

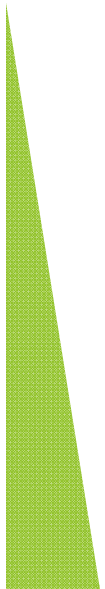


Financial Aid Opportunities:
How to Apply for FAFSA, Pell & Cal Grants,
and the Cuesta Promise

Financial Aid Opportunities

Financial aid is funding provided to students and families to help pay for postsecondary educational expenses.

- Federal Aid
- State Aid
- Institutional Funding
- Scholarships



Federal Programs

- Pell Grant (\$6095/ yr. in 2018-19)
 - Amount based on enrollment
 - Up to six years of full-time awards
- SEOG (\$200 - \$4000)
 - Given to neediest Pell-eligible students
 - Amount determined by institution
- Federal Work Study
 - Award is a pool from which student is paid for work on campus or in community
 - Amount differs by institution
- Direct Loans (up to \$12,500 / yr.)
 - Maximum amount differs by yr. in college and dependency status
- PLUS Parent Loan
 - Covers costs not covered by other financial aid
 - Credit check required

CA State Programs

- **“California College Promise Grant”**
 - Tuition fees waived—based on generous analysis of income
- **Cal Grants**
 - A (low/middle income), B (low-income), and C (vocational)
 - Tuition fees waived at four-year schools (\$12,630 at UC)
 - Living allowance (\$1672 for B, \$1094 for C)
- **Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG)**
 - \$649 per term for students in 12-14.99 units
 - \$2000 per term for students in 15 or more unit
- **Chafee Grant**
 - For foster youth in the Independent Living Program
 - Requires additional application
- **Middle Class Scholarship for UC & CSU**
 - Family income up to \$150,000 can qualify

AB540 status (California)

- Students who are considered non-residents but who attended high school in CA for at least 3 years
- Allows non-resident students to receive state grant opportunities
- Must complete application for status at the college you are attending

AB540 status (California)

- Undocumented students with AB540 status may use the CA Dream Act application to apply for BOG waiver and Cal Grants
- Students may receive social security cards under DACA, but they should fill out the CA Dream Act, NOT the FAFSA.

Institutional Funding

- Each school has their own aid structure
- Different types of aid available
- Contact ahead to find out...
 - ...what's offered.
 - ...if there is a separate application required.
 - ...when the deadlines are.



Institutional Funding

- Example: The Cuesta Promise
 - Recent SLO County High School Graduates
 - Tuition and fees paid for fall & spring for two years (student must maintain a 2.0 GPA and 50% completion rate to receive second year)
 - Deadline for 2019-2020: August 1st, 2019
 - Guaranteed to all students who complete ALL Cuesta Promise steps regardless of income or GPA



Required Steps

1. Submit your Cuesta admissions application
2. Submit a Cuesta scholarship application*
3. Submit a FAFSA or Dream Act*
4. Complete Cuesta's online orientation
5. Register for classes

* Students who complete these two steps by March 2 will also be considered for over 150 additional scholarships awarded in the Cuesta College Scholarship Program!

Private Scholarships

- Awarded on the basis of skills, GPA or unique characteristic
- Free money
- Foundations, high schools, businesses, charitable organizations, employers, unions
- Deadlines vary



Eligibility requirements

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Eligibility Requirements

General Federal eligibility requirements:

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Meet any residency requirements*
- Have a valid social security number*
- Register with Selective Service
- High school diploma/GED/home schooled
- Enrolled in an eligible degree or certificate program
- Making satisfactory academic progress
- Award is determined by level of enrollment and financial need



How to apply

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Application Process

- Student fills out FAFSA or Dream App
- System computes an expected family contribution (EFC) based on income information
- School receives FAFSA data and may require additional forms
- Student and family may be asked to verify the income reported
- Once school process is complete, EFC and calculated need is used to determine award amounts

Frequent Application Delays

- Transposed Social Security Numbers
- Marital status
- Income information
- Taxes paid
- Household size
- Number in college
- Asset information missing
- Missing student/parent signatures

Deadlines

- Application available October 1st
- To maximize aid, file your FAFSA by March 2 each year
- Remember: colleges may set their own deadlines
 - Check with the financial aid office of the school you are planning to attend well in advance.

Where can I get help?

Cash for College Workshop:

- **November 15, 2018 Cuesta SLO Campus**
 - (from 4pm to 7pm at Bldg. 3400 Rm 3412)
- **January 31, 2019 Cuesta SLO Campus** (from 4-8 pm at Bldg. 3400 room 3412)
 - One of 14 similar events being held in January and February on the Central Coast.
- Free help with FAFSA, Cal Dream Act, Cuesta Scholarship Application

Where can I get help?

Other resources:

- Financial aid offices in SLO, NCC, and AG
- StudentAid.gov <https://studentaid.ed.gov/>
- College Navigator <http://nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator/>
 - Compare colleges by statistics (including enrollment, campus security, net price, etc.)
- College Scorecard <https://collegescorecard.ed.gov>
 - Compare costs, graduation rates, and post-graduation salaries
- Shopping Sheet [Available through most schools' student portal](#)
- Net Price Calculator [Available through most schools' websites](#)

Cash4College Workshops

Mon, October 1	4-8 p.m.	Lilian Larsen Elementary School, Library, San Miguel
Tues, October 2	2-8 p.m.	Paso Robles High School, Library (A-J) Paso Robles High School, Library (K-R)
Wed, October 3	12-7 p.m.	
Thurs, October 4	2-8 p.m.	Paso Robles High School, Library (S-2)
Mon, October 8	4-8p.m.	Nipomo High School, Library
Tues, October 9	3-7 p.m.	Pioneer Valley High School, Library
Wed, October 10	3-7p.m.	Lompoc High School, Computer Lab, Room PI -B
Mon, October 15	4-8p.m.	Arroyo Grande High School, Rooms 958/959
Tues, October 16	2-7p.m.	Santa Maria High School, Library (A-H)
Wed, October 17	2-7 p.m.	Santa Maria High School, Library (1-P)
Thurs, October 18	2-7p.m.	Santa Maria High School, Library (Q-2)
Thurs, October 25	4-7p.m.	Santa Ynez Valley High School, Library
Thurs, November 1	3-7 p.m.	Righetti High School, Plato Labs, Rooms 621/622
Mon, November 5	4-8p.m.	Arroyo Grande High School, Rooms 958/959
Tues, November 6	4-7 p.m.	Delta High School, Room 204
Wed, November 7	3-7p.m.	Cabrillo High School, Room 8-8
Thurs, November 8	4-7 p.m.	Delta High School, Room 204
Sat, November 10	4-7 p.m.	Delta High School, Room 204
Tues, November 13	2-6p.m.	Allan Hancock College, Building A, Room A103
Thurs, November 15	4-7p.m.	Cuesta College, SLO Campus, Bldg. 3400
Wed, November 21	8-11 a.m.	Grizzly Youth Academy (not open to the public)
Wed, November 28	3-7 p.m.	Lompoc High School, Computer Lab, Room PI -8
Wed, December 5	3-7 p.m.	Pioneer Valley High School, Library
Thurs, December 6	3-8 p.m.	Santa Maria High School, Library
Mon, January 28	4-8p.m.	Nipomo High School, Library
Thurs, January 31	4-7 p.m.	Cuesta College, SLO Campus, Bldg. 3400
Mon, February 4	4-8p.m.	Arroyo Grande High School, Rooms 958/959
Tues, February 5	3-7 p.m.	Lompoc High School, Computer Lab, Room PI -8
Wed, February 6	3-8 p.m.	Cabrillo High School, Room 8-8
Wed, February 6	7. p.m.	Righetti High School Plato Labs, Rooms 621/622 Santa Maria High School, Library
Thurs, February 7	3-8p.m.	
Tues, February 12	2-6p.m.	Allan Hancock College, Building A, Room A103 Paso Robles High School, Library
Wed, February 13	7. p.m.	
Wed, February 27	3-7 p.m.	Pioneer Valley High School, Library

What to bring to the workshop

- ▶ Student and parent social security numbers
- ▶ Student and parent's 2017 federal income tax return including W2's
- ▶ List of colleges you are interested in attending, make sure to list Cuesta and Allan Hancock among your choices.
- ▶ Permanent residency or DACA card if you are not a U.S Citizen.
- ▶ Parent's date of birth
- ▶ Parent's date of marriage, divorce, separation or widowed (if applicable)
- ▶ Parent's ITIN number for employment purpose if applicable.
- ▶ Optional (but sometimes helpful)
 - ▶ Driver license or CA ID, Savings and Checking balance info.
 - ▶ Bank statement, business records, records of untaxed income, such as child support received, interest income, and veteran's non-educational benefits.

QUESTIONS?

