

Attending Other Schools

If you are enrolled at two or more colleges within the Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD), you must receive your financial aid from the college where you have the majority of your units. For example: If enrolled in 8 units at Ventura College and 5 units at Oxnard College, then you must receive your aid at Ventura. Please notify our office immediately if you enroll at Moorpark or Oxnard College. You may only receive aid at one school. If you transfer within the VCCCD (either Moorpark, Oxnard, or Ventura Colleges) during the school year, your aid may be revised or delayed.

In order to receive financial aid, you must be enrolled and attending the college that has offered you aid. The collection of fees will be strictly enforced by the Ventura County Community College District, and students will be dropped from all classes for non-payment of fees.

Consumer Information

Consumer information is available in the Financial Aid Office. You may also obtain more information from the following websites:

www.pin.ed.gov - Obtain a PIN for the FAFSA
www.fafsa.ed.gov - Online FAFSA site
www.nslds.ed.gov - Nat'l Student Loan Database
www.vcccd.net/finaid.nsf - Ventura College Financial Aid website

Return of Title IV Funds

BE AWARE OF THE LAW: RETURN OF TITLE IV FUNDS

If you receive a **GRANT** or **LOAN** and then **WITHDRAW, FAIL, OR RECEIVE NO CREDIT** for all attempted classes, you may **OWE MONEY BACK** regardless of the reason you withdraw.

If you fail to complete at least one class during a semester in which you receive aid, you will be notified if you owe a repayment. If you received a true grade of "F" (i.e., you attended the entire term but failed to earn a minimum grade of D) contact our office IMMEDIATELY.

Non-High School Graduates

Beginning in 2006, California high school students are required to pass the California High School Exit Examination (CAHSEE) in order to receive a diploma.

If you do not have a high school diploma, be aware that Federal regulations require that students have the "ability to benefit" from college. If you are beyond the age of compulsory education (18 in California), you must pass an approved Department of Education Ability to Benefit test prior to receiving financial aid.

Ventura College Financial Aid Office

4667 Telegraph Road
Ventura, CA 93003
(805) 654-6369
FAX 654-6383

Title IV School Code:
001334

Financial Aid Website:
www.vcccd.net/finaid.nsf

Office Hours:

Monday-Wednesday-Thursday:
8:30 am – 3:30 pm

Tuesday:
8:30 am – 7 pm

CLOSED FRIDAY

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**IMPORTANT-- WE STRONGLY
RECOMMEND YOU READ THIS
INFORMATION CAREFULLY.**

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Family Education Rights to Privacy Act (FERPA) and how it affects you

The Family Educational Rights To Privacy Act (FERPA) was enacted to prevent perceived abuses to student privacy and to assure students' access to educational records.

You have the right to:

- inspect and review records;
- request amendment of records;
- have control over the disclosure of personally identifiable information from these records

Due to FERPA, the Financial Aid Office will not discuss information over the telephone regarding any student – only general information regarding financial aid will be provided. If you have questions, please visit our office and bring valid state-issued identification with you.

Change of Name, Address or Phone

It is imperative that your correct address, phone number and email address be on file with the Financial Aid Office. We cannot be responsible for delays to funding due to an incorrect address. **If you have a name change, you will be required to bring a copy of your Social Security card in your new name, as well as documentation for the name change (i.e., marriage license, divorce decree, citizenship papers, etc.)**

Helpful Hints

- Apply early (Priority deadline March 2nd)
- Read the entire FAFSA application before you start completing it!
- Answer all questions on the FAFSA (unless instructed to skip.)
- Remember to obtain student and parent signatures (if applicable) on the application.
- Keep/print a copy of your application for your records.
- Write down your PIN, pass phrase, and any other codes, and keep them safe.
- Keep copies of your Tax Returns for at least 3 years.
- Respond promptly to all requests from the Financial Aid Office.
- Keep copies of documentation submitted to the Financial Aid Office.

*All documentation submitted to the Financial Aid Office will be considered Office property and **will not** be returned or copied.*

Types of Financial Aid Available

Grants:

Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)
Board of Governors Fee Waiver
Cal Grants B and C
CARE
Extended Opportunity Program & Services (EOPS)
Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
Pell

Workstudy: Earned through campus employment

Loans: Subsidized/Unsubsidized/PLUS

For more information visit our web site at www.vcccd.net.finaid.nsf.

What to Expect After you complete the FAFSA

You will receive a Student Aid Report (SAR) in approximately 2 weeks if you do your application online. If you provide an email, a response will be sent to you a few days after the application is processed by the Department of Education. If you apply via mail and do not receive the results of your application (SAR) within 4 weeks, please check online at www.fafsa.ed.gov or call 1-800-433-3243. You will need a PIN (issued by the Department of Education and available through their website at www.pin.ed.gov) to check the status of your application online.

After you receive your acknowledgement, you will receive a letter from the Financial Aid Office notifying you that your FAFSA application was received. The letter will also contain additional documentation to submit to the Financial Aid Office. After your file is reviewed, you will receive an award letter from the Financial Aid Office regarding your eligibility status.

The whole process can be lengthy. Incomplete files will delay processing. Please submit your documents and any subsequent requests for information as soon as possible.

Note: All applications for financial aid programs (i.e. grants, student loans, work study, etc.) will be considered by Ventura College without regard to age, race, color, national origin, gender, or disability.

