



– CHANGES –

to Financial Aid Regulations and Processes

2021-2022



1. The maximum Pell Grant award is \$6495 for eligible students with a \$0 Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The minimum Pell Grant award is \$650.
2. The Pell Grant eligibility expanded to include students with an EFC of up to \$5846, which is an increase compared to last year's max Pell Grant eligible EFC of \$5711.
3. The 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the California Dream Act Application (CADAA) are available beginning October 1, 2020. The applications will require 2019 income information.
4. Students who are required to provide 2019 IRS tax return transcripts for verification may provide a signed copy of the 2019 income tax return (1040) instead.
5. A Verification of Non-Filing Letter is required if taxes were not filed in 2019. If unable to obtain the letter, a signed statement self-certifying the individual attempted to obtain the letter and has not filed taxes in 2019 is acceptable. In addition, a copy of IRS Form W-2, or an equivalent document, may be required in some instances.
6. Students will receive an Estimated Offer of Financial Aid if we have received their 2021-2022 FAFSA or California Dream Act Application. Both Estimated and Official Offers of Financial Aid include a breakdown for the student's Cost of Attendance, and clearly delineate direct from indirect expenses. Please note an Estimated Offer of Financial Aid is not final and may change after a student's file is officially completed.
7. Excused Withdraw (EW) grades were only discounted for COVID-19 during spring 2020. In all other semesters, EW is treated as a Withdraw (W). However, students may appeal for extenuating circumstances, citing COVID-19 as the reason for withdrawing. Documentation showing how COVID-19 affected their ability to be successful in school will be required for the appeal.
8. Cal Grant B awards are limited to 4 academic years. Students must take 15 units per semester, or 30 units per academic year, in order to graduate within four years. Students who have dependent children who are receiving more than half of their support from the student and who are under the age of 18, might be eligible to receive an access award of up to \$6,008 for eligible Cal Grant B recipients or up to \$4000 for eligible Cal Grant C recipients. The award amounts will be prorated to be consistent with enrollment status: full-time, three-quarter-time, or half-time.
9. The Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG) is a grant for Cal Grant B and C recipients attending a California Community College full-time (12 -15 units or more).
10. CCPG notifications are sent to all students within 30 days of end of fall and spring terms.
11. The CCPG appeal will now include homelessness as a reason for not having met the CCPG academic and progress standards. Students appealing for this reason will be required to submit appropriate documentation, as indicated on the CCPG appeal form.
12. There are automatic CCPG appeals for students who are currently ineligible for CCPG, but met the academic and progress standards in the recent prior term.
13. There is a new CCPG special classification for students who have been exonerated of a crime. The additional question is on the myGateway application. Students applying for CCPG under this special classification will be required to provide documentation, as indicated on the CCPG application.
14. Recent federal regulations on State Authorization require a student to be in residence in the state in which their College/University is located, in order to be eligible to receive Title IV Financial Aid, unless the College/University has an authorization to operate in the state of the student's residence. Students with an out-of-state residence will be required to complete a State Authorization form with the Financial Aid Office.
15. Federal student loan interest and repayments are deferred up to September 2021. The Department of Education will provide guidance as to whether the deferment will be extended beyond that point.
16. Starting in 2021-2022, students will be required to complete an Annual Student Loan Acknowledgement on StudentAid.gov prior to the disbursement of federal student loans. The new process will require students to view how much they currently owe in federal student loans, and to acknowledge that they have seen this amount before Fullerton College can make the first disbursement of federal student loans.
17. As of late January 2021, the Department of Education has provided guidance to schools indicating that, on a case by case basis, we can treat income as zero if the student or student's parents are receiving unemployment compensation as their most recent income. This will remain in effect until further notice. Students should contact the Financial Aid Office to inquire about an Income Adjustment Appeal.
18. If you or your parents have been financially affected due to COVID-19, please contact the Financial Aid Office to inquire about an Income Adjustment Appeal.

