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Welcome to the Fall 2014 Semester!

Welcome to Ventura College... we are glad that you are here! The college offers diverse courses and programs to meet your educational goals. Please take the time to connect with our range of student support services including financial aid. Our Financial Aid Office helps students learn about and access resources from a number of potential sources. Financial aid and student services staff can help connect you to a number of programs for which you may qualify.

Congratulations on joining with many other students at Ventura College to create your pathway to a career and further education. Feel free to ask any college faculty or staff a question and they will be glad to provide assistance and direct you to an answer. We look forward to working with you!

Greg Gillespie
Ventura College President

Important Update...

The Financial Aid Office at Ventura College has awarded potentially eligible students Pell Grants and Cal Grants based on their most recent FAFSA information. If you see a Grant award on your account, but are not sure where your money is you should check to see if you have outstanding requirements. The Financial Aid Requirements article on page 3 outlines how to check your my.vcccd.edu portal for outstanding requirements. The only way to be eligible for a tentative financial aid award is to complete all outstanding requirements. If you need help accessing your my.vcccd.edu account, please visit the Welcome Center. If you need assistance completing your outstanding requirements, please visit the Financial Aid Office during normal business hours at your earliest convenience. Students may have also noticed that they have been issued a HigherOne debit card. If you are going to pursue financial aid at Ventura, Oxnard, or Moorpark College please activate the card to select how you’d like to have your financial aid issued to you.

If you do not plan to accept your financial aid award, are receiving aid at another college or university, are not enrolled, etc. please do not activate this debit card.

An account will not be opened in your name unless you choose to do so. Please come by the Financial Aid Office if you have any questions regarding your financial aid award.

get good grades.
Awards

Now that you've completed your Financial Aid requirements, what happens next?

Don't stop checking your my.vcccd.edu portal and email because we'll send you important updates regarding your financial aid status.

You will be sent an Award Notification email if you are eligible for financial aid.

Disbursements

Federal Pell Grants are disbursed in two disbursements each semester.

Federal SEOG Grants and Cal Grants are disbursed once during each semester.

Federal Direct Loans are disbursed once during each semester (one semester loans have two disbursements). Federal Direct Loans are not awarded automatically; students must complete a Federal Loan Application packet. See VC Financial Aid website for additional information and deadlines.

HigherOne

Ventura College partners with HigherOne to disburse financial aid. The Higher One debit card is the key to receiving your financial aid, so you will need your Higher One debit card to select your disbursement option.

Below are the options you may select from for receiving your financial aid disbursement:

⇒ Open a HigherOne account and have your aid disbursed directly onto your MyVCCCD debit card
⇒ Directly deposit your refund into your existing bank account
⇒ Receive a paper check

** You will receive your refund from Higher One approximately 7 to 21 days after a payment appears on your MyVCCCD portal.

COMPLETE YOUR REQUIREMENTS!

It’s not too late to receive financial aid for the Fall 2014 semester. Check your portal and complete your requirements today!

Rights & Responsibilities Online:

Step 1: MY.VCCCD.EDU
Log in to your account. For assistance logging in or accessing the student portal, please visit the Welcome Center!

Step 2: Financial Aid Tab
Click on the Financial Aid tab. Go to the box marked Financial Aid Award Information and click “Accept Terms and Conditions”.

Step 3: Aid Year
Select the appropriate aid year, for Fall 2014 select 2014-2015.

Step 4: Click Accept!
You're done.

Completing these steps allows you to accept your Rights & Responsibilities on your portal so you will not need to turn in the paper version of the document. This will also allow you to complete the Title IV Authorizations listed on your requirements.

Please read the Rights & Responsibilities! You can always access this document by clicking the link in the Financial Aid Requirements box on your portal.

Financial Aid Requirements

After you've filed your FAFSA or Dream Act Application, you will need to follow up with the Financial Aid Office to complete the rest of your requirements.

Checking and completing your requirements is easier than ever! Log in to my.vcccd.edu and click on the “Financial Aid” tab. From there you can see what you are required to do.

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What does the Dream Act mean to me?

Students who were not previously able to receive financial aid by filing a FAFSA because they are not U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents are now able to receive some state funded financial aid because they are not U.S. Citizens or Permanent Residents. Students who were not previously able to receive financial aid by filing a FAFSA are now able to receive financial aid by filing a FAFSA. To qualify under AB540 students must:

- Attend a CA high school for 3 or more years between grades 9-12
- Graduate from a CA high school or attained the equivalent
- Register or be enrolled at an accredited higher education institution in CA
- Ventura College students, fill out the CA Nonresident Tuition Exemption (AB540) form and submit official high school transcripts to the Admissions & Records Office.

Financial Aid Suspension:
If a student does not raise to a 2.00 cumulative GPA and/or bring their completion rate back up above 70% at the end of the warning semester, he/she will be Suspended. During Suspension, students are not eligible to receive any financial aid other than the Board of Governor’s Fee Waiver (BOGW), if they qualify.

Financial Aid Probation:
If an appeal is approved, the student will be placed on Probation. Students will be required to follow the terms/conditions. See the VC Financial Aid website for additional information and deadlines.

For more information on applying for AB540 at Ventura College, please visit the Admissions & Records Office.

Dream Act
Any student meeting AB540 criteria should apply for the Dream Act Application online between January 1 and March 2 for the following aid year.

Students may be eligible for benefits including the Board of Governor’s Fee Waiver (BOGW), a Cal Grant, EOPS services, and more!

If you need any help applying for the Dream Act Application, the Financial Aid Computer Lab is open during office hours and can guide you through the process.

Visit dream.csac.ca.gov to apply!
Visit: http://e4fc.org/resources/scholarshiplists.html for an AB540 scholarship resource guide!