



# VENTURA COLLEGE

Financial Aid Newsletter

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## *President's Welcome*

On behalf of the faculty, classified professionals, and administrators, I would like to welcome you to Ventura College (VC) and thank you for choosing us to help you meet your educational and career goals. VC takes great pride in serving our students with high quality education leading to over 70 associate degrees with many career options. Additionally, the college provides numerous support services to assist students with achieving academic success. Most notable are the resources available through our Financial Aid Office where students can receive assistance securing financial recourses to help make college affordable. I encourage you to visit our Financial Aid Office and attend a workshop to learn more. Thank you again for choosing Ventura College! We look forward to celebrating your academic successes together.

*Best Wishes,*

**Kimberly Hoffmans, R.N., Ed.D.**

**Ventura College President**

# ***The Ventura College Promise***

The Ventura College (VC) Promise covers the cost of Enrollment Fees, Health Fees, Student Center Fees, and Student Representative Fees for Ventura College courses, waiving these fees for first-year, full-time students who meet certain eligibility requirements. The VC Promise also extends to a second year for those who received the first year promise and who meet eligibility requirements.

## ***First Year VC Promise Criteria***

- Must be a first-year, full-time student (AP scores and classes in high school do not affect this status).
- Must complete a 2019-2020 FAFSA or California Dream Act application (include VC on your application).
- Must be a California resident or AB 540 student. (Residency is determined by Admissions and Records).
- Must complete New Student Requirements:
  - Orientation
  - Assessment/Multiple Measures
  - Abbreviated Student Educational Plan
- Must be enrolled full-time (12 units or more all at Ventura College) beginning Fall 2019 and continue to be enrolled full-time for Spring 2020

## ***Second Year VC Promise Criteria***

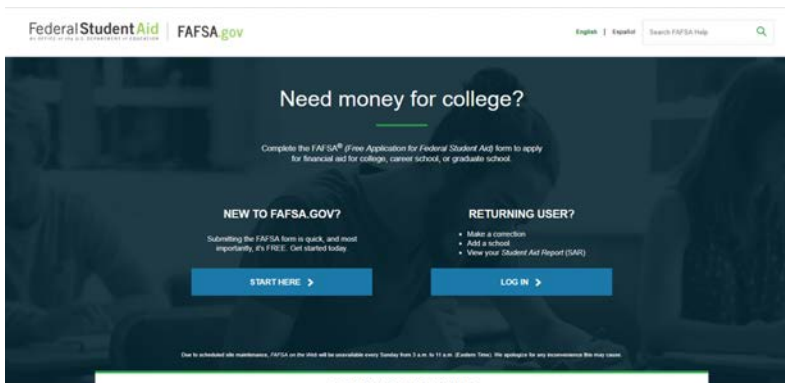
- Must have met First-year VC Promise criteria
- Must complete a 2020-2021 FAFSA or California Dream Act application (include VC on your application)
- Must be a California resident or AB 540 student. (Residency is determined by Admissions and Records).
- Must have completed 12 or more VC units for Fall 2019 and Spring 2020
- Must have a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00
- Must be enrolled full-time (12 units or more at Ventura College) Fall 2020 and continue to be enrolled full-time for Spring 2021

**\*Criteria subject to change\***

# It's not too late to apply for Financial Aid!

## Apply for the 2019-2020 FAFSA/Dream Act Application

There is still time to apply for financial aid  
if you are attending VC for  
**Fall '19, Spring '20, and/or Summer '20**



**FAFSA**

[www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)



**CA Dream Act Application**

[www.caldreamact.org](http://www.caldreamact.org)

**For students attending VC in the 2020-2021  
school year, you must renew your  
FAFSA/Dream Act to be eligible for aid!!**

**Applications Available: October 1st 2019  
Priority Deadline: March 2nd 2020**



# Cash for College Workshops



## FAFSA & California Dream Act Applications open October 1st, 2019 for the 2020-2021 Academic Year!

Join us at our upcoming workshops and get assistance from Financial Aid staff to complete your FAFSA/Dream Act Application! Workshops are free and open to all students!

**Saturday**

**October 12, 2019**

Ventura College  
9:00am-1:00pm  
(LRC)



**Saturday**

**October 26, 2019**

Ventura College East  
Campus  
9:00am-12:00pm



# Check your portal!

Check your MyVCCCD portal to see if you have any missing requirements to complete your file.

Financial Aid awards are also posted on your portal.

**Financial Aid**

MyCollege MySuccess Register / Pay Financial Aid Library Learning Resources Student Services

**Financial Aid Requirements**

Award Year: 2018-2019 Choose Another Aid Year

Requirements	Fund	Term/Period	Status
<a href="#">Fall Remedial Unit Alert</a>			✓
<a href="#">Fall Sap Appeal Form (Appeal to Extend)</a>			✓
<a href="#">Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used</a>			✓
Student has a Bachelors Degree			✓
1. Please Turn in FA Documents to Oxnard College			✓

**Financial Aid Award Info**

- [Accept Terms and Conditions](#)
- [Financial Aid Awards](#)
- [Award Payment Schedule](#)
- [Update Program and Ed Goal](#)
- [Check your Satisfactory Academic Progress Status](#)

**Financial Aid Info**

## ***Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)***

In order for a student to receive financial aid, they must meet the Qualitative, Quantitative, and Max Time Frame components of SAP.

**Qualitative Standard:** A 2.00 minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA) in all coursework attempted.

**Quantitative Standard:** A 67% minimum course completion rate in all coursework attempted.

**Maximum Time Frame Standard:** Attempted units may not exceed 150% of the number of units to complete your educational goal.

The deadline to turn in FALL SAP Appeals  
is **Tuesday October 22, 2019!!!**

# Financial Aid Awards

**Federal Pell Grant:** This award does not have to be repaid. The Pell Grant is awarded only to undergraduate students who have not earned a bachelor's degree or professional degree. Amounts can change yearly and depend on: your financial need, cost of attendance, enrollment status, and plans to attend school for a full academic year or less.

**Cal Grant:** Recipients are selected by the California Student Aid Commission. To apply for the Cal Grant Program, you must submit the 2019-2020 FAFSA or CADAA and a Cal Grant GPA Verification form by March 2nd, 2020.

**The California College Promise Grant:** The CCPG will waive all per-unit enrollment fees for an eligible student. Students must be a resident of California or AB540 student and must meet income criteria.

**VC Promise:** The VC Promise waives tuition fees for qualified first-year community college students. Students must submit a FAFSA/CA Dream Act, be a first time college student, be a California resident or be an AB 540 student, complete new student requirements, and be enrolled full-time (12 units).

**Student Success Completion Grant:** The Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG) offers financial aid to eligible California community college students who are recipients of a Cal Grant B or Cal Grant C and enrolled full-time (12 or more units per term). The SSCG grant could offer up to \$4,000 a year in free money to help cover cost of books, supplies, transportation, and living expenses for students who are enrolled in 15 units or more each semester.

# HOW DO I RECEIVE MY FINANCIAL AID???

**BankMobile**  
*Disbursements*

LOOK FOR THE BRIGHT  
GREEN ENVELOPE!



The Ventura County Community College District (VCCCD) partners with BankMobile to disburse\* financial aid. VCCCD students expecting to receive a financial aid disbursement will receive a Refund Selection Kit from BankMobile in the mail at their primary address on file with VCCCD.

\*BankMobile uses the term "Refund"

## Need help budgeting your money?



Welcome to... **CashCourse**  
Your Real-Life Money Guide.

When you're a student, it can feel like money is always tight. You've got bills, rent, and tuition to pay. CashCourse is your real-life guide to taking charge of your money! Check it out.

Click on the link below and register with VC today!

<http://www.cashcourse.org/>



# VENTURACOLLEGE

## Basic Needs Office

805.289.6583

vcbasicneeds@vccd.edu  
venturacollege.edu/basic-needs

- »» Food Pantry
- »» Transportation Vouchers
- »» Housing Referral Assistance
- »» CalFresh Application Assistance\*
- »» Campus Resource Referrals
- »» & Community Resource Assistance

\*The CalFresh program, formerly known as Food Stamps and federally known as the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), can add to your food budget to put healthy and nutritious food on the table.






**STUDENTS...**  
**Ride the BUS**  
**for FREE!**  
**With your college I.D.!**





# **VC STUDENT SUPPORT RESOURCES**

## **FINANCIAL AID and BASIC NEEDS**

<b>Basic Needs:</b> John Ruff Basic Needs Specialist <a href="mailto:vcbasicneeds@vcccd.edu">vcbasicneeds@vcccd.edu</a> (805) 289-6583	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cal Fresh application assistance</li> <li>• Food Pantry</li> <li>• Transportation assistance</li> <li>• Housing Referrals</li> <li>• Referral for additional resources</li> </ul>
<b>Foster Youth Liaison:</b> Danielle Rodriguez Financial Aid Specialist <a href="mailto:danielle_rodriguez2@vcccd.edu">danielle_rodriguez2@vcccd.edu</a> (805) 289-6125	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FAFSA/ CADAA application assistance</li> <li>• CHAFEE Grant application assistance</li> <li>• Referral to additional resources</li> </ul>
<b>Homeless Student Liaison:</b> Annette Hernandez Financial Aid Specialist <a href="mailto:annette_hernandez1@vcccd.edu">annette_hernandez1@vcccd.edu</a> (805) 289-6152	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FAFSA/ CADAA application assistance</li> <li>• Shower facility referrals in accordance with AB1995</li> <li>• Referral to additional resources</li> </ul>
<b>Undocumented / Dreamers Liaison:</b> Wendolyne Lopez Financial Aid Specialist - Bilingual <a href="mailto:wendolyne_lopez1@vcccd.edu">wendolyne_lopez1@vcccd.edu</a> (805) 289-6574  Paulina Salazar Perez Financial Aid Specialist <a href="mailto:psalazarperez@vcccd.edu">psalazarperez@vcccd.edu</a> (805) 289-6581	 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• CA Dream Act application assistance</li> <li>• Bilingual assistance</li> <li>• Referral to additional resources</li> <li>• Scholarship referrals</li> </ul>
<b>Veterans Liaison:</b> Shasta Hanson Financial Aid Specialist <a href="mailto:shanson@vcccd.edu">shanson@vcccd.edu</a> (805) 289-6575	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• FAFSA application assistance</li> <li>• Coordination of GI Bill and Financial Aid</li> <li>• Referral to additional resources</li> </ul>

# RIDE THE BUS FOR FREE!

## FREE BUS RIDES FOR VENTURA COUNTY COLLEGE STUDENTS

(2019-2020 school year)

**Free for students at:**

Moorpark College  
Oxnard College  
Ventura College  
CSU Channel Islands  
Cal Lutheran University



\*Just show the driver your student ID\*



For more information:  
[GoVentura.org](http://GoVentura.org) 800-438-1112



# Important Dates

Sept. 9	Pell Recalculation Date (@ noon)
Sept. 13	Second Disbursement (then weekly thereafter)
Oct. 1	2020-2021 FAFSA and Dream Act application opens
Oct. 12	Cash for College Workshop (at Ventura College LRC)
Oct. 22	Fall 2019 SAP Appeal Deadline
Oct. 26	Cash for College Workshop (at VC East Campus)
Nov. 12th	Fall 2019 Loan Application Deadline





VC PIRATES COVE

# FALL 2019 WORKSHOPS

## **Get Organized Workshop**

Wednesday, August 28, 2019

Pirates Cove: 1:00pm-2:00pm

## **Procrastinate Productively**

Tuesday, October 15, 2019

Pirates Cove: 1:00pm-2:00pm

## **Dear Professor**

**(Connecting with Faculty)**

Thursday, September 12, 2019

Pirates Cove: 1:00pm-2:00pm

## **Managing Your Stress**

Wednesday, November 13, 2019

Pirates Cove: 1:00pm-2:00pm

## **Get S.M.A.R.T. with Your Goals**

Tuesday, September 17, 2019

Pirates Cove: 1:00pm-2:00pm

For more information and to RSVP for our workshops, visit:

<https://www.venturacollege.edu/departments/student-services/pirates-cove/upcoming-workshops>



# STUDY SKILLS TIPS.....

*"Unlock one of the Keys to Student Success in the Pirates Cove"*

## GETTING ORGANIZED

- MONITOR YOUR STUDY TIME
- WRITE YOUR STUDY TIME DOWN
- STUDY. TAKE A BREAK & COME BACK TO IT LATER
- HAVE A QUIET PLACE TO STUDY
- KNOW YOUR DISTRACTIONS AND AVOID THEM!!!

## FTF in TIME MANAGEMENT

(FIRST THINGS FIRST)

1. AT NIGHT ON A 3x5 CARD WRITE DOWN 5 OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TASKS YOU HAVE TO DO TOMORROW.
2. NUMBER THEM IN ORDER OF IMPORTANCE.
3. IN THE MORNING, LOOK AT TASK 1 AND GET STARTED ON IT UNTIL IT'S COMPLETE.
4. PROCEED TO STEP 2 UNTIL IT'S COMPLETE AND THEN TO STEP 3.
5. EACH NIGHT WRITE A NEW LIST ON A 3X5 CARD.

Visit the Pirates Cove if you need help with Time Management and Study Skills Tips

[vcpiratescove@vcccd.edu](mailto:vcpiratescove@vcccd.edu)

(805) 289-6280

Campus Center Building

[www.venturacollege.edu/departments/student-services/pirates-cove](http://www.venturacollege.edu/departments/student-services/pirates-cove)





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