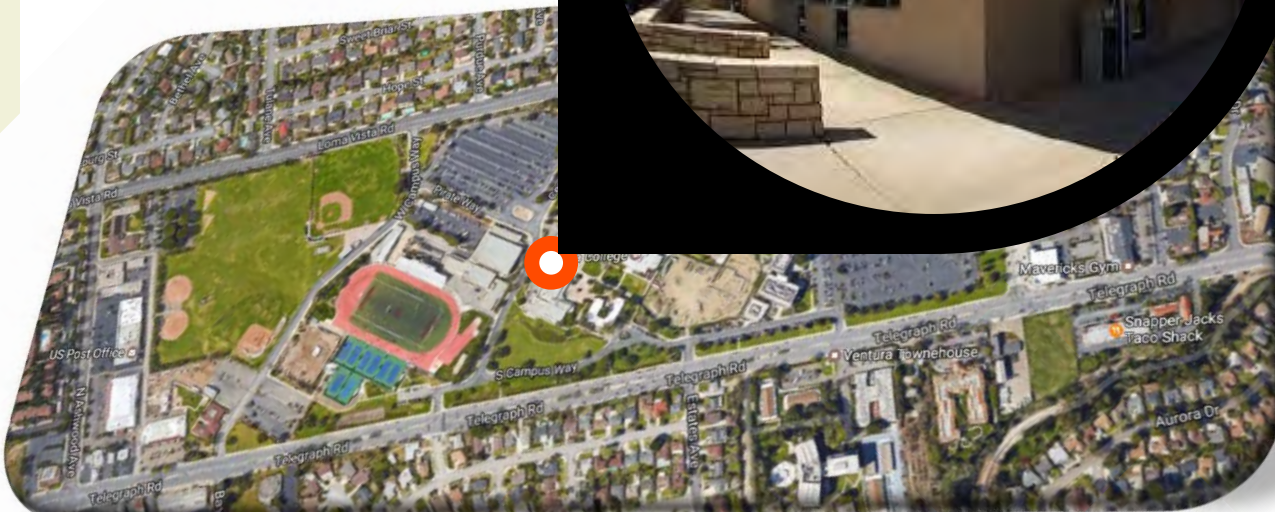


# Ventura College

## Financial Aid

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Newsletter



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★ Damon A. Bell, Ed.D.

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# Welcome to the Fall 2018 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 employee a question and they will be glad to provide assistance and direct you to an answer. We look forward to working with you!

*Damon A. Bell, Ed.D.*  
Ventura College President





# EXTENDED FALL OFFICE HOURS

## Financial Aid Office Hours

**August 13 - 17, 2018**

Financial Aid Office Hours

Monday	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am - 6:30 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday	11:00 am - 4:30 pm
Friday	1:00 pm - 4:30 pm

## Financial Aid Office Hours

**August 20 - 31, 2018**

Financial Aid Office Hours

Monday	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Tuesday	10:00 am - 6:30 pm
Wednesday	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Thursday	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday	8:30 am - 12:00 pm



# REGULAR OFFICE HOURS

## Financial Aid Services at Ventura College Campus

From September 4, 2018

<b>Monday</b>	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
<b>Tuesday</b>	10:00 am - 6:30 pm
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
<b>Thursday</b>	8:30 am - 4:30 pm
<b>Friday</b>	<b>CLOSED FOR PROCESSING</b>

## Financial Aid Services & Basic Needs at VC East Campus

### Financial Aid Services

**Tuesday**

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

### Basic Needs

**Tuesday**

2nd week of every Month

3:00 pm - 7:00 pm

**Thursday**

4th week of every Month

9:00 am - 11:00 am

**Upcoming Dates:**

August 23

September 11 and 27

October 9 and 25



[FACEBOOK.COM/VCFAO](https://www.facebook.com/VCFAO)



[#VCFAO](https://twitter.com/VCFAO)



[vcfinancialaid](https://www.instagram.com/vcfinancialaid)



# CHECK YOUR PORTAL!!!

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

Students should monitor their portals regularly for updates to financial aid requirements and awards. Log in to [my.vcccd.edu](http://my.vcccd.edu) and click on the "Financial Aid" tab. From there you can see what you are required to do.

The screenshot shows the "Financial Aid Requirements" page for the "Award Year 2018-2019". It features a table with columns for "Requirements", "Fund", "Term/Period", and "Status". The requirements listed are "Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used", "Student has a Bachelors Degree", "1. Please Turn in FA Documents to Ventura College.", "FA Rights and Responsibilities", and "Free Application For Federal Student Aid". The first two have status icons (a grey circle with a white checkmark and a grey circle with a white X), while the last three have green checkmarks. At the bottom, there are links for "Message", "Holds", "Financial Aid Status", and "Progress".

Requirements	Fund	Term/Period	Status
<a href="#">Pell Lifetime Eligibility Used</a>			
Student has a Bachelors Degree			
1. Please Turn in FA Documents to Ventura College.			
FA Rights and Responsibilities			
Free Application For Federal Student Aid			

[Message](#) [Holds](#) [Financial Aid Status](#) [Progress](#)

- Requirements list with need to be completed
- Requirements list with are done

Once your file is complete (all green check marks), your financial aid awards will be determined. You can check your award status by clicking on the "Financial Aid Awards" link in the "Financial Aid Awards Info" channel.

## CHECK YOUR EMAILS!!!

Financial Aid will send important notices to your [my.vcccd.edu](mailto:my.vcccd.edu) email address.



# **ATTENTION!!**

Students must re-apply for financial aid  
beginning October 1, 2018

All students attending VC for **Fall '19, Spring '20, and/or Summer '20** are required to reapply for the FAFSA or California Dream Act Application to qualify for financial aid!

All students should complete an application between:  
**October 1, 2018 - March 2, 2019**

Follow up on [my.vcccd.edu](http://my.vcccd.edu) to complete any remaining requirements during Spring 2018!

## **Workshops and Community Events**

### ★ **October 13, 2018**

Cash for College - Ventura College, Oxnard College,  
Moorpark College

**Time: 9:00 am - 2:00pm**

### ★ **October 20, 2018**

Cash for College - VC East Campus

**Time: 9:00 am - 12:00pm**





# SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

Article by Staff Writer

In order for students to be eligible to receive financial aid, they need to be meeting the Qualitative, Quantitative, and Max Time 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 of all course 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 minimum of 67% completion rate, they will be placed on Warning. If a student is placed on Warning, financial aid is available during that semester. At the end of the Warning semester, a student must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 and must also be completing a minimum of 67% of all attempted units.

## Financial Aid Suspension:

If a student does not raise to a 2.00 cumulative GPA and/or bring their completion rate back up to at least 67% at the end of the warning semester, he/she will be Suspended.

During Suspension, a student is not eligible to receive any financial aid other than the California College Promise Grant (formerly Board of Governors Fee 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.

## 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.



# California College Promise Grant

Article by Staff Writer

Students who are eligible for the California College Promise Grant (formerly BOG Fee Waiver) may lose their eligibility if they fail to maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.00 or higher and/or fail to complete more than 50% of their coursework.

If a student's cumulative GPA falls below 2.00 for two consecutive primary terms (fall/spring semesters), the student is placed on academic probation. If the cumulative number of units completed is not more than 50%, the student is placed on progress probation. Any of the combination of two consecutive primary terms of academic and/or progress probation may result in loss of fee waiver eligibility. See the financial aid website for more information or steps to reinstate your eligibility:

[www.venturacollege.edu/finaid](http://www.venturacollege.edu/finaid)

## How to regain eligibility:

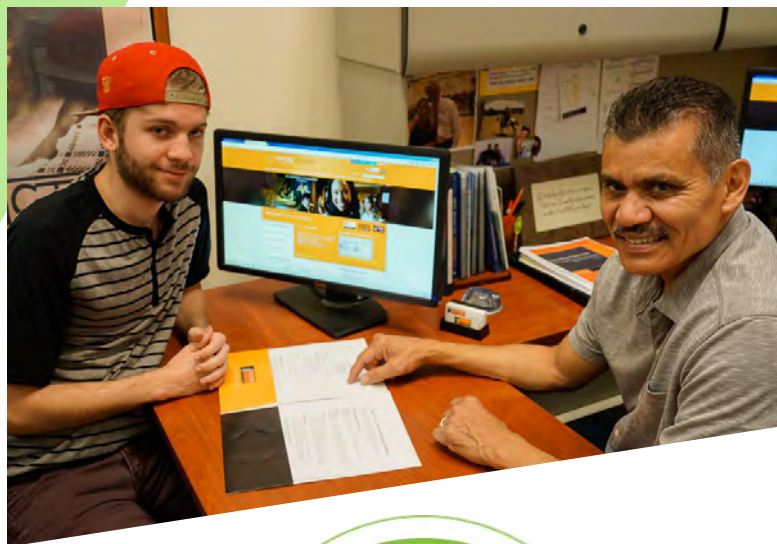
If you lose eligibility for the CCPG, there are a few ways that you can have it reinstated:

- Improve your GPA or Course Completion measures to meet the academic and progress standards
- Successfully appeal regarding extenuating circumstances.
- Not attend your school district for two consecutive primary terms

The appeals process for extenuating circumstances includes:

- Verified accidents, illness or other circumstances beyond your control
- Changes in economic situation
- Evidence of inability to obtain essential support services
- Special consideration factors for CalWORKs, EOPS, DSPS, and veteran students
- Disability accommodations not received in a timely manner

If you have questions or need assistance, please contact the Financial Aid Office or the Registrar in the Admissions & Records Office





# BankMobile

## *Disbursements*

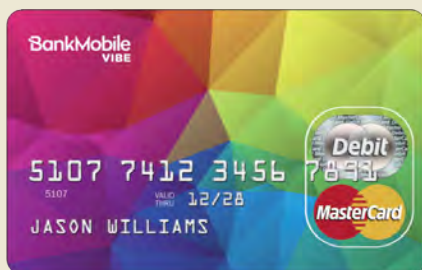


Have you received your refund selection kit?  
When will your money arrive?

The Ventura County Community College District has partnered with Bank Mobile to process financial aid disbursements. The Refund Selection Kit will be mailed to all students who have received a financial aid award other than the California College Promise Grant.

Once you receive your Refund Selection Kit, follow these easy steps:

- 1. Visit [www.RefundSelection.com](http://www.RefundSelection.com)**
- 2. Enter your Personal Code**
- 3. Select how you'd like to receive your money:**



Electronic Deposit to a  
BankMobile Vibe Account



Electronic Deposit  
to Another Account

- 4. Complete your profile**

When your refund has been deposited to your BankMobile Vibe Account, BankMobile will send an email to the address you entered during the setup of your account. You can view the details of your BankMobile Vibe Account by accessing your statement online at [RefundSelection.com](http://RefundSelection.com) or by signing up to receive text messages sent directly to your cell phone.

# Cash Course

**Here are some smart money tips to help you succeed financially in college and beyond:**

- 1. Create a Spending Plan (aka a Budget):** Control your money, don't let money control you! First, list all your sources of income and then all your estimated expenses for the month. Are your total expenses greater than your total income? Look for ways to trim some of your expenses, such as eating out less or borrowing books instead of buying new.
- 2. Build Your Emergency Savings:** Life happens—your car may break down or you may have to pay an unexpected visit to the doctor. Emergencies can be a lot less stressful if you have a financial cushion to help. Saving even just a little bit at a time can add up over time. Set an emergency savings goal and use it only when it's needed.
- 3. Build a Good Credit History:** Now is the best time to begin building good credit to help you later when you need it, like to purchase a car. A poor credit history can keep you from getting your dream job or dream home, or even cost you in smaller ways like requiring you to pay a deposit to set up utilities. Build your credit history and improve your credit score by paying bills on time, using credit responsibly and regularly checking your credit history for errors. You can check your credit report for free at [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com).
- 4. Protect Your Identity:** Don't let someone else take your money or ruin your credit by stealing your identity. Protect yourself: regularly check your credit history and bank accounts, shred documents you don't need that have personal information, don't share your user IDs/passwords/PIN #s with anyone, don't disclose sensitive information in public and don't respond to suspicious emails or calls. What else can you do to protect yourself?
- 5. Minimize Debt:** Remember, loans and credit card debt must be repaid; use them as a last resort. Apply for as many scholarships and grants as possible. Keep a part-time job if you can without impacting your school work to help with costs. If you must borrow loans or use your credit card, borrow as little as possible and only for needed expenses. Pay debts in full each month if you can. The less debt you have, the more money you will have for other needs or wants later.

**Check out Cash Course for more FREE tips and fun resources to help you make smart money choices:**

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





# FREE Bus Rides for Ventura County College Students

**Come see if you qualify**

Do you need a ride to school?

Ride the bus for FREE !!!!

Need help purchasing  
your VC Student ID Card?

**FOR MORE INFO**

email [John\\_ruff1@vccd.edu](mailto:John_ruff1@vccd.edu)

or call

805-289-6583

Location: BCS Building



**ASVC** ASSOCIATED STUDENTS  
OF VENTURA COLLEGE





# ALL ABOARD!

Ventura College Basic Needs Office  
can assist you with:

- Applying for CalFresh (Food Stamps)
- Locating Housing
- Feed A Pirate Pantry (Free Food for Students and Members of the Community)
- Other Referrals



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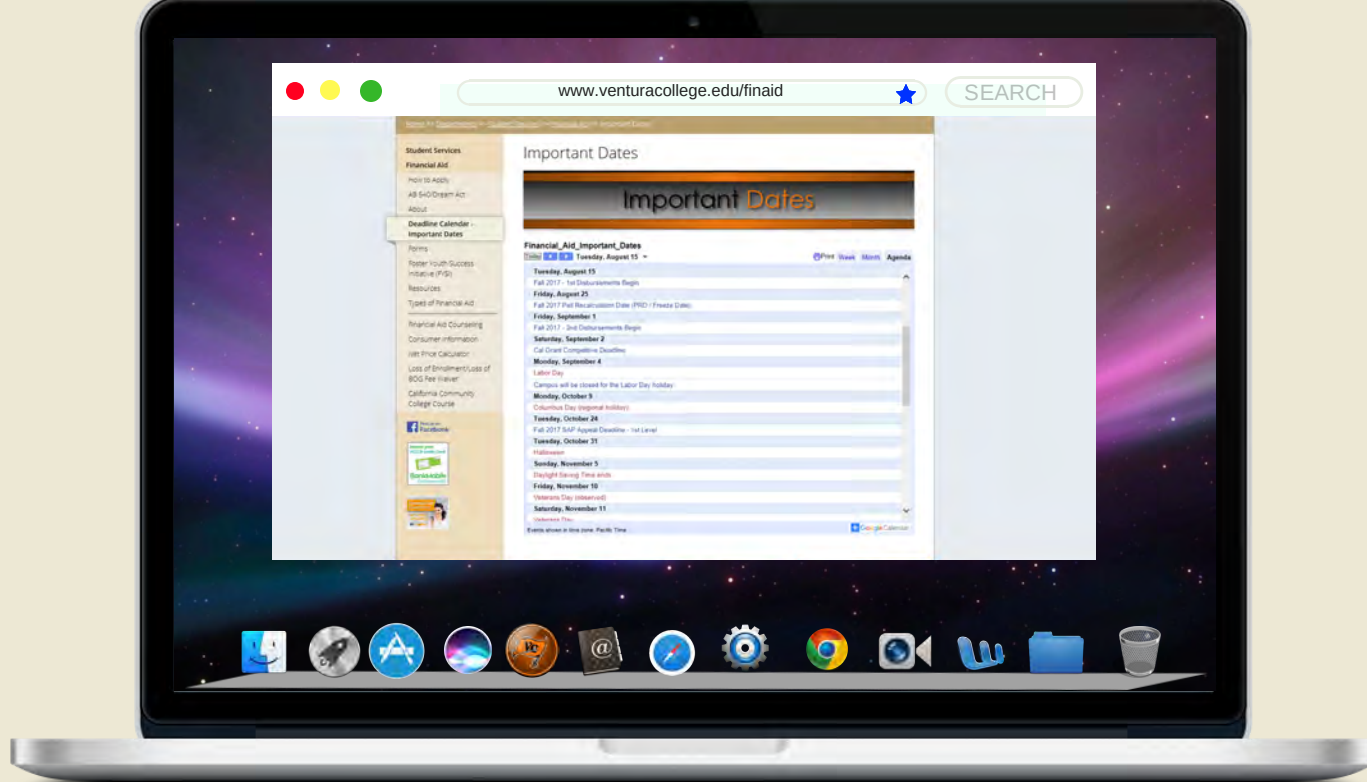
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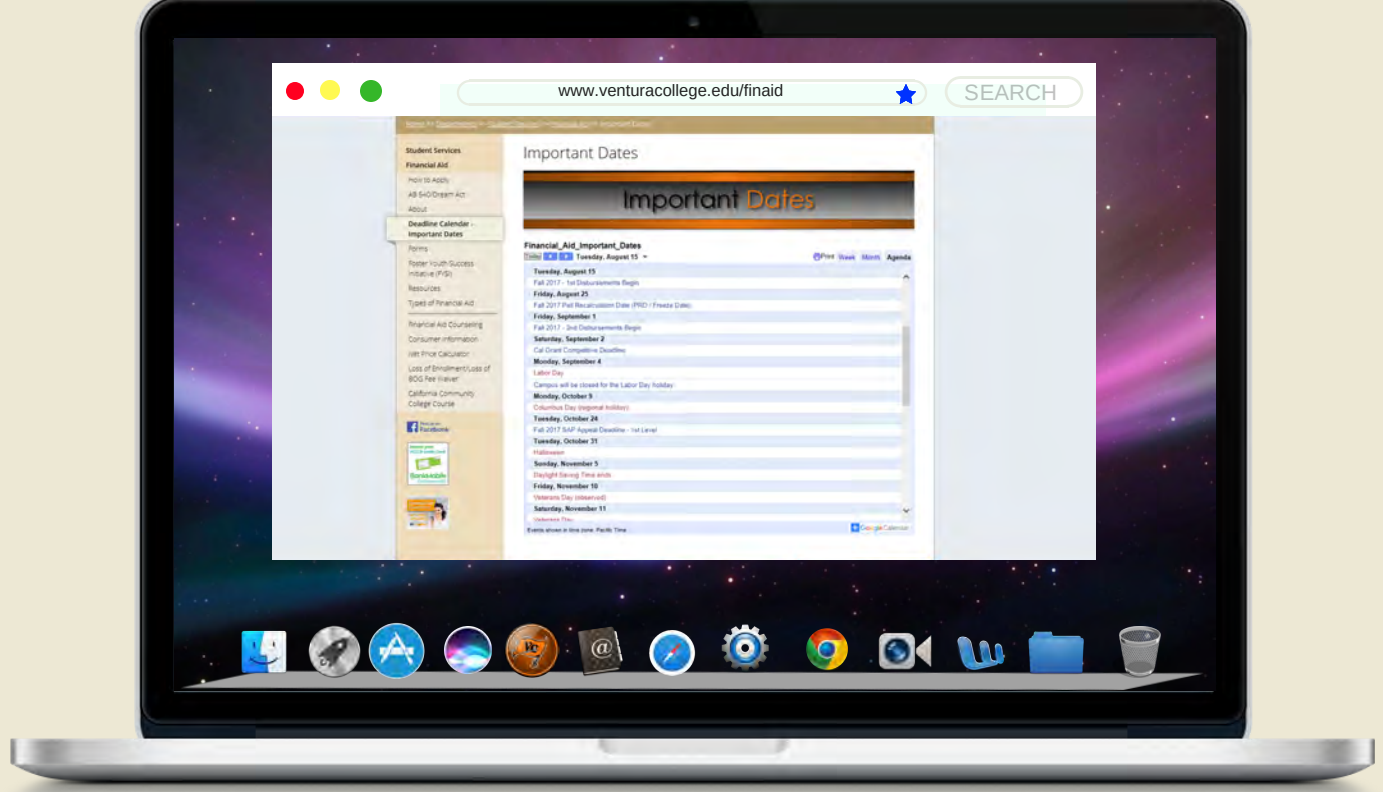


# IMPORTANT DATES

1. **Tuesday, August 21** - Fall 2018 - 1st Disbursements Begin
2. **Sunday, September 2** - Cal Grant Competitive Deadline
3. **Monday, September 3** - Labor Day (Campus Closed)
4. **Monday, September 10** - Pell Recalculation Date (NO Revision)
5. **Friday, September 14** - 2nd Disbursements Begin
6. **Sunday, September 17** - Constitution Day
7. **Monday, October 1** - FAFSA opens for 2019-2020 applications!!
8. **Saturday, October 13** - Cash for College at VC, OC, MC
9. **Saturday, October 20** - Cash for College at VC East Campus
10. **Tuesday, October 23** - Fall 2018 SAP Appeal Deadline - 1st Level



Visit our website for the most up-to-date information regarding office closures, deadlines, extended office hours.



10. **Wednesday, October 31** - Halloween 
11. **Sunday, November 11** - Veterans Day
12. **Tuesday, November 14** - Fall ONLY Loan Request Deadline
13. **Thursday, November 23 - Friday, November 24**  
Thanksgiving Holiday (Campus Closed) 
14. **Tuesday, December 25 - Tuesday, January 1**  
Winter Break (Campus Closed) 
15. **Monday, January 21** - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
16. **Saturday, March 2** - Cal Grant Deadline
  - DreamAct for CalGrants Deadline
  - FAFSA Priority Deadline

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