

GRANTS
Need-based financial aid that doesn't have to be repaid

program	who can apply	annual awards up to...	application deadline	forms required	eligibility requirements*
Cal Grant A	undergraduates	\$9,708	March 2 †	FAFSA, verified GPA www.calgrants.org	3.0 high school GPA or 2.4 college GPA, financial need
Cal Grant B	undergraduates	\$1,551 (first year) \$9,708 + \$1,551	March 2 †	FAFSA, verified GPA www.calgrants.org	2.0 high school GPA, financial need
Cal Grant A and B Transfer Entitlement Awards	California Community College students	\$9,708	March 2 †	FAFSA, verified GPA www.calgrants.org	2.4 California Community College GPA, financial need, graduated high school after 7.1.2000
Cal Grant C	technical and career students	\$3,168	March 2 †	FAFSA, Cal Grant C Supplement Form www.calgrants.org	financial need
Cal Grant A and B Extended Benefits	undergraduates	an additional year of Cal Grant award	contact your financial aid office	www.calgrants.org	enroll in an approved teacher credential program
Federal Pell Grant	undergraduates	\$5,350 (2009-10 maximum award)	contact your financial aid office	FAFSA	financial need according to your EFC and COA
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)	undergraduates	\$4,000	contact your financial aid office	FAFSA www.fafsa.gov	financial need according to your EFC and COA (not all colleges offer FSEOGs)
Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)	Pell Grant-eligible first- and second-year students attending at least half time	up to \$750 first year up to \$1,300 second year	contact your financial aid office	FAFSA	must also receive a Pell Grant; must successfully complete a rigorous high school program; 3.0 cumulative college GPA
National SMART Grant	Pell Grant-eligible third- and fourth-year students attending at least half time	up to \$4,000 each year	contact your financial aid office	FAFSA	must also receive a Pell Grant and major in physical, life or computer sciences, math, technology, or engineering, or certain foreign languages
Federal TEACH Grant	undergraduate/graduate/post-baccalaureate students pursuing a career in teaching	\$4,000	contact your financial aid office	FAFSA	must agree to teach in a high-need field serving low-income students. See page 12
University of California Student Aid	UC undergraduate/graduate students	average grant award of \$10,300	contact your financial aid office	FAFSA	financial need See page 10
State University Grant	CSU undergraduate/graduate students	full systemwide fees	contact your financial aid office	FAFSA	financial need See page 10

OTHER CALIFORNIA AID PROGRAMS

program	eligibility requirements	annual awards up to...	how to apply	other requirements	for more information
California Chafee Grant	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> you are or were in foster care financial need 	\$5,000 for job training or college in addition to any other state or federal aid you receive	FAFSA and Chafee Grant application available at www.chafee.csac.ca.gov	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> does not require a Social Security number must stay in school and maintain good grades must be enrolled at least half time remember to establish your independent status on your FAFSA apply for a Cal Grant by submitting a FAFSA and verified GPA by March 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.chafee.csac.ca.gov call toll-free 888.224.7268 contact your school, caseworker or Independent Living Coordinator or contact California's Foster Care Ombudsman toll-free at 877.846.1602 or go to www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov
Child Development Grant	employed full time at a licensed California children's center for one year for each year of grant assistance received	\$1,000 (at a California Community College) or \$2,000 (at a four-year college) up to \$6,000 total	FAFSA and Child Development Grant application form	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> must be pursuing a child development permit and plan to work at a licensed children's center in California financial need apply by application deadline at www.csac.ca.gov 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.csac.ca.gov click on "Financial Aid Programs" call toll-free 888.224.7268 automatically renewed for one year, reapply after that
Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents Grant	you're the dependent or spouse of a California peace officer, firefighter or certain other law enforcement employees who were killed or totally disabled in the line of duty	\$11,259	FAFSA and Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents Grant application	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> need based applications accepted year-round 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> www.csac.ca.gov click on "Financial Aid Programs" call toll-free 888.224.7268

SCHOLARSHIPS

See scholarship Web sites on back page

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Robert C. Byrd Honors Scholarship	graduating high school seniors	\$1,500	California nominations due by application deadline	application form** www.csac.ca.gov	high schools nominate academically outstanding high school seniors
California Cash for College Scholarship	graduating high school seniors	\$1,000	March 2	attend California Cash for College workshop www.californiacashforcollege.org	submit the FAFSA and verified Cal Grant GPA, complete an exit evaluation at workshop

WORK-STUDY

Money for college that you earn

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Federal Work-Study	undergraduate/graduate students	contact your financial aid office	contact your financial aid office	FAFSA	financial need; depends on your college's available funds
College Work-Study/ Student Employment Programs	undergraduate/graduate students	contact your financial aid office	contact your financial aid office	FAFSA	financial need; depends on your college's available funds

SPECIAL PROGRAMS

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California Community College Board of Governors Fee Waiver	California Community College students	waives registration fees	applications accepted throughout the year	FAFSA or fee waiver application www.icanaffordcollege.com	financial need
Educational Opportunity Program	CSU undergraduate	\$2,000	contact your financial aid office	contact your financial aid office	low income, educationally disadvantaged
Extended Opportunity Programs and Services	California Community College students	contact your financial aid or EOPS office	contact your financial aid or EOPS office	contact your financial aid or EOPS office	low income, educationally disadvantaged
Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education	California Community College students	contact your financial aid or EOPS office	contact your financial aid or EOPS office	contact your financial aid or EOPS office	single parents of children under 14, or receiving welfare benefits or EOPS students
Assumption Program of Loans for Education	K-12 teacher candidates; Credentialed teachers	\$19,000 (for four years of service)	June 30	application form www.csac.ca.gov	must agree to teach in low-performing California school
Special Fee Waivers	surviving dependents of law enforcement or firefighters	waives registration fees at UC, CSU and CCC	contact your bursar's or registrar's office	contact your bursar's or registrar's office	varies
Institution-Based Scholarships, Grants, Work-Study, Loans	undergraduate/graduate students	contact your financial aid office	contact your financial aid office	contact your financial aid office	varies

† Community college students have a second deadline of September 2 for Cal Grant A and B Competitive awards

* Other eligibility requirements may apply ** Applications available February 1 from high schools

Take Advantage of the New American Opportunity Tax Credit



Your family may be eligible to claim a tax credit of up to \$2,500 per student. Part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009, this program expands the existing Hope credit to allow taxpayers to claim 100 percent of the first \$2,000, plus 25 percent of the next \$2,000, of “qualifying expenses,” i.e., tuition, fees and course materials paid during the tax year. That’s \$700 more than the Hope credit allows families to claim. Also improving on the Hope credit, the American Opportunity Tax Credit (AOTC) adds books, supplies and equipment to the list of qualifying expenses, and allows the credit to be claimed for four years of postsecondary education instead of two (but keep in mind, the AOTC is only for tax years 2009 and 2010). Even families whose tax liability is less than the credit amount can receive a refund of up to 40 percent of the credit amount they’re eligible to receive (up to \$1,000). Taxpayers’ modified adjusted gross income must be \$80,000 or less, or \$160,000 or less for married couples filing jointly. Visit www.irs.gov and type “American Opportunity Credit” into the search box for more information, and always consult a tax advisor to determine your individual tax situation.