

# Looking for more ways to pay for college or career training?



*Whether you're planning to go to college or pursue a career education, there's money to help you pay for it. Just because you may not qualify for one type of financial aid doesn't mean you won't qualify for other types. Here are more options to explore.*

## LEARN MORE ABOUT PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org)
- [www.icanaffordcollege.com](http://www.icanaffordcollege.com)
- [www.mappingyourfuture.org](http://www.mappingyourfuture.org)

## START AT A CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

You may qualify for a fee waiver or other assistance.

- [www.icanaffordcollege.com](http://www.icanaffordcollege.com)
- [www.cccco.edu](http://www.cccco.edu)

## CAL GRANTS AND OTHER STATE AID

Check out Cal Grants—even if you miss the March 2 Cal Grant deadline, you should still complete the FAFSA to be considered for other state, federal and college financial aid. If you're a high school senior and need your senior-year grades to improve your GPA, apply by March 2 following graduation.

- [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov)
- [www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org)

## CALIFORNIA CHAFEE GRANTS FOR FOSTER YOUTH

If you are or were in foster care, you may qualify for up to \$5,000 for college or job training in addition to other student aid. Learn more about the California Chafee Grant and services for foster youth.

- [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov)
- [www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov](http://www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov)
- [www.calyouthconn.org](http://www.calyouthconn.org)
- [www.orphan.org](http://www.orphan.org)
- [www.orangewoodfoundation.org](http://www.orangewoodfoundation.org)

## FEDERAL PELL GRANTS AND OTHER FEDERAL AID

Learn more about federal Pell Grants and other federal grants you don't have to repay, as well as low-interest federal loans for students and parents.

- [www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov](http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov)
- [www.edfund.org](http://www.edfund.org)

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Scholarships are free money for college—you should never have to pay to find, apply or receive one. Start your search with these free Web sites or ask your school for assistance. (See page 2 for more information.)

- [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)
- [www.collegeboard.com/pay](http://www.collegeboard.com/pay)

## VOLUNTEER SERVICE

You may be able to earn money for college by becoming a volunteer with AmeriCorps or a member of the California Conservation Corps.

- [www.americorps.gov](http://www.americorps.gov)
- [www.californiavolunteers.org](http://www.californiavolunteers.org)
- [www.ccc.ca.gov](http://www.ccc.ca.gov)

## MORE HELPFUL WEB SITES

- California Cash for College workshops for help completing the FAFSA and other forms  
[www.calgrants.org](http://www.calgrants.org)
- California colleges  
[www.californiacolleges.edu](http://www.californiacolleges.edu)
- University of California  
[www.universityofcalifornia.edu](http://www.universityofcalifornia.edu)
- California State University  
[www.calstate.edu](http://www.calstate.edu)  
[www.csumentor.org](http://www.csumentor.org)
- Independent colleges  
[www.aiccumentor.org](http://www.aiccumentor.org)
- Colleges nationwide  
[www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator](http://www.nces.ed.gov/collegenavigator)
- Campus tours  
[www.campustours.com](http://www.campustours.com)
- Military education benefits  
[www.myfuture.com](http://www.myfuture.com)
- Veterans education benefits  
[www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov)
- Tax benefits for education  
[www.irs.gov/publications/p970/index.html](http://www.irs.gov/publications/p970/index.html)

## SCHOLARSHIPS

Think of applying for a scholarship as having a part-time job. Let's say you spend 20 hours searching and putting together applications and you receive a \$1,000 scholarship—that's like making \$50 an hour!

### Where to find them?

- Your school will have a list of scholarships offered by your local community organizations, such as Rotary International, 4-H and others, as well as those provided by neighborhood banks and businesses.
- Ask your teachers, counselors or coaches—and look at magazines or on Web sites devoted to your interests or skills.
- Your parents' work or labor union may offer scholarships for the children of employees.
- Check out the free scholarship Web sites, starting with [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)  
[www.collegenet.com/mach25](http://www.collegenet.com/mach25)  
[www.collegeboard.com/pay](http://www.collegeboard.com/pay)
- Use the free Internet search engines, such as [www.google.com](http://www.google.com), [www.dogpile.com](http://www.dogpile.com), [www.yahoo.com](http://www.yahoo.com) and [www.ask.com](http://www.ask.com).

### Free scholarship or a scam?

A scholarship or grant is *free* money—you should never have to pay to find, apply for or receive one. Here are some tips:

- Do your own research before spending your money. Most scholarship information is available for free
- Don't fall for claims that "guarantee" a scholarship. Any claim should include qualifications or disclaimers.
- Never give your credit card information, bank account information, Social Security number or student identification number over the telephone or Internet unless you made the call and know who you're talking to. And never provide any personal or financial information to hold a scholarship or grant.

To learn more, visit [www.ftc.gov/scholarshipcams](http://www.ftc.gov/scholarshipcams) or [www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/lsa](http://www.federalstudentaid.ed.gov/lsa).

## Make Your Scholarship Application Stand Out

Be sure you submit everything that is required to apply for the scholarship and to meet the deadline. Send originals whenever you can or clean photocopies. Consider binding materials in a brightly colored report folder to keep everything together. Also, send your materials flat, not folded, in a large envelope.

## MORE HELPFUL WEB SITES

- Scholarships for Specific Populations  
[www.uncf.org](http://www.uncf.org)  
[www.apiasf.org](http://www.apiasf.org)  
[www.enan.bia.edu](http://www.enan.bia.edu)  
[www.collegefund.org](http://www.collegefund.org)  
[www.latinocollegedollars.org](http://www.latinocollegedollars.org)  
[www.hsf.net](http://www.hsf.net)  
[www.maldef.org](http://www.maldef.org)
- Careers  
[www.healthjobsstarthere.com](http://www.healthjobsstarthere.com)  
[www.careervoyages.gov](http://www.careervoyages.gov)  
[www.collegegrad.com](http://www.collegegrad.com)
- Jobs  
[www.coolworks.com](http://www.coolworks.com)  
[www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov](http://www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov)  
[www.studentjobs.gov](http://www.studentjobs.gov)
- Citizenship  
[www.uscis.gov](http://www.uscis.gov)

## For More Information

### Contact:

- your high school counselor or college financial aid administrator
- the California Student Aid Commission toll free at 888-224-7268 or e-mail [studentsupport@csac.ca.gov](mailto:studentsupport@csac.ca.gov)
- the Federal Student Aid Information Center toll free at 800-433-3243 or e-mail [studentaid@ed.gov](mailto:studentaid@ed.gov)