

# FINANCIAL AID

*Students with financial need will know about the federal and state grants and scholarships available to them, and how to apply and access Financial Aid.*

Oxnard College is committed to providing financial assistance to qualified students who cannot afford to pay their educational expenses. The Financial Aid office awards 70% of Oxnard College students with some form of financial assistance.

Oxnard College participates in a variety of federal and state financial aid programs designed to assist students in meeting college costs. Grants are funds that do not have to be repaid and are usually based on need. Students must meet federal and state eligibility criteria to qualify.

**California Community College Promise Grant (CCPG)** is a form of financial aid that waives enrollment fees for eligible California residents and AB 540 students. See CCPG changes below.

**Federal Pell Grant:** Pell Grant program is an entitlement program that is based on financial eligibility and enrollment. Grants range from \$650.00 - \$7395.00 per academic year.

**Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant:** FSEOG is a grant available to students who qualify for a Pell Grant. FSEOG is a campus-based program (limited funds). Awards are contingent on availability of funds and awarded to students with the greatest financial need. Grants range from \$200.00 - \$4,000.00 per academic year.

**Federal Work Study:** FWS is a campus based program that provides part-time employment on campus to eligible students. Awards are based on need and contingent on availability of funds. Grants range from \$500.00 - \$8,000.00 per academic year.

**Federal Direct Loans for Undergraduate Students:** Information about the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program can be found on the financial aid website. The U.S. Department of Education is the lender for the Direct Loan Program. The Direct Loan program offers loans at a low interest rate with repayment terms designed with students in mind. In most cases, a student will not have to start repaying these loans until six months after graduation and/or enrolling less than half time. Direct Loans include Subsidized and Unsubsidized Student Loans. Loans must be repaid with interest so it is important to understand your rights and responsibilities as a borrower.

**Cal Grant:** Cal Grant recipients are selected by the California Student Aid Commission. To apply for the Cal Grant Program, students must submit the FAFSA or California Dream Application and a Cal Grant GPA Verification form by March 2nd. Students who do not meet the March 2nd priority filing deadline may have a second chance to compete for a Cal Grant by filing the FAFSA or the California Dream Act Application, and GPA Verification form by September 2nd.

**Cal Grant B:** Cal Grant B is for students who are from disadvantaged and low income families. These awards can be used for tuition, fees, and access costs at qualifying California schools whose programs are at least one year in length. Grants range from \$414.00 to \$6,000 per academic year.

**Cal Grant C:** Cal Grant C helps pay for tuition and training costs in vocational/technical programs not to exceed two years. Grants range from \$1,094.00 to \$4,000.00 per academic year.

**Student Success Completion Grant:** The Student Success Completion Grant pays Cal Grant recipients enrolled in at least 12 but fewer than 15 semester units \$1298 per semester (\$2596 annually). Cal Grant recipients enrolled in 15 or more semester units receive \$4,000 per semester (\$8,000 annually).

## California College Promise Grant

The California College Promise Grant will waive all per-unit enrollment fees for an eligible student. It will also waive a portion of parking permit fees. California residents and students with AB 540 status may apply for a California College Promise Grant. California College Promise Grants begin in the fall semester of each academic year and must be renewed every year. California College Promise Grants are awarded for the current term in which the application is submitted and other terms falling within that Financial Aid Year.

### Eligibility

- Are a student at a California community college, and have been determined to be a resident, or to be exempt from non-resident fees under AB 540, and;
- Have financial need, based on a financial aid office review of your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application
- Are receiving TANF, SSI/SSP or General Assistance, or
- Meet the 2023-2024 income standards
- Are a Congressional Medal of Honor recipient (or dependent); are a dependent of a victim of the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attack; having certification from the California Department of Veteran Affairs or the National Guard Adjutant General; or is a dependent of a deceased law enforcement/fire suppression personnel killed in the line of duty.

### Requirements

- Sustain a GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Complete more than 50% of coursework attempted

### Minimum Requirements For Maximum Success

Whether the goal is to move into a career or move on to a four-year university, California Community Colleges want to help students achieve their educational goals. The California Community College Promise Grant (CCPG) is available for eligible students at California community colleges, and will waive the per-unit enrollment fee at any community college throughout the state. Once a student qualifies for the CCPG, it is important that they meet the academic and progress standards in order to avoid losing the CCPG.

Students must complete the following for eligibility:

- Oxnard College Application and/or CCPG application.
- Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act application.
- College orientation, assessment and an abbreviated student educational plan.
- Recommended to enroll in 12 units or more each semester.
- Maintain good academic and progress standards to continue to receive the CCPG.
- Meet the income criteria.

## Academic – Sustain a GPA of 2.0 or Higher

If a student's cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 for two consecutive primary terms (Fall/Spring semesters) they may lose their California Community College Promise Grant (CCPG) eligibility.

## Progress – Complete more than 50% of Coursework Each Semester

If the cumulative number of units a student completes is not more than 50% of units attempted in two consecutive primary terms (Fall/Spring semesters, or Fall/Winter/Spring quarters) the student may lose CCPG eligibility.

## 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% of units attempted may result in loss of CCPG eligibility.

## How will Students Know?

Students will be notified within 30 days of the end of each term if they are being placed on either Academic (GPA) and/or Progress (Course Completion) probation. The notification will include the information that a second term of probation will result in loss of California Community College Promise Grant (CCPG) eligibility. After the second consecutive term of probation, the student may lose eligibility for the CCPG at their next registration opportunity.

## How to Regain Eligibility

If a student loses eligibility for the California Community College Promise Grant (CCPG), there are a few ways to reinstate the grant.

- Improve GPA or Course Completion measures to meet the academic and progress standards
- Successful appeal regarding extenuating circumstances
- Not attend courses in the Ventura County Community College District for two consecutive primary terms (Fall/Spring semesters)

The appeals process for extenuating circumstances includes:

- Verified accidents, illness or other circumstances beyond your control
- Changes in economic situation
- Evidence of inability to obtain essential support services
- Special consideration factors for CalWORKs, EOPS, DSPS and veteran students
- Disability accommodations not received in a timely manner

Please note that foster youth and former foster youth (age 24 years and younger) are not subject to loss of the California Community College Promise Grant (CCPG) under these regulations.

For more information or further assistance, please see Appendix IX (<http://catalog.vcccd.edu/oxnard/appendices/appendix-ix/>) and contact the Financial Aid office.

## Oxnard College Promise

The Oxnard College Promise waives tuition fees for two academic years for first-time college students who are enrolled in 12 or more semester units at the college and complete and submit either a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or a California Dream Act application.

## Eligibility

- There is no income criteria for the Oxnard College Promise

## Requirements

- Submit an Oxnard College application
- Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or the California Dream Act
- Attend an Oxnard College orientation (available online or in-person)
- Complete an educational plan with an Oxnard College Counselor
- Must enroll in 12 or more units per semester

For more information and appointments, call (805) 678-5828 or visit the Financial Aid office upon enrollment. The Financial Aid office is located in the first floor of the Student Services Building.

## Scholarships

The Oxnard College Foundation offers many scholarships to students who are entering, continuing or returning to Oxnard College, and those transferring to four-year universities.

Please visit the Oxnard College Foundation website (<https://oxnardcollegefoundation.org/scholarships/>) for more information.