



Financial Aid at Chaffey College

Financial Aid is Available

You may be eligible for Free Enrollment to Chaffey College and other types of financial aid.

What is Financial Aid?

A number of programs designed to help students with limited resources meet their educational expenses that are administered by the Financial Aid Office. Programs include enrollment fee waivers, grants, federal work study, scholarships and loans.

How do I Apply?

To apply, complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA is available online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Be sure to include Chaffey College's school code **001163** so that your FAFSA information is sent to us electronically by the Department of Education. Also, in order for us to receive your information, be sure that your social security number is correct when completing the FAFSA and that it matches the social security number you provided on your enrollment application to Chaffey College.

When should I apply?

The ideal time to apply is between January 1 and March 2 to assure your application is processed in time for fall and that all available aid is offered to you. The priority deadline to apply is March 2; however, you can still apply after this date. Remember, the longer you take to apply, the longer you will have to wait to be processed, and some awards are offered only on a first-come, first-serve basis.

But what if I or my parents make too much money? I don't think I'm eligible?

Leave eligibility up to the Department of Education and the Financial Aid Office to determine. Just apply. Many students are eligible for some type of aid.

How do I know if I am eligible? What types of aid will I get?

You will be contacted by the Financial Aid Office once eligibility is determined and your awards have been offered to you and also, if additional information is needed to continue processing for various types of financial aid. The federal government selects students at random for a process called Verification. If you are selected, the Financial Aid Office will request copies of your and/or your parents' signed federal taxes (and w-2's) to verify information is correct. Usually the enrollment fee waiver/BOGW will be automatically offered to you as soon as the Financial Aid Office receives your FAFSA results electronically. After we have contacted you, be sure to accept your awards online at www.chaffey.edu/chaffeyview, by logging in and clicking on "Current Students", then selecting "Accept or Reject my awards". You can also check the status of your awards and if documents are needed online at www.chaffey.edu/chaffeyview.

Board of Governors Enrollment Fee Waiver (BOGW)

The BOGW program is for eligible California residents to help pay for tuition. The BOGW is an electronic transaction from the Financial Aid Office to the Cashier's Office which will waive the enrollment cost per unit (whether it be 1 unit or 21 units), the health cost, and a portion of your parking permit for Fall and Spring semesters. The BOGW does not have to be paid back. You may be eligible for a fee waiver even if you are not eligible for other types of aid. Fee waivers do not apply to class material fees or the College Services Fee. Students are responsible for making sure all fees have been paid. If you must pay for your enrollment fees before your fee waiver is awarded, you may apply for a refund at the Cashier's office as long as you request a refund within the same semester your fee waiver is awarded.

Eligibility for the BOGW will be automatically determined as soon as the Financial Aid Office receives the results of your FAFSA electronically. You will be contacted by the Financial Aid Office once eligibility is determined. You can also check the status of your awards and if documents are needed online at www.chaffey.edu/chaffeyview. Students who are currently receiving benefits from TANF/Cal Works, SSI/SSP, General Relief, or a certified veteran dependent by California Department of Veteran Affairs are eligible for a BOGW. Just bring current proof of benefits (dated within the past 30 days) to the Financial Aid Office and our staff will provide you with a short BOGW application to complete. You will still need to complete the FAFSA to apply for other types of financial aid.

Grants

The greatest source of grant funds is the Federal Pell Grant which is federal money awarded to students based on financial need (determined by your FAFSA information) and in most cases, does not have to be paid back. Cal Grants are also available which are state funds awarded in addition to the Federal Pell Grant. Some students may also be eligible for an additional federal grant called an Academic Competitiveness Grant, or ACG grant. Eligibility for the ACG grant is determined by the federal government based on information that is entered on the student's FAFSA.

Students are responsible for the up-front cost of books and supplies; however if determined eligible, students will receive money deposited directly into student bank accounts.

For **federal grants**, students must be enrolled in a degree, certificate, or transfer program; have a high school diploma or equivalent, or pass an Ability to Benefit test; demonstrate financial need (determined by completing a FAFSA); maintain satisfactory academic progress; and be a citizen or permanent resident of the United States. Specifically for the Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG), students must be U.S. citizens, enrolled as a full-time first or second year student, be pell-eligible, graduated after January 1st, 2005, and they must have completed a rigorous high school program as determined by the state or local education agency.

For **state grants** such as Cal Grants, students must be a California resident, meet requirements for the federal grants, and submit a GPA Verification form to the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC) in addition to completing the FAFSA by March 2. Cal Grant recipients are selected by CSAC. Community College students will be given a second opportunity to submit GPA Verification, if not selected on the first cycle, of September 2.

You will be contacted by the Financial Aid Office once your eligibility is determined and your awards have been offered to you.

The first disbursement of federal and state grants for Fall semester is September 30th (after school starts) for students enrolled in six (6) or more units and have completed financial aid files. The first disbursement of federal and state grants for Spring semester is February 20th (after school starts). Students enrolled in less than six (6) units may not be eligible for a "less-than half-time" status disbursement. Students that enroll in 5.5 or less units will need to contact the Financial Aid Office to verify eligibility for a "less-than half-time" disbursement. Disbursement dates are based on classes that start during the first week of the semester. Dates can be subject to change; please check with the Financial Aid Office for further information.

Federal Work Study

Students may be eligible for part-time employment through the Federal Work Study (FWS) program. Students may work up to 20 hours per week and earn a monthly paycheck. Federal Work Study awards are determined by financial need (by completing the FAFSA) and available to students enrolled in six (6) or more units per semester. FWS job listings are posted in the Career Services Department for eligible FWS students and are filled on a first-come, first-serve basis.

Scholarships

Scholarships are usually, but not always, based on a combination of need and merit. Available scholarships are listed year-round on the Financial Aid website (<http://www.chaffey.edu>, click on "Financial Aid"). Students may also contact Student Activities and the Chaffey College Foundation for other available scholarships.

Stafford Loans

Loans should be considered only when other sources of aid are unavailable or insufficient. Generally, other types of financial aid are sufficient to cover the costs of attendance at Chaffey College. Loans are only to be used for educational purposes; they must be repaid with interest. Students must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress to be considered for a loan. Students cannot exceed their loan aggregate. To apply for a Direct Student Loan with Chaffey College, students are to have completed a FAFSA, and return the completed Loan Request Form to the Financial Aid Office after completing an online Master Promissory Note (MPN) and entrance counseling. Students are also encouraged to attend a Loan Information workshop. Dates for loan workshops are available at the Financial Aid Office (as well as on the Financial Aid website) once workshops are scheduled. The first loan disbursement will be made approximately 5-6 weeks after receiving all completed documents required for processing the student's file.

Okay! Now, that I have completed my FAFSA, turned in all requested documents, and accepted my awards online, how do I access my funds?

Through a joint agreement with Chaffey College and the Chaffey Federal Credit Union (CFCU), financial aid disbursements are deposited electronically to a free ATM account set up for you at the credit union. All you have to do is complete a CFCU brochure, which can be picked up at the Financial Aid Office and take it to the Credit Union office in Rancho Cucamonga or Ontario. Visit their website (www.chaffey.com) for office locations. Once your account is opened, an ATM card will be ordered for you. Students also have the option of having the funds disbursed to their personal bank accounts. Stop by the Financial Aid Office and pick up a CFCU brochure for details.

Financial Aid Office Locations and Hours

Rancho Cucamonga Campus
5885 Haven Avenue
Rancho Cucamonga, CA 91737
(909) 652-6199

Monday & Thursday: 7:30am to 7:00pm
Tuesday & Wednesday: 7:30am to 4:30pm
Friday: 7:30am – 2:00pm

Fontana Center
16855 Merrill Ave
Fontana, CA 92335
(909) 652-7417 (Please call for hours)

Chino Center
5897 College Park Ave.
Chino, Ca 91761
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