

Part 2 - Financial Aid

Welcome to the Financial Aid introduction of your online orientation. We at Palo Verde College recommend that all students apply for financial aid. The amount of aid each student can get depends on his or her individual needs and resources. You can schedule an appointment to review your eligibility for aid. Call the number on the screen, and make sure you have these things when you come to your appointment: Social security number, photo ID, and an official income documentation for the most recent tax year. This could be a tax return, a W2, unemployment papers, a 1099, a Social Security printout, or a Notice of Action.

Next you'll need to submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, or 'FAFSA'. This can easily be submitted by visiting the FAFSA website.

We're here to help you through the entire process. If you need any help in completing your FAFSA application, schedule an appointment with a counselor in the Financial Aid office at Palo Verde College. Applying for Financial Aid isn't something you want to leave until the last minute. Do it early, and make sure to find out all the important deadlines.

There are a number of financial aid opportunities at federal, state, and collegiate level that you may be eligible for.

The Pell Grant is a cash award ranging from \$555 \$5,550 given by the U.S. Department of Education. Eligibility is based on financial need.

The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant is awarded to students with the highest financial need, and awards range from \$100- \$500. There are limited funds for this program, and it's awarded by application submission date, so apply as early as you can!

The Federal Work Study program provides part-time employment to students while school is in session. This aid is also awarded according to application submission date, so apply for this one soon too.

The Cal Grant is a California State program that helps low and middle- income students with tuition and fees. Recipients of the Cal Grant are selected based on financial need and GPA.

The Chafee Grant is for current or former foster youth who have not yet reached their 22nd birthday as of July 1st, and meet the requirements of financial need. To qualify, foster youth dependency of the court must have been established between the ages of 16 and 18.

If you are classified as a California resident, you may be eligible for a Board of Governor's Waiver, which will eliminate your enrollment fees. You could be eligible for this waiver even if you don't qualify for other financial assistance, so speak with your Financial Aid counselor about the Board of Governor's Waiver.

And, don't forget about scholarships! Scholarships, unlike grants, are comprised of private money. They have their own application processes and submission deadlines. You can find

scholarship opportunities on the Palo Verde College website. Palo Verde students receive \$30- \$40,000 in scholarship money every year.

There are more factors that can affect the amount of financial aid you're eligible for, including the number of units you plan on taking. So be sure to discuss your situation and class schedule with your counselor during your financial aid meeting.