Financial Aid
See [www.scc.losrios.edu/financialaid](http://www.scc.losrios.edu/financialaid)
Visit the website for information about application due dates and workshops.

Sacramento City College participates in a number of programs to assist students who need financial support in order to pursue their college education. To be considered for financial aid, all students must satisfy the following requirements:

**Apply for Financial Aid** Students can apply for financial aid by completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Eligible AB 540 students may apply for financial aid by completing the California Dream Act Application, available online at [dream.csac.ca.gov](http://dream.csac.ca.gov).

**Declare an Eligible Major** To be eligible to receive financial aid, students must declare an eligible major. Visit [www.scc.losrios.edu/financialaid](http://www.scc.losrios.edu/financialaid) for more information about eligible majors for financial aid.

**High School Diploma** Students must have earned a high school diploma, GED, or equivalent in order to receive financial aid. If you do not have a high school diploma or equivalent, visit [www.scc.losrios.edu/financialaid](http://www.scc.losrios.edu/financialaid) for more information about changes regarding High School/GED Requirements.

**Enroll in Classes** Financial aid funding is based on active enrollment in courses needed to complete the major.

**Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Standards** Students must maintain their grades and progress in order to receive financial aid. Please review our SAP Policy at: [https://www.scc.losrios.edu/financialaid/sap-policy/](https://www.scc.losrios.edu/financialaid/sap-policy/). SAP Workshops are now available online. Visit workshop information on our website.

**Financial Aid Applications** Financial aid applications for each new academic year are available online (FAFSA at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov); California Dream Act Application [dream.csac.ca.gov](http://dream.csac.ca.gov) (eligible AB 540 students only) on October 1. The priority deadline for completing the FAFSA and CA Dream Act March 2; however, applications are accepted throughout the academic year.

**Tuition FREE at SCC**
**California College Promise Grant (Formerly known as the BOG Fee Waiver)**
The California College Promise Grant (formally known as the BOG Fee Waiver) permits enrollment fees to be waived for eligible students. The California College Promise Grant uses academic standards to determine eligibility. It is important that students with this grant make sure they are meeting academic and progress standards to avoid losing grant eligibility. Please visit [https://www.scc.losrios.edu/financialaid/pay-for-college/california-college-promise-grant/](https://www.scc.losrios.edu/financialaid/pay-for-college/california-college-promise-grant/) for more information.

**The Los Rios Promise Grant**
Tuition-free for first-time, full-time (12 units) students will be waived for the first year at a Los Rios College. Students must apply for the FAFSA or CA Dream Act Application in order to qualify. California residents or eligible AB 540 students are encouraged to apply.

**Cal Grant**
The Cal Grant deadlines are March 2 and September 2, visit the financial aid website for more information about Cal Grants and the GPA verification process. Please note that deadlines for the various programs vary considerably. Generally, funding is provided as long as funds are available, and some programs have limited funding, so apply early!

**Cost of Attendance**
Most financial aid programs are need-based and require that a student show financial need in order to qualify. Financial need and eligibility is determined using a standard formula that subtracts your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from your Cost of Attendance (COA). The Cost of Attendance to attend Sacramento City College is available on our website.

**Financial Aid Programs**
The following financial aid programs are offered at Sacramento City College:

**Grants**
- Los Rios Promise Grant
- California College Promise Grant (formerly known as Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver)
- Cal Grant
- Full-time Student Success Grant (FTSSG)
- Chafee Grant (for former foster care students)
- Federal Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)
- Scholarships
- Student Success Completion Grant

**Part-Time Jobs**
Federal Work Study (FWS)

**Student Loans**
Federal Direct Loans (Subsidized and Unsubsidized)

**Applying for SCC Scholarships - Sacramento City College Office of Philanthropy**
Scholarship resources may be found in a handful of offices on campus, but the SCC Office of Philanthropy offers nearly 300 scholarships established by staff, retirees, and alumni. In addition, many community businesses and individuals participate in sponsoring scholarships in support of excellence for community college education, and many times, to memorialize a loved one. Scholarships’ criteria vary. Academic improvement and achievements, leadership skills, and community service are highly considered. Applications are available to qualified SCC students each spring. Look for information at the start of the spring semester to apply online.

For more information, contact the SCC Office of Philanthropy at 916-558-2197 or visit the Office of Philanthropy website.

**Make Your Courses Count!**
**What is Financial Aid Course Eligibility?**
Students receiving Federal & State Financial Aid are eligible to receive grants, student loans, and federal work study only for courses that are part of their major, general education, transfer, or certificate program.

**Does Course Eligibility Affect My California College Promise Grant?**
The grant will not be impacted by financial aid course eligibility. If you were awarded the California College Promise Grant, it will cover the enrollment fees for all courses, even those not required for your major.

**How Will It Work?**
- Students who are enrolled, have a financial aid application on file, and have been awarded financial aid will receive a message in their eService account regarding ineligible courses.
- Students should review the “View Course Eligibility” screen in eServices to check for ineligible and eligible courses.
- Review the “Make Your Courses Count” flowchart opposite this page or on the Financial Aid website, [www.scc.losrios.edu/financialaid](http://www.scc.losrios.edu/financialaid) to determine the next steps.
- If the Financial Aid Office is notified of changes to eligibility by the Counseling or Admissions & Records offices, Financial Aid will update the student’s financial aid awards within two weeks.
Where Do I Go for Help?
Admissions & Records and Counseling are available for assistance at the main Counseling Office or the West Sacramento or Davis Centers. EOP&S, DSPS, CalWORKS, and Veteran students or student athletes are encouraged to meet with their primary counselors.

Go to www.scc.losrios.edu/financialaid for information and direction on course eligibility.

Make Your Courses Count!
Stop, don't drop! If you received a financial aid ineligibility notification and have questions, follow these steps:

- View your course list in eServices
- Are you in 12 units of eligible courses?
  - YES: You will receive the full award. No action required
  - NO: Go to Admissions & Records STS-103 or the West Sac or Davis Centers’ front counter
- Is the ineligible course ESL, basic skills or a prerequisite?
  - YES: Go to Admissions & Records STS-103 or the West Sac or Davis Centers’ front counter
  - NO: See a counselor RHN-147 EOP&S, DSPS, CalWORKS, veteran students, and student athletes should see their associated counselors.
- Is the course required for your major or General Education?
  - YES: Go to Admissions & Records STS-103 or the West Sac or Davis Centers’ front counter
  - NO: The course is ineligible for financial aid
- Is your major correct?
  - YES: Go to Admissions & Records STS-103 or the West Sac or Davis Centers’ front counter
  - NO: Go to Admissions & Records STS-103 or the West Sac or Davis Centers’ front counter

If you have any questions or feel the course that you are taking should be eligible, please make an appointment with a counselor at the main campus or the West Sacramento or Davis Centers.