

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



Planning to go to college or a career technical school? 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 options to explore.

LEARN MORE ABOUT PAYING FOR COLLEGE

- ✳ www.calgrants.org
- ✳ www.icanaffordcollege.com
- ✳ www.going2college.org

START AT A CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGE

You may qualify for a fee waiver or other assistance.

- ✳ www.icanaffordcollege.com
- ✳ www.KnowHow2Go.org

CAL GRANTS AND OTHER STATE AID

Check out Cal Grants—apply by the March 2 Cal Grant deadline. Submit the FAFSA and your GPA Verification form. By completing the FAFSA early, you may be considered for other state, federal and college financial aid. So, apply and see what happens!

- ✳ www.csac.ca.gov
- ✳ 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
- ✳ www.fosteryouthhelp.ca.gov
- ✳ www.calyouthconn.org
- ✳ www.orphan.org
- ✳ 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
- ✳ 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.

- ✳ www.fastweb.com
- ✳ 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
- ✳ www.californiavolunteers.org
- ✳ www.ccc.ca.gov

MORE HELPFUL WEB SITES

- ✳ California Cash for College workshops for help completing the FAFSA and other forms
www.calgrants.org
- ✳ California colleges
www.californiacolleges.edu
- ✳ University of California
www.universityofcalifornia.edu
- ✳ California State University
www.calstate.edu
www.csumentor.org
- ✳ Independent colleges
www.aiccu.org
- ✳ Colleges nationwide
<http://www.nces.ed.gov/globallocator>
- ✳ Campus tours
www.campustours.com
- ✳ Military education benefits
www.myfuture.com
- ✳ Veterans education benefits
www.gibill.va.gov
- ✳ Tax benefits for education
www.irs.gov

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.
- ☞ Work or labor union may offer scholarships for employees.
- ☞ Check out the free scholarship Web sites, starting with www.fastweb.com
- ☞ www.collegenet.com/mach25
- ☞ www.collegeboard.com/pay
- ☞ Use the free Internet search engines, such as www.google.com, www.dogpile.com, www.yahoo.com and 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 or 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
 - www.apiasf.org
 - www.bia.edu
 - www.collegefund.org
 - www.latinocollegedollars.org
 - www.naacp.com/youth
 - www.hsf.net
 - www.maldef.org
- ☞ Careers
 - www.healthjobsstarthere.com
 - www.careervoyages.gov
 - www.collegegrad.com
- ☞ Jobs
 - www.coolworks.com
 - www.labormarketinfo.edd.ca.gov
 - www.studentjobs.gov
- ☞ Citizenship
 - www.uscis.gov

Contact:

- ☞ your high school counselor or college financial aid administrator
- ☞ the California Student Aid Commission toll free at 888-224-7268 or by e-mail to www.studentsupport@csac.ca.gov
- ☞ the Federal Student Aid Information Center toll free at 800-433-3243 or by e-mail to www.studentaid@ed.gov