

Complete the CSU application for admission online at www.calstate.edu/apply; submit a \$55 (non-refundable) application fee --unless a fee waiver is granted online--and include:
high school transcripts as well as ACT or SAT scores if applying for freshman admission
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Frequently Asked Questions About Financial Aid

Financial aid is money that is given, paid or loaned to help you pay for college. There are several types of financial aid:

Grants & Scholarships - gift aid that does not require repayment.

Loans - which borrowed from a lending institution. You are required to repay the loans with interest and related fees.

Work-Study - which includes on-campus and approved off-campus employment that enables you to earn money.

Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.gov beginning October 1 prior to the academic year you wish to enroll; March 2 is the priority deadline. Indicate Cal State East Bay as an institution allowed to access your FAFSA. Then the Financial Aid Office will be able to provide you with an estimated Financial Aid award. Be sure that your school submits your Grade Point Average form to the *California Student Aid Commission* during the October 1 - March 2 application period. For more information go to www.calgrants.org.

Your social security number, information on your family income (if dependent), tax returns, any bank statements and drivers license (if you have one).

The California Dream Act of 2011 allows students who meet AB540 criteria to apply for and receive certain state and institutional financial assistance programs. Visit to www.csueastbay.edu/financialaid for details.

Our priority consideration deadline is the March 2 prior to the academic year you plan to enroll. While the FAFSA can be submitted after March 2, to avoid delays and receive the maximum aid possible submit by March 2. Note the *absolute deadline* for the California Student Aid Commission to receive your GPA verification form is March 2.

To receive federal student aid, you must:

be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen

have a valid Social Security Number

register with Selective Service if you are male and 18 to 25 years of age

have a high school diploma or GED

be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student working toward a degree or certificate in an eligible program at a school that participates in the federal student aid programs

Depending on your eligibility, financial aid can be used for educational expenses including tuition fees, books and supplies, food, housing, transportation, and personal expenses while enrolled in college.

Students and their families are expected to contribute to their college costs to the extent that they are able. Your eligibility for aid depends on your Expected Family Contribution (EFC), year in school, enrollment status, and the cost of attendance.

Scholarships are funds offered to students who meet specific criteria. Scholarships may be awarded on merit, need, or a combination of factors and do not require repayment! For scholarships where financial need is considered, most require the filing of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by the priority deadline of March 2. To learn more about Cal State East Bay scholarships, go online to: www.csueastbay.edu/scholarships.