

Financial aid for **specific** populations

Foster Youth

Chafee Grant for Foster Youth	→	Provides up to \$5,000 a year in grant aid in addition to any other federal or state aid	www.chafee.csac.ca.org
College-based tuition waivers/scholarships	→	Some colleges offer their own tuition waivers and scholarships for foster youth	www.calyouthconn.org
Orphan Foundation of America	→	Provides scholarships for former foster youth	www.orphan.org

Some colleges offer their own tuition waivers and scholarships for foster youth. Also, look into the Guardian Scholars or Renaissance programs at a growing number of colleges that provide scholarships and other support to former foster youth. Check out www.orangewoodfoundation.org/programs_scholars.asp. Learn more about many other scholarship programs available to foster youth at www.calyouthconn.org (select “Legislation,” then “Resources” on the left, then “Scholarship Info”).

Athletes

If you plan to play a sport in college, you may need to register with the National Collegiate Athletic Association, depending on your sport, division or college. You may also need to complete certain academic requirements in high school. To learn more, get the free brochure, *The Guide for College-Bound Student Athletes*, at www.ncaaclearinghouse.net, or by calling 800.638.3731. Even if you’re looking for a sports scholarship, you should still submit the FAFSA so that you can take advantage of other financial aid options.

California Conservation Corps

Get paid to work in the outdoors serving your state and take community college, adult education classes or pursue your high school diploma at night as a member of the California Conservation Corps. After a year, if you successfully complete classes in career development and conservation awareness, and 48 hours of volunteer service, you could get up to \$2,000 for college or vocational training. Learn more at www.ccc.ca.gov.

Students With Dependents

If you’re both a parent and a student, you may be eligible for cash aid and help with child care, transportation and job or training expenses through the CalWORKs program at California Community Colleges. Contact your county social services office for more information if your child’s other parent is deceased or absent from the home, or if you or your spouse is physically or mentally disabled, unemployed or working less than 100 hours a month.

Students With Disabilities

All public and many independent colleges provide services to disabled students including counseling, tutoring, readers, interpreters, note takers, special parking zones or the loan of special equipment. Your cost of

attendance should include all expenses necessary to accommodate your disability that aren’t already covered by insurance or other sources. Be sure to work with each college’s financial aid office when you’re applying for admission.

For more information, contact your college’s disabled student office or the national or local organizations serving your particular disability. You may also contact the local office of the California Department



of Rehabilitation or go to www.dor.ca.gov and select “Services to People with Disabilities.” Or visit www.heath.gwu.edu to find the HEATH Resource Center’s online publication, *Creating Options: Financial Aid for Students With Disabilities*.

Military and Their Dependents

Through the Montgomery GI Bill, active-duty service members and veterans can receive a monthly benefit. This tax-free benefit can be used for tuition, books, fees and living expenses while earning a degree or certification (including undergraduate and graduate degrees), or attending trade school.

Starting in August 2009, veterans who served after September 11, 2001, became eligible under the Post-9/11 GI Bill for full tuition and fees, a monthly housing stipend, and a stipend of up to \$1,000 a year for books and supplies. (The amount is based on time served, and



If you’re hearing impaired, call TTY 800.730.8913 to learn more about federal student aid, or listen to Audio Highlights on the Web at www.studentaid.ed.gov/ audioguide. The FAFSA and other publications are available online through the use of a screen reader and in Braille by calling toll-free 800.433.3243 (the Braille FAFSA is for reference only and cannot be submitted).

Money for Future Teachers

Considering a teaching career? Look into these financial aid programs. Also check out www.teachcalifornia.org

Cal Grant A and B extended benefits	Provide an additional year of your Cal Grant award if you enroll in an approved teacher credential program.	www.calgrants.org
Federal TEACH Grants	Provide \$4,000 a year for tuition if you qualify and plan to teach a high-need subject at a high-need school.	www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov
APLE, California's Assumption Program of Loans for Education	Assumes up to \$11,000 of student loan debt in return for four years paid teaching service in a designated subject shortage area or at a designated school. Up to \$8,000 more if you teach math, science or special education at the lowest-performing schools.	www.calgrants.org www.csac.ca.gov
Federal Loan Forgiveness for Teachers	Forgives up to \$5,000 federal Stafford loan debt in return for five years of paid teaching service at a low-income school. Up to \$17,500 for highly qualified math, science or special education teachers.	www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov
Federal Perkins Loan Forgiveness	Forgives part or all of a federal Perkins loan if you teach at a designated low-income public school, in a designated subject or to children with disabilities.	www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov
Federal Pell Grants	May be used to attend a teacher credential program at a college that doesn't offer a bachelor's degree in education, even if you already have a bachelor's degree.	See your college financial aid office
Teach for America	Offers forbearance and interest payment benefits on qualified student loans, plus up to \$4,725 a year to repay loans, if you teach for two years at a disadvantaged school.	www.teachforamerica.org
SNAPLE, California's State Nursing Assumption Program of Loans for Education	Assumes student loan debt for nursing students who agree to teach at a California college or state facility.	www.csac.ca.gov

cost of in-state tuition and fees plus books and housing; unused benefits can be transferred to a spouse or children.) Guard and Reserve members activated for more than 90 days since September 11, 2001, gained access to the same GI Bill benefits.

Education benefits are also available for disabled veterans, and survivors and dependents of veterans. You may be eligible for a fee waiver at a California public college if you have financial need and are the child or dependent of a service-connected disabled or deceased veteran, or the recipient or the child of a recipient of a Congressional Medal of Honor.

For more information on GI Bills and other education benefits for the military and veterans, contact your college's veterans affairs office or the local office of the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, call toll-free 888.442.4551 or go to www.gibill.va.gov.

California National Guard

The California National Guard Education Assistance Award Program provides financial assistance for college to active members of the California National Guard, State Military Reserve or Naval Militia who meet specified qualifications. For more information go to www.calguard.ca.gov.

In-State Tuition for Undocumented Students

If you're an undocumented or under-documented student, you may qualify for in-state tuition rates at UC, CSU and California Community College campuses. To qualify, you must have completed at least three years of high school in California and graduated from a California high school or received your GED in California, and signed an affidavit promising to start the process to legalize your residency as soon as you're eligible to do so (the affidavit will be kept by your college and remain confidential). For more information, ask your college's admissions office about in-state tuition rates for "AB 540" students. Download the *College and Financial Aid Guide for AB 540 Undocumented Immigrant Students* at www.usc.edu/dept/chepa/pdf/AB_540_final.pdf.

If you filed an application for permanent residency at least one year before enrolling in college, you may already be eligible for in-state tuition rates and California state aid—contact your college's admissions office.

You can get more information about scholarships that may not require legal permanent residency at www.latinocollegedollars.org. You may also want to approach friends, neighbors, family members, teachers, local businesses and large companies to request financial support to pursue your education beyond high school.