Apply for financial aid by completing an application online at fafsa.gov or dream.csac.ca.gov

Apply for a Cal Grant
For application information please read “Cal Grant” section inside

Apply for admission to Ventura College online at venturacollege.edu/apply

Set-up your my.vcccd.edu portal
See the Welcome Center if you need help setting up your portal

Log-in to your portal for updates on requirements & award information

Visit the Financial Aid website for important deadlines, news, FAQs, and more

Your success is our goal.

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Tuesday: 8:30am-7:00pm
Friday: CLOSED

Title IV School Code:
001334
FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES AT VENTURA COLLEGE

The Financial Aid Office at Ventura College is pleased to provide various funding options to assist students with their educational goals.

FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)
To apply for financial aid, students need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). To apply online, visit www.fafsa.gov. To apply for a student and/or parent PIN to sign the FAFSA electronically, visit the PIN website at www.pin.gov.

CALIFORNIA DREAM ACT APPLICATION
Students who do not meet eligibility requirements to complete the FAFSA who are classified as AB540 can complete the California Dream Application. AB540 students will be eligible to apply for state and privately funded scholarships and programs. To apply online, go to dream.csac.ca.gov. AB540 status is determined by the Admissions & Records Office.

STATE AID PROGRAMS
State aid programs include the Cal Grant, the Board of Governor’s Fee Waiver (BOGW), the Extended Opportunities Programs and Services (EOPS) Grant, and the Chafee Grant.

CAL GRANT: Cal Grants are awarded by the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) to undergraduate students with demonstrated financial need and academic achievement which is measured by Grade Point Averages (GPA’s) and scoring criteria. To apply for the Cal Grant Program, you must submit the FAFSA or California Dream Application and a Cal Grant GPA Verification form by March 2nd. FAFSA applicants who do not meet the March 2nd priority filing deadline may have a second chance to compete for a Cal Grant by filing the FAFSA and GPA Verification form by September 2nd (does not apply to Dream Act Applicants).

BOGW: The Board of Governor’s Fee Waiver (BOGW) waives enrollment fees for financially qualified California residents, AB540, and AB1899 students (residency is determined by the Admissions & Records Office).

EOPS: EOPS is a state-funded, services-oriented program. It combines financial assistance with support services designed to inform, recruit, admit, and academically motivate low-income and educationally disadvantaged full-time students to pursue a college education. For more information contact EOPS at 805.289.6302.

CHAFEE GRANT: The California Chafee Grant Program awards up to $5,000 annually to eligible current and former foster youth to use for college courses or vocational school training. The Financial Aid Office’s Foster Youth Liaison certifies the student’s need and enrollment status on the Chafee website and disburses Chafee grants in accordance with the regulatory statutes of this program.

FEDERAL AID PROGRAMS
Federal aid programs include the Pell Grant, FSEOG Grant, Federal Work Study and Federal Direct Loans. To be eligible for these programs, students must file a FAFSA.

FEDERAL PELL GRANT: The Federal Pell Grant Program provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate students to promote access to postsecondary education. Grant amounts are dependent on: the student’s expected family contribution (EFC), the cost of attendance (as determined by the institution), the student’s enrollment status, and whether the student attends for a full academic year or less.

FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT (FSEOG): These grants are awarded to students who demonstrate exceptional financial need and priority is given to Pell Grant recipients. Unlike Pell Grants, there is no guarantee you will receive FSEOG since funds are limited.

FEDERAL WORK-STUDY (FWS): This is a student employment program. With FWS, students can earn money to cover the costs of academic expenses. Not everyone who is eligible for FWS receives the award since funds are limited. Students must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress and be enrolled at least half-time. FWS wages are generally paid twice per month.

FEDERAL DIRECT LOANS: Subsidized and unsubsidized loans are for students to help cover the cost of their education. The U.S. Department of Education offers eligible students at participating schools Direct Subsidized, Direct Unsubsidized, and Direct Plus Loans. To receive any type of loan you must be enrolled at least half-time.

Loans must be repaid with interest so it is important to understand your rights and responsibilities as a borrower. All borrowers are required to complete Loan Entrance Counseling and a Master Promissory Note (MPN) before loans can be certified.

SUBSIDIZED LOANS: These are offered to undergraduate students with financial need. They have a low fixed interest rate and do not accrue interest while the student is enrolled at least half-time in a degree program. In addition, students do not have to make payments until six months after they graduate or drop below half-time (this is known as the grace period).

UNSUBSIDIZED LOANS: These are available to students with or without financial need. These loans accrue interest while the student is in school and during deferments and grace periods. Students may defer interest until after they graduate, but the interest will be added to the principal balance. This process is known as capitalization.