

Financial Aid Information

Financial Aid

Financial aid refers to any grant, scholarship, loan or paid employment offered to help a student meet his/her college expenses. These monies can be merit-based and/or need-based. Merit-based financial aid is typically awarded for outstanding academic achievement, special talents such as athletics, leadership potential, or other personal characteristics. Need-based financial aid is awarded on the basis of a student's financial need which is determined by the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) application. Students who meet the AB540 non-resident exemption requirement, including undocumented students, are not eligible to apply for federal aid. AB540 students should complete the California Dream Act Application (CADA) for consideration of state financial aid.

Covered Expenses

Financial aid awards can be used to cover a variety of expenses, depending upon the type of award students receive. In general, financial aid is used to cover all education-related expenses, including tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and transportation. It can also cover computer and dependent childcare expenses. Different types of awards may cover different types of expenses. For example, Cal Grant A awards provide funds to help pay tuition and fees at qualifying institutions while Cal Grant B awards also cover living expenses, transportation, books, and supplies. Some scholarships specify how the student may spend the funds.

Types of Aid

- Federal Pell Grants
- Cal Grants (offered by the State of California)
- Student Success Completion Grant (offered by the State of California)
- California College Promise Grant (CCPG), formerly known as the Board of Governor's Fee Waiver (offered by the State of California)
- The Chafee Grant (offered by the State of California to foster youth)
- Federal Work-Study Program
- Scholarships
- Student Loans

Federal Pell Grants

The Pell grant award is based upon a student's financial need, costs to attend college, and enrollment status.

Cal Grants A, B, C

The amount of a Cal Grant varies depending upon what type of Cal Grant award students receive. Cal Grant B provides grant funds to help pay for the cost associated with attending college. Cal Grant C provides grant funds to help pay for books and supplies. Cal Grant A recipients currently attending a community college will not receive payment at the community college level. This award may be held in reserve for two years for use when a student transfers to a university.

To be eligible for a **Cal Grant**, students must meet the following **additional requirements**:

- Be an in-state resident or AB 540 eligible
- Complete a GPA verification form (for Cal Grants A&B) by the March 2nd or September 2nd deadlines.
- Complete the FAFSA or CADA.

Student Success Completion Grant

This award is for Full-Time Cal Grant B or C recipients.
Students enrolled in 12 units receive \$1298.
Students enrolled in 15 units receive \$4000.

California College Promise Grant (formerly known as the Board of Governor's Fee Waiver)

This award waives the enrollment fees charged by a California community college. Students do not actually receive any money from a California College Promise Grant. If they paid their tuition before being awarded the California College Promise Grant, the student will receive a refund for the amount they paid.

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Loss of the California College Promise Grant (formerly known as the Board of Governor's Fee Waiver)

SB 1456 establishes the Student Success Act of 2012 and requires that any student with two consecutive terms of not meeting academic and/or progress standards lose their California College Promise Grant. Not meeting academic standards means having less than a 2.0 GPA. Not meeting progress standards means completing less than 50% of your coursework. Foster Youth 24 years and younger and students who qualify for one of the special classifications are not subject to loss of the grant under these regulations.

If a student registers for a term before he/she has two terms of probation, loss will occur for the following term. If a student registers for a term after determination of two terms of probation, loss may occur for the upcoming term. Students can regain eligibility by meeting one of the following criteria: meeting academic and progress standards, sitting out for two consecutive primary terms (summer and winter intersessions do not count), successfully appealing the loss. An appeal process will be available for students who have extenuating circumstances.

Students should seek appropriate student and academic support services when needed. For a list of student support services please visit the Student Services page on the Citrus College web site.

Chafee Grant

This is a federal funded grant program designed for undergraduate students who are current or former foster youth.

Federal Work-Study Program

This is a federally funded award earned through work. The award provides part-time employment to students who have financial need. Jobs are usually available both on and off campus. The program allows the student to gain work experience and pay for a portion of their educational expenses.

Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded based on need, merit and other criteria. Scholarships do not need to be repaid.

Student Loans

Student loans are federally funded and need to be paid back. Students can receive subsidized or unsubsidized loans while enrolled at least half-time. The interest is paid by the federal government for subsidized loans during the repayment, grace period and deferment periods. Unsubsidized loans accrue interest during all periods after the loan is disbursed. Parents can apply for a PLUS loan for their dependent student. Interest is charged after the loan is originated.

Financial Aid Eligibility

Any student who meets all eligibility criteria for financial aid may receive it. To be eligible for **federal financial aid**, students must meet the following requirements:

- Be a US citizen, US national, permanent resident, refugee, asylee, or other eligible non-citizen
- Have a valid social security number
- Enroll in a minimum number of units
- Enroll in an undergraduate program that leads to a degree or certificate
- Register for the Selective Service (if male)
- Not be in default on a federal educational loan and not owe a refund on a federal grant
- Make satisfactory academic progress
- Demonstrate financial need

Students with Bachelor's Degrees

Students who hold a bachelor's degree or higher are NOT eligible for a Federal Pell Grant or Cal Grant. This includes a B.A. degree or the equivalent from a foreign country.

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Students without a High School Diploma

First time college students who do not have a high school diploma or General Education Diploma (GED), National High School Equivalency Testing Program (HiSET), Test Assessing Secondary Completion (TASC) Exam, or who have not passed the California Proficiency Exam (CPE), or who do not have a home school certificate are NOT eligible for federal or state financial aid.

AB540 Students

Students who meet the AB 540 non-resident exemption requirement, including undocumented students, are eligible for some state aid. Eligible students can apply for the California College Promise Grant, EOP&S services, CalGrant, Student Success Completion Grant, and Chafee Grant. To learn more about these programs, please visit the California Student Aid Commission's website and the Citrus College AB540 web page.

Applying for Financial Aid

Financial Aid is available year-round for the 2019-2020 school year and students should complete the 2019-2020 FAFSA/CADA/CCPG. Students attending summer 2019 should complete the 2018-2019 FAFSA/CADA/CCPG.

Completing the FAFSA

1. Complete or renew the FAFSA application online every year in October at: www.fafsa.gov. List Citrus College's **school code: 001166**. If eligible, use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to expedite the financial aid process.
2. Once the financial aid office has received a student's application, they will be sent a "tracking" e-mail to their Citrus College e-mail account. This e-mail will inform them of any documentation that will need to be submitted in order to process and complete their financial aid file.
3. Submit all required paperwork to the financial aid office in a timely manner, either via postal mail or in person. Once all forms have been submitted, the financial aid office will verify the information and make any necessary corrections.

The financial aid process takes up to 4 weeks, so it is important to complete the FAFSA early each year. Students should follow the instructions in their email received from the financial aid office to ensure their file is properly processed and completed.

4. Eligible students will receive an "Award Notification" e-mail. All initial award amounts are based on full-time attendance, but will be adjusted according to enrollment status at time of disbursement.

Students not attending full-time will have their financial aid award adjusted based on the number of units they are enrolled in. Late start and wait-listed courses are not counted towards awards until the class starts. Approved consortium units are not counted towards awards until after they have been completed.

Maintaining Financial Aid Eligibility

To continue to receive financial aid, students must:

- Maintain a GPA of 2.0 or higher
- Complete 67% of all units attempted
- Not exceed 90 attempted units or 150% of the units required for their certificate program

Minimum Units

Financial aid eligibility is based on the number of units a student is enrolled in. The number of units required to achieve full-time status is 12 units and results in the maximum amount a student may receive for an award. However, students may also receive funds for three quarter time (9-11.5 units), half-time (6-8 units), and less than half-time (0.5-5.5 units) enrollment.

Cal Grants, loans, and federal work study programs require students to be enrolled at least half-time. Students can be enrolled less than half-time and receive a Pell grant. This enrollment classification applies to fall, spring, and summer.

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Student Terms of Offer Acknowledgement

In accepting an offer of financial aid, you acknowledge responsibility for understanding and complying with all the laws, regulations and rules that govern the various financial aid programs. The Terms of Offer form can be found on the financial aid web page and is an official agreement between you and the Financial Aid Office and is in force throughout the term of the award.

Failure to comply with all of the laws, regulations and rules, may result in cancellation or an adjustment of the award and may require repayment of part or all funds disbursed to you. The Terms of Offer is subject to change without prior notice due to the various laws, regulations, and rules that change frequently. The following general requirements apply to all financial aid programs:

1. **Availability of Funds:** All awards are made on condition that funds are available. In the event that the state or federal governments reduce or eliminate funds, the Financial Aid Office will reduce and/or cancel your award.
2. **Change in Information:** Any change in your legal name, address, social security number or telephone number *must* be immediately reported to the Admissions and Records Office AND the Financial Aid Office.
3. **Enrollment, Change in Enrollment Status, Late Start Classes, Withdrawal:** Initial financial aid award notifications are based on full-time status and offered on the condition that you are enrolled and attending courses at this college. Student's actual payment amount is based on actual enrollment at time of disbursement. You will receive a disbursement for three-quarter time status if you enroll in and maintain 9 to 11.5 units. Half-time status is 6 to 8.5 units. Less than halftime disbursements are based on 0.5 to 5.5 units.

Late-Start/Short-Term Classes will not be counted towards your enrollment status until the class actually starts. As a result, your disbursement will be reduced or delayed until the actual class begins. Approved consortium units will not be paid until after courses have been completed and official transcripts have been received.

A change in enrollment status during a semester may change or cancel your award. Should you withdraw, your remaining financial aid award will be cancelled.

Withdrawing From School: Any student who receives financial aid and withdraws from ALL classes prior to completing 60% of the semester/program and/or courses may be required to repay a portion of all federal financial aid received. **CONTACT THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE BEFORE WITHDRAWING FROM ALL COURSES.** (See Return of Title IV Policy at <http://www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsr/finaid/Documents/Return of TitleIVFunds.pdf>)

4. **Satisfactory Academic Progress:** By accepting financial aid, you have read and understand the Financial Aid Office Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Standards. Should you fail to meet the financial aid SAP standards your financial aid may be cancelled and result in an overpayment. See SAP Policy at http://www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsr/finaid/Documents/SAP_Policy.pdf.
5. **Over-awards:** Students can not be paid at two schools. Regardless of the reason, any funds received in excess of the amount that the student is entitled to must be repaid by the student.
6. **Financial Holds:** Any student who has an outstanding financial balance at the college is subject to have his/her financial aid held and/or delayed until payment has been made in full.

Financial Aid Office

Located in the SS Building

Phone: (626) 914-8592

E-mail: financialaid@citruscollege.edu

<http://www.citruscollege.edu/stdntsr/finaid>

Office Hours

Monday & Thursday 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Tuesday & Wednesday 8 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Ayuda Financiera

¿Qué es la Ayuda Financiera?

La ayuda financiera se otorga a través de subsidios, préstamos y becas, la cual es administrada por programas federales o estatales bajo la ley del Título IV Ayuda Financiera Federal para Estudiantes. Los estudiantes AB540 que no son elegibles para completar la FAFSA deben completar la solicitud para la California Dream Act (CADA). Se recomienda que los estudiantes soliciten la ayuda tan pronto como el primero de octubre de cada año. La ayuda financiera está disponible tanto todo el año. Para verano 2019, complete la 2018-2019 FAFSA/CADA/California College Promise Grant (CCPG) conocido anteriormente como el Board of Governor's Fee Waiver (BOGW). Todos los estudiantes deben completar la 2019-2020 FAFSA/CADA/CCPG. Para solicitarla vía Internet, por favor vaya al sitio www.fafsa.ed.gov o www.csac.ca.gov/dream_act.asp. El código federal para Citrus College es 001166. Con la excepción de los préstamos, la ayuda financiera no tiene que ser devuelta. Para obtener una lista de las oportunidades de ayuda financiera, por favor póngase en contacto con la Oficina de Ayuda Financiera.

¿Quién es Elegible?

Los requisitos más básicos son:

- Demostrar necesidad económica
- Ser ciudadano de EE.UU. o un no-ciudadano elegible con un número de seguro social.
- Contar con un diploma de escuela secundaria o un certificado de Desarrollo de Educación General (GED) o Prueba de Equivalencia para Escuela Superior de ETC (HiSET) o Examen de Competencia para Educación Secundaria (TASC).
- Haberse registrado con el servicio Selectivo si es un varón nacido después del 12/01/59. Para Registrarse vía Internet vaya al sitio: www.sss.gov
- Ser un estudiante en clases de nivel bajo que está inscrito en un programa elegible encaminado a obtener un certificado, título de asociado o licenciatura.
- Mantener un estándar de progreso académico satisfactorio.

Cómo Solicitar Ayuda Financiera

Si necesita ayuda para pagar su educación en el colegio, visite la Oficina de Ayuda Financiera de Citrus College. Ahí le informarán acerca de los tipos de programas de ayuda financiera federales y estatales que están disponibles y le orientarán sobre las solicitudes necesarias y fechas de plazo. Animamos a los estudiantes a que soliciten estos tipos de oportunidades de ayuda financiera disponibles para ayudarles a obtener una educación superior.

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Martes & Miércoles	8 a.m. to 7 p.m.
Viernes	8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Para solicitar ayuda en Español o para hacer una cita, por favor llame al 626-914-8592

