

FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

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The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (OFA&S) administers a number of financial aid programs to enable students without adequate financial resources to attend California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB). Students are encouraged to contact the OFA&S for specific application instructions, and/or visit our website at <http://www.csub.edu/finaid/> for information on **Applying for Aid** - a General Overview of the Financial Aid Application and Delivery Process, including *Tips for Success* and simplified *Checklists* to assist with a smooth transition to CSUB. The priority filing date for financial aid consideration for all CSU campuses is **March 2nd** prior to the beginning of each academic year. Applications for financial aid will be accepted after the priority date, but awards to late applicants are dependent upon the availability of funds.

A qualified applicant who has submitted all required verification documentation will be considered for a “financial aid package” which may include monies from one, or a combination of some, of the following programs:

GRANTS / FELLOWSHIPS

Grants and fellowships are disbursed to students for education-related expenses and do not need to be repaid unless the student withdraws from all classes prior to completion of 60% of the term.

Athletic Grant-in-Aid

Athletic Grant-in-Aid is a CSUB grant program for student-athletes. Eligibility is determined by the CSUB Athletic Department and is awarded in accordance with National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) regulations.

Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Grant

Native American students who can prove membership in a federally recognized tribe may receive education grants from the Federal Bureau of Indian Affairs. If you are a member of a California tribe, contact the Bureau’s Office of Indian Education, 2800 Cottage Way, Sacramento, CA 95825, phone (916) 978-6000.

California Chafee Grant

The Chafee Foster Youth Grant Program provides eligible California youth aging out of the foster care with financial assistance to attend a postsecondary institution in a Title IV-eligible program. Students may be eligible to receive up to \$5,000 per year if they are enrolled in an eligible program. Funding is intended to supplement, not supplant, any grant

funds that a student may otherwise be entitled to receive, nor may the total grant funding exceed the student’s cost of attendance.

The Chafee Foster Youth Grant Application is available on the Commission’s Web site at <https://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov/default.asp>. Only new Chafee applicants need to complete this application. Prospective Chafee students who cannot access the online application can download a paper application and mail or fax it to the Commission.

Renewal Chafee recipients must file a corresponding FAFSA and CSUB must submit a (Need Analysis Report) NAR by the deadline, in order for the student to be considered for the renewal award process.

Chafee Grant Program benefits must be coordinated with the applicant’s other resources. The Financial Need Analysis Report will assist the Commission in determining the remaining financial need of the student. Remaining loan disbursements or work-study awards may be canceled to allow maximum Chafee Grant awards prior to completing the Report.

The Commission’s Customer Service staff can be reached at (888)224-7268 #1 for general inquiries. For more information on the Chafee Grant Program and its benefits, please check the following web sites: <http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov>, <http://www.csac.ca.gov> or <https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov>.

Cal Grant Program

The Cal Grant Program is a state-funded educational opportunity grant program administered by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to assist undergraduate students in paying for a college education. Recipients of these 4-year renewable undergraduate awards may request a fifth year of funding while enrolled in specific coursework in post-baccalaureate teaching credential programs. The final filing deadline for these programs is **March 2nd** prior to the beginning of each new academic year.

Cal Grant A Entitlement Award

This award provides grant funds to help pay tuition/fees for California residents at qualifying for-credit instructional programs of not less than two academic years. These awards are guaranteed for those students who have a high school GPA of no less than 3.0 and meet the established program eligibility criteria.

Cal Grant B Entitlement Award

This award provides grant funds for “access costs” for low-income students in an amount not to exceed \$1,648 during their first year of Cal Grant B benefits. This grant is to be used to pay living expenses related to transportation, books, and supplies. Beginning with the second year of Cal Grant B benefits, Cal Grant B also helps pay for tuition/fees for

California residents attending qualifying institutions offering a baccalaureate degree. These awards are also guaranteed for those students who have a high school GPA of no less than 2.0 and meet the established program eligibility criteria.

California Community College Transfer Entitlement Award

This award is offered to California Community College students who were not awarded Cal Grant As or Bs within a year of graduating from high school, but meet certain requirements at the time of transfer from a California Community College to a qualifying institution offering a baccalaureate degree. These awards are also guaranteed for those students who have a Community College GPA of at least 2.4 and meet the established program eligibility criteria. They can represent the equivalent of either a Cal Grant A or B award.

Competitive Cal Grant A and B Award

This award is to be used for the same purposes as the Cal Grant A and B Entitlement awards, except that they are not guaranteed. The award is based on a competitive basis and intended for students who did not receive an entitlement award and are from low- and middle-income families.

Fifth Year Benefits Award

This award is for Cal Grant recipients who are enrolled in a mandatory five-year undergraduate program, which requires all participants to complete more than four years of undergraduate study.

CSU Graduate Equity Fellowship Program

This program seeks to increase the diversity of students completing Graduate degree programs in the CSU and encourages continuation on to doctoral programs and consideration of university faculty careers. It provides fellowships for economically disadvantaged CSU students, especially those from groups that are underrepresented among Graduate degree recipients in their areas of study, and promotes faculty mentoring and research opportunities. Fellowships are administered through the Office of Graduate Studies on a competitive basis for Graduate students. Individual fellowship awards typically range from a minimum of \$500 to a maximum of \$2,000 with an average award approximating \$1,000 for the academic year. Students may apply by filing a FAFSA. Contact the Office of Graduate Studies (661) 654-3420 for the fellowship application.

Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) Grants

This is a state-funded program limited to undergraduates admitted to California State University, Bakersfield through the Educational Opportunity Program. To be eligible for the EOP grant, a student must be disadvantaged according to criteria established by state regulations, and be enrolled at least half time. This program currently provides up to a maximum of \$600 annually, based on available funding, to

students enrolled in the EOP program. Apply for the EOP Program by contacting the EOP Office at (661) 654-2275 or write: EOP Office, California State University, Bakersfield, 9001 Stockdale Highway, Bakersfield, California 93311-1099

Federal Pell Grant

The Federal Pell Grant program is the largest federal student-grant program. Lifetime eligibility is limited to six years of full-time attendance. As a result of the Higher Education Act Amendments of 1998, students enrolled at least half-time in teacher preparation post-baccalaureate programs leading to an initial teaching credential are now also eligible. Eligibility for a Pell Grant is dictated by the federal government according to a formula developed by the U.S. Department of Education and Congress. Apply by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)

The FSEOG program is a federally-funded program that is designed to supplement other sources of financial aid for Undergraduate students who demonstrate exceptional financial need. Typically, the average award at CSUB is \$600 for the academic year because funds are not sufficient to meet the needs of all eligible students. A student's eligibility for FSEOG is determined by information submitted to the Financial Aid Office on the FAFSA.

State University Grant (SUG)

SUG is a California State University (CSU) funded grant / fee discount, intended for needy students who are residents of California. The California State University Chancellor defines eligibility criteria for award priorities, as well as amounts of the grant. Priority awarding consideration will be given to undergraduate, post-baccalaureate, and graduate students who are considered "on-time" financial aid applicants, have exceptional financial "need," are enrolled full-time, and who have not exceeded the unit limit requirements. A student's eligibility for SUG is determined by information submitted to the Financial Aid Office on the FAFSA or CA Dream Application.

LOANS

Some financial aid programs allow eligible students to borrow money to pay their living and educational expenses. Various loan programs are available to both students and/or their parents. Students must be enrolled at least half-time to be eligible for federal student loans. For more detailed information on the types of loans available, their terms, and borrowing limits, please refer to our web page at <http://www.csub.edu/finaid/types/index.html>.

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EMPLOYMENT

Part-time employment opportunities are available on and off campus.

Federal Work-Study

Through the Federal Work-Study Program (FWS), eligible undergraduate and graduate students may work part-time (up to 20 hours per week) and earn money to help pay for their educational expenses. Limited Work-Study funds are awarded to students as part of their financial aid award package. Students awarded Work-Study should follow the placement procedures outlined on our web page at <http://www.csub.edu/finaid/types/index.html>. Apply by completing the FAFSA.

America Reads/Counts Programs

CSUB also participates in the America Reads/Counts programs, which are federal initiatives that challenge universities to train work-study eligible students to provide tutoring of reading and mathematics to local elementary/middle school children performing below grade level. These programs are part of the Federal Work-Study program. Students interested in participating in this program should contact the Federal Work-Study Coordinator in the OFA&S at phone (661) 654-3016.

Student Assistant (on campus) and Part-time (off campus) Employment

Student Assistant employment is available on campus and eligibility is not based on financial need. Part-time, off-campus employment is available to all students as well. Positions are advertised on the Community Engagement and Career Education (CECE) department website at <http://www.csub.edu/cece/students/>. CECE is located in the Student Center next to the Runner Cafe, phone (661) 654-3033.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The purpose of the University's scholarship program is to provide monetary support and public recognition to students who have demonstrated academic excellence in the classroom. CSUB's growing scholarship program encompasses campus-wide, school/departmental, and community-based scholarships that are awarded by donors and/or respective scholarship committees. Scholarship awards typically range from \$300 to \$2,500, and are usually disbursed over multiple terms. CSUB students may apply for CSUB academic scholarships online at <http://www.csub.edu/finaid/types/schol/index.html>. The priority application filing period is **January 1st to March 2nd** each year.

REQUIREMENTS

The Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships (OFA&S) requires that full-time undergraduate student aid recipients, and post-baccalaureate Teacher Credential student aid recipients, must enroll in and satisfactorily complete 12 units per term toward their stated degree objective. Full-time Graduate students must enroll in and satisfactorily complete 8 units (which should consist of 500 and 600-level coursework) per term toward their stated degree objective. Graduate students will not receive credit for courses numbered below 300.

For those undergraduate and credential students who are receiving financial aid based on enrollment of less than full-time, their unit expectation is prorated based on their part-time enrollment as follows:

Undergraduate, 2nd BA, and Teacher Credential Enrollment Requirements

Less than half-time.....	1-5 units
Half-time.....	6-8 units
Three-quarter time.....	9-11 units
Full-time.....	12 or more units

The unit expectation for graduate students is as follows: Graduate Enrollment Requirements

Less than half-time.....	1-3 units
Half-time.....	4-5 units
Three-quarter time.....	6-7 units
Full-time.....	8 or more units

NOTE: Students must be enrolled at least half-time for eligibility in most federal and state student financial aid programs.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

In accordance with regulations that govern federal and state financial aid programs, California State University, Bakersfield (CSUB) is required to establish, publish, and consistently apply reasonable standards for measuring a student's academic progress. Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) must include both a qualitative component (e.g. GPA) and a quantitative component (e.g. percent of units completed). Both components must be cumulative in nature, and must be evaluated by the University at least once per year to certify the student's SAP.

Student eligibility for all federal, state, and institutional financial aid programs is affected by this policy. It is the responsibility of every CSUB financial aid recipient to read, understand, and comply with these standards of eligibility. Students may view the Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) guidelines in full detail on our website at <http://www.csub.edu/finaid/receiving/sap/index.html>.

STUDENT RIGHTS / TERMS and CONDITIONS

Financial aid recipients are advised of their rights and responsibilities with respect to their financial aid and scholarship records. In consideration of limited catalog space, students are encouraged to refer to the OFA&S website at <http://www.csub.edu/finaid/terms/index.html> for more detailed information.

Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act affords students certain rights with respect to their educational records including: 1) the right to inspect and review their educational records within 45 days of the day the University receives a request for access; 2) the right to request the amendment of their educational records that they believe are inaccurate; and 3) the right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in their educational records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. Students may provide their written consent to release confidential information to their parents, spouse, or other individual by completing the Student Consent Form at <http://www.csub.edu/finaid/forms/index.html>.

their student loans to their lender. For more information on withdrawal calculations and process please refer to the information posted on the CSUB Financial Aid website at <http://www.csub.edu/finaid/receiving/withdrawal/index.html>.

WITHDRAWAL

Financial aid recipients who completely withdraw from CSUB will be subject to a pro-rata calculation of “earned” Title IV aid based on the withdrawal date and the requisite return of federal Title IV funds to the appropriate accounts. Responsibility for repayment of these funds will be shared by CSUB and you, according to policies and procedures contained within the federal formula for pro-rata refunds of unearned Title IV aid. The portion of unearned Title IV funds that must be repaid by you and CSUB is calculated by the Financial Aid and Scholarship Office. The percentage of earned Title IV funds, excluding Federal Work-Study, is based on the number of calendar days you completed before withdrawing, divided by the number of calendar days in the term. Breaks in enrollment of five consecutive calendar days or more are excluded from the number of calendar days in the term. No repayment of Title IV funds will be required for withdrawals occurring after the 60% point of the term. Withdrawal BEFORE the first day of classes of a term, but AFTER you have received payment for that term requires 100 percent repayment of all funds paid to the student, including student loans of any kind. If you are required to repay a portion of your aid due to having withdrawn, you will need to discuss options for repayment with the CSUB Student Financial Services Office.

Important Note: Financial Aid Withdrawal Calculations by the CSUB Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships are separate from the Fee Calculations by the CSUB Student Financial Services Office (Bursar). A student who withdraws may not owe a balance to the university, but may still owe all or part of