

Financial Aid

Big Picture- CSU Financial Aid 2015-16

- 374,556 CSU Students received aid (80% of all students)
- More than \$4.1 Billion in Total Aid
- 61% of All undergraduates have full cost of tuition covered by grants, scholarships or waivers
- \$642 million in State University Grant to over 135,000 students
- For the 2017-18 academic year we anticipate over \$700 million in State University Grant awards

What does it cost?

2017-2018 Cost of Attendance* (9 months)


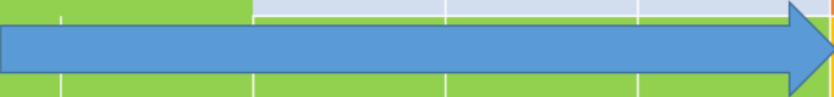
	At Home	On Campus	Off Campus
Fees	\$7,225	\$7,225	\$7,225
Books/Supp	\$1,827	\$1,827	\$1,827
Room/Board	\$5,197	\$13,320	\$13,521
Transportation	\$1,386	\$1,189	\$1,412
Personal	\$1,450	\$1,450	\$1,450
TOTAL	\$17,085	\$25,011	\$25,435

- Actual costs will vary by CSU campus

Application Process

- Starting October 1, 2017 students can begin submitting their FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application (CADAA) for financial aid for fall 2018.
- This year, both the FAFSA and the CADAA applications, will use income data from **2016!**
- Because of the earlier tax year for income, students won't have to wait for their parents to file their taxes.

Application Timeline

Fall 2018	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Jan.	Feb.	March	April	May
Admissions	Apply 					Offer of Admission	Admission	
Fin. Aid	Apply 					Fin. Aid Award		
Dates-Deadlines		Admissions Nov. 30				Fin. Aid - March 2		May 1- Intent to Enroll

Hot Topics in Financial Aid

- California Dream Act
- Transfer Students
- Special Circumstances/Dependency Overrides
- Homeless Youth & Food Insecurity

CA Dream Application

California Assembly Bills 130 & 131 are the CA Dream Act

- Provides that students without lawful immigration status, who qualify for an AB540 nonresident tuition exemption:
 1. Dream Application is completed instead of FAFSA (www.caldreamact.org)
 2. **Used to determine eligibility for state and institutional need based scholarships and grants**
 3. Cal Grant GPA verification is still required, in addition to the Dream Application, for Cal Grant consideration
 4. Some campuses may also have a separate institutional scholarship application that must be filed in addition to the DREAM and FAFSA applications
 5. The Admission application fee waiver is also available to students without lawful immigration status, who will qualify for an AB540 nonresident tuition exemption & meet the income guidelines

CA Dream Application

- ***NEW*** CA Dream Application will not register male students for Selective Service
 - All male Cal Grant recipients, regardless of citizenship/resident status, are required to register for Selective Service

CA Dream Application

- DACA: Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals
 - Should still complete the California Dream Application
- AB540 and the California Dream Act are California specific statutes

CA Dream Application & **AB 540 General Requirements**

AB540 is a Non-Resident Tuition Waiver

- Attended a California high school for at least three years or graduated early from a CA high school with the equivalent of three or more years of credit*, *AND*
- Graduated from a California high school, or pass the California High School Proficiency Exam ([CHSPE](#)), or obtained a Certificate of General Education Development (GED), *AND*
- Enrolled at an accredited and qualifying CA college or university; *AND*
- Complete(d) an affidavit to legalize immigration status as soon as you are eligible with your college or university

*If the student graduated early from high school under this provision, they must have also attended CA schools (elementary and secondary) for a cumulative total of three or more years (AB 2000)

Special Circumstances

- Don't let this delay your FAFSA or Dream application: the student should contact the financial aid office early
 - Each campus has different policies and procedures for helping students and families in need of a dependency override
 - Some common circumstances:
 - Death of a Parent
 - Student Estrangement from Parents
 - Homeless students
 - Other: Students with unique situations should contact the financial aid department at a CSU campus for guidance

Homeless Youth

- Increased awareness and sensitivity to the needs of this population
- CSU campuses may request more information from students to confirm homeless status
 - Each districts/high school's McKinney-Vento Homeless Liaison should be able to guide the student in getting confirmation
 - Students without documentation as detailed on the FAFSA/CADAA should speak with Financial Aid department about requirements for a dependency override
 - This population often time experience barriers to FAFSA/CADAA completion:
 - Inability to supply income and tax information
 - Need additional guidance in completing application process
 - Lack of contact with parent

Food Insecurity

- Many college students suffer from food insecurity, but may qualify for Cal Fresh (www.cdss.ca.gov/food-nutrition/calfresh)
 - Cal Fresh is known federally as Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
 - Issues electronic benefits that can be used to buy most foods at many markets and food stores
 - Apply online: benefitscal.org (available in multiple languages)
- OR
- To find out more about applying for CalFresh in your county call the toll-free number 1-877-847-3663 (FOOD).
- Receipt of Cal Fresh does not negatively impact financial aid eligibility

Transfer Students

- Cal Grant B received at CC counts towards 4-year Cal Grant eligibility
- Units attempted at CC may affect overall financial aid eligibility at a 4-year school
 - Satisfactory academic progress (maximum time frame)
 - Regardless if aid was received or not
- Units earned at CC affect SUG eligibility at a CSU
 - Regardless if aid was received or not

Transfer Students

- Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU): 6 years
 - Pell received while at a CC will reduce remaining Pell eligibility at a 4-year school
- Subsidized Loan Lifetime Eligibility
 - First time borrowers as of July 1, 2013
 - 6-year limit on Subsidized Loans
 - Borrowing at a CC may affect eligibility for Subsidized loan at a 4-year

Helpful Websites

- FAFSA: <http://www.fafsa.gov/>
- Cal Grants: <http://www.calgrants.org/>
- Dream Application: www.CalDreamAct.org
- Department of Education - Student guide:
<http://www.studentaid.ed.gov/>
- *CSU campus websites:*
http://calstate.edu/sas/fa_campus_url.shtml
- *CA Colleges and Career planning:*
<http://www.californiacolleges.edu/>

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