

## Financial Assistance

### Financial Aid

See <http://www.scc.losrios.edu/financial-aid>

Sacramento City College participates in a number of programs to assist low and middle income students. To receive financial aid, a student must enroll in an eligible program that leads to a degree or certificate. Please note that a few certificate programs do not qualify as an eligible program to receive financial aid. Contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

Students apply for financial aid by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Applications are available January 1st. The priority deadline of March 2nd functions as the deadline to submit the Cal-Grant Application as well as the date we use to prioritize processing financial aid application for the upcoming year. FAFSA applications are accepted throughout the academic year. All awards are subject to the availability of federal and state funds. Some funds run out before the end of the academic year. Students who apply by the March 2nd deadline are guaranteed funding if they are eligible.

### Board of Governors Enrollment Fee Waiver

California community college enrollment fees are determined by the State Legislature and are subject to change. Each year more than half of our students qualify for a Board of Governors Enrollment Fee Waiver (BOGFW). The BOGFW pays enrollment fees for summer, fall and spring semesters. Only one application is required for all Los Rios Colleges. Applicants must be California Residents to qualify. For your convenience, applications can be completed online at [www.scc.losrios.edu/financial-aid](http://www.scc.losrios.edu/financial-aid). Personal assistance is available in the Registration/Financial Aid Lab (B153), Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m. and on Friday, 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

### Federal Pell Grant

The Pell Grant is a need based grant program sponsored by the Federal government. Information may be obtained in the Financial Aid Office. The priority application deadline is March 2, 2009 for the 2009-10 school year.

### Cal-Grants

The California Student Aid Commission offers Cal Grants each year. The GPA Verification Form, required as part of the Cal-Grant application process, is available online at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov). The FAFSA and completed GPA Verification Form must be postmarked by March 2, 2009 for the 2009-10 school year. For California Community College students there is a second Competitive Grant filing deadline of September 2nd. For more information go to [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov).

### California Chafee Grant

The California Chafee Grant Program gives money to foster youth and former foster youth to use for career and technical training or college courses. For more information visit [www.chafee.csac.ca.gov](http://www.chafee.csac.ca.gov)

### Federal Work Study Program (FWS)

Employment is offered on and off campus to qualified financial aid applicants with the purpose of giving meaningful work experience to students with financial need. Portions of FWS funds are available to place eligible students with agencies providing community services. Eligibility is determined by completing the FAFSA process. The priority application deadline is March 2, 2009 for the 2009-10 school year.

### Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

FSEOG is for undergraduate students with exceptional financial need. Priority is given to students with Pell eligibility. Eligibility is determined by completing the FAFSA process. The priority application deadline is March 2, 2009 for the 2009-10 school year.

### Federal Stafford Student Loans – Subsidized and Unsubsidized

Low-interest loans are available through lending institutions and are either subsidized or unsubsidized. A subsidized loan is awarded on the basis of financial need and the federal government pays the interest on the loan during authorized periods of deferment. An unsubsidized student loan is not awarded on the basis of need and the interest is charged from the time the loan is disbursed. Eligibility for both loans is determined by first completing the FAFSA process and then attending a Loan Counseling Workshop.

### Satisfactory Progress Policy

To be eligible to receive federal and state student financial aid a student must maintain a Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) toward an eligible degree, certificate, or transfer program.

A student's SAP is measured by standards that include a minimum cumulative grade point average (GPA), a progress percentage calculation that determined the cumulative successful completion of units attempted, and a maximum time frame in which a student is expected to finish their program. For more information go to the financial aid website at [www.scc.losrios.edu/financial-aid](http://www.scc.losrios.edu/financial-aid).

Inquiries can be made at the Financial Aid Office, Rodda North 167; 916-558-2501.

### Ability To Benefit

One of the requirements for receiving federal student aid, is that a student must have earned a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent. A student who does not meet this requirement and who is 18 years of age must pass the Ability to Benefit (ATB) test. The Ability to Benefit Test is administered by the SCC Assessment Center. Students may also satisfy this requirement by successfully completing six units of unfunded degree applicable courses.

## Basis for Denial of Financial Aid

Financial Aid may be denied for the following reasons:

1. Defaulting on a Title IV educational loan.
2. Failing to meet the financial aid satisfactory progress standards of Sacramento City College.
3. Completion of degree, certificate program or 90 units, whichever occurs first. (All degrees, certificates and any units accepted by Admissions and Records will be reviewed.)
4. Owing an overpayment or refund on any Title IV educational grant.
5. Falsifying information that affects the determination of eligibility for aid.

Financial need is determined according to the U. S. Office of Education approved Needs Analysis. Student expenses are confined largely to tuition/fees, living costs, books, transportation and incidentals. (See Enrollment.) The following figures are maximum allowances and may change due to pending federal regulations.

The following budget is the approximate cost of attending Sacramento City College during the 2009-2010 academic year:

Room and Board:	Lives at home	\$10,734
	Lives away from home	\$17,366
Personal Expenses:	All Students	\$3096
Transportation:	All Students	\$1170
Books and Supplies:	All students	\$1638
Tuition and Fees (average):	All Students	\$590
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Total:	Lives at home	\$10,734
	Lives away from home	\$17,366

## Maintenance Allowance

The Los Rios Community College District will pay a maintenance allowance of \$4.00 per day of scheduled attendance for the period in which the student is enrolled full time. Payment will be issued to the parents or guardians of minor students and directly to adult students and to married minors who reside in California more than sixty (60) miles from the nearest public community college campus. Application for maintenance allowance is filed in the office of Admission and Records. Additional information may be obtained from the office of the Dean of Admissions/Records.

## Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS)

EOPS is a student support program for educationally and economically disadvantaged students, funded by the State of California and the Los Rios Community College District. It is designed to provide opportunities in higher education for students with academic potential who, historically, would have not attended college.

EOPS provides support services: EOPS orientation, counseling, priority registration, financial aid processing, monitoring academic progress, tutors, book assistance, UC and CSU application fee waivers, workshops, and award ceremonies.

Within the EOPS area is the Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education (CARE) Program. It is designed to assist EOPS students who are single parent heads of household that have at least one child 13 years of age or younger. These parents must be receiving

Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and pursuing an educational program that leads to a certificate, degree, or transfer objective.

There is one application period in the spring for entrance in the fall semester. Please call the office for the specific application dates. For further information, please go to the EOPS Office located in Rodda North, Room 155, call (916) 558-2403, or contact us at [sceopsinfo@sccl.losrios.edu](mailto:sceopsinfo@sccl.losrios.edu).

## CalWORKs Program

CalWORKs (California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids) is a state funded Welfare-to-Work Program designed to help individuals on public assistance become self-sufficient. Sacramento City College's CalWORKs Program (not a program of Sacramento County) is working together with other community agencies and on-campus programs to provide comprehensive services that promote self-sufficiency and lifelong learning. The SCC CalWORKs Program includes education, training, and support services, as well as employment opportunities related to the individual goal of each participant. Anyone receiving TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) may be eligible for services.

Students already enrolled in an undergraduate degree or certificate program at the time of entry into the Welfare-to-Work Program may have that program approved as their Welfare-to-Work activity. The program must lead to employment within the local labor market, students must maintain satisfactory progress, and it must be completed within the time limits established by Welfare-to-Work regulations.

Anyone who is thinking of enrolling in classes and has already signed a county Welfare-to-Work Agreement must speak to their county worker prior to enrollment. County workers can provide clients with Vocational Assessment and referral to short term training programs.

The Sacramento City College CalWORKs Program is located in the Student Services Building. Office Hours are Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Orientations for participants in CalWORKs are held on Tuesdays at 5:30pm and Wednesdays at 12 noon. For further information, please call (916) 558-2331.

## Sacramento City College Scholarships

Sacramento City College offers more than 200 scholarships established by SCC staff members, emeriti members, and alumni of Sacramento City College. In addition, many community businesses and individuals participate in the scholarship fund in order to support excellence for community college education, and many times, to memorialize a loved one.

Scholarship criteria may include, but not be limited to, financial need. Academic improvement, community service, and leadership skills are highly considered. Applications for SCC scholarships are available online in January of each year. To qualify for most scholarships, applicants must have completed a minimum of 12 units at SCC by the end of the fall semester and be enrolled in nine or more units at SCC during the spring semester. Some scholarships require additional units, and many scholarships have criteria set by the individual donor. Students are advised to check the SCC website to search for those scholarships for which they are most qualified.

Requests for further information may be directed to the office of SCC Foundation, Rodda North 222, or call (916) 558-2197.