal WORKs, SSI/SSP, or General Assistance, please complete the CCP Grant application.
- Method B – Qualification subject to meeting the income criteria (see chart below):
Dependent students need to report only parents' income. Income includes adjusted gross income (as reported on a federal tax return), wages not reported on a tax return, all untaxed income, cash received, or any money paid on your behalf. Please complete the CCP Grant application.

2024-2025 California College Promise Grant Type B Income Standards*

Family Size	Base Year Income
1	\$21,870
2	\$29,580
3	\$37,290
4	\$45,000
5	\$52,710
6	\$60,420
7	\$68,130
8	\$75,840
Each additional family member	\$7,710

5CCR § 58620: Student (dependent or independent) household income in the prior year equal to or less than 150% of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines for a family of that size.

5CCR § 58620(b)(1)(F): For purposes of this subdivision, U.S.

Department of Health and Human Services Poverty Guidelines used each year shall be the most recently published guidelines immediately preceding the academic year for which a fee waiver is requested.

Federal poverty guidelines available here

<https://aspe.hhs.gov/topics/poverty-economic-mobility/poverty-guidelines>

- Method C – Complete the FAFSA or Cal Dream Application (for AB540 students):
The Financial Aid Office will determine your unmet need after a valid SAI has been established. A CCP Grant will be issued to anyone with at least \$1104 of unmet need. Please complete the FAFSA form to apply.
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Standing. (See the Academic Policies Section of the Catalog)

Special Classifications (You must file the CCP Grant application)

- You have certification from the California Department of Veterans Affairs or the California National Guard Adjutant General that you are eligible for a dependent's fee waiver.
- You are eligible as a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor or as a child of a recipient, or as a dependent of a victim of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attack.
- You are eligible as a dependent of a deceased law enforcement/fire suppression personnel killed in the line of duty.
- You are homeless as determined by the Financial Aid Office or the college homeless liaison.

**** California College Promise Grant Eligibility Requirements****

In order to maintain eligibility for a CCP Grant, you must meet academic and progress standards (Academic Standing).

- **Academic — Maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher:**
If your cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 for two consecutive primary terms (fall/spring semesters), you may lose your CCP Grant.
- **Progress — Complete more than 50% of your coursework:**
If the cumulative number of units you complete is not more than 50% in two consecutive primary terms (fall/spring semesters), you may lose your CCP Grant.
- **Combination of Academic and Progress Standards:**
Any combination of two consecutive terms of cumulative GPA below 2.0, and/or cumulative unit completion of not more than 50% may result in loss of CCP Grant.

Notification Process

EVC will notify students of their Academic Standing within 30 days from the end of each primary semester. Fall and Spring semesters are considered primary semesters.

Appealing the Loss of CCP Grant Eligibility

Students who have lost their CCP Grant eligibility may appeal their status. Appeals are available online or can be requested at the Financial Aid or Equity Plus offices. Deadlines apply. Students may be required to take a class or attend a workshop as a condition to their approval.

The Financial Aid Office at Evergreen Valley College welcomes all students who are interested in applying for financial aid. For applications and detailed information please visit the Financial Aid Office (SSC 123), or our website at <https://www.evc.edu/financial-aid>. You may also contact the office by email: evcfa@evc.edu (evcfa@evc.edu).