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Wondering about Summer '14 Financial Aid?

Students interested in receiving financial aid during the Summer 2014 semester should submit a FAFSA or Dream Act Application for the 2013-2014 school year. Students also have the option to complete a Board of Governor's Fee Waiver application for the summer semester if they do not wish to apply for additional financial aid.

If you have already submitted an application for 2013-2014 or you have already received financial aid for the Fall 2013 or Spring 2014 semesters, you do not need to complete another application. The Financial Aid Office will automatically review your Summer eligibility upon your enrollment.

The deadline for submitting a FAFSA or Dream Act Application for the 2013-2014 academic year is June 30, 2014. No applications can be submitted after this date. Students are required to check their my.vcccd.edu portal for any outstanding requirements.

Students eligible for a Summer 2014 disbursement will be able to see their award information on the my.vcccd.edu portal, and should (if eligible) receive a disbursement 1-2 weeks after the start of class. See the Ventura College Financial Aid website for additional information.

The Ventura College Financial Aid Office would like to extend a very big congratulations to those who graduated this year!

The Ventura College Freshman Experience is a weeklong event for brand new Freshman attending VC for Fall 2014. The event will feature workshops on student success; clubs and activities; student support services such as Financial Aid, Counseling, Transfer and Career; and many more!

Breakfast and lunch served each day.

When: August 4-7, 8am to 3pm

Register Online: http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/VCFreshmanexperience2014
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.

⇒ Any requirement listed with 🚩 needs to be completed.
⇒ Any requirement listed with ✔ is done.

Please note: If you are asked to complete Rights & Responsibilities or the Title IV Authorizations, follow the instructions on the right to satisfy those requirements via my.vcccd.edu

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!

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 (2014-2015 loan packets will be available July 1, 2014). See VC Financial Aid website for additional information and deadlines.

Ventura College partners with Higher One 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 Higher One 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

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1st Disbursement: August 22, 2014 **
2nd Disbursement: October 24, 2014 **

Spring 2015:

1st Disbursement: January 16, 2015 **
2nd Disbursement: March 20, 2015 **

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

Textbooks are available at the Lending Library event. Please see the Library in the LRC for more information.

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.

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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 while attending CA Colleges/Universities.

AB540

Students must qualify for AB540 status in order to receive aid through the Dream Act Application.

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.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

The Summer 2014 semester will be starting soon. Now is the time for the Financial Aid Office to remind students regarding Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). In order for students to be eligible to receive financial aid, students need to be meeting the Qualitative, Quantitative, and Max Time components of SAP. Each component is made up of the following:

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

Quantitative Standard: A 70% minimum course completion of all coursework attempted.

Max Time Standard: Attempted units may not exceed 150% of the number of units required to complete your educational objective.

Financial Aid Warning:
If a student fails to achieve a minimum 2.00 cumulative GPA or better and his/her pace is not equal or higher than 70% he/she will be placed on Warning. If a student is placed on Financial Aid Warning, financial aid is available during that period. At the end of the Warning period, a student must have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 2.00 and must also complete a minimum of 70% of all attempted units.

Financial Aid Disqualification (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 Waiver (BOGW), if they qualify. A student can reinstate their eligibility by completing coursework without financial aid to bring up their GPA and/or completion rate. The student must notify the Financial Aid Office if they reinstate themselves.

The student can also appeal to receive financial aid during Suspension by completing an appeal through the Financial Aid Office.

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!

Financial Aid Probation:
If an appeal is approved, the student will be placed on Probation. Students will be required to follow the terms of Probation which will include following an educational plan and completing all attempted units.

Students on Probation can be eligible for financial aid while following the terms/conditions. See the VC Financial Aid website for additional information and deadlines.