

Additional Resources

Extended Opportunity Programs and Services

(EOP&S): EOP&S is a support program for educationally and economically disadvantaged students. It is designed to provide opportunities in higher education for students with academic potential that historically would not have attended college.

CalWORKs: CalWORKs (California Work Opportunities and Responsibility to Kids) is a state funded Welfare-to-Work Program designed to help individuals on public assistance become self-sufficient. The program includes education, training and support services, as well as employment opportunities related to the individual goal of each participant.

Law Enforcement Personnel Dependents Grant:

This grant is available to dependents of California law enforcement officers who were killed or totally disabled in the line of duty. These need-based grants range from \$100 to \$9,873 a year, up to four years, and may be used to attend any California college.

AmeriCorps: By becoming a volunteer with AmeriCorps, you will receive an education award of up to \$4,725 each year for up to two years. This program provides full-time educational awards in return for work in community service. Funds are requested through the Financial Aid Office. For more information, call 1-800-942-2677 or go to www.americorps.org or www.goserv.ca.gov.

U.S. Military: All branches of the U.S. Armed Forces offer a variety of support for college. To learn more, visit the local recruiting office or call toll free (800) USA NAVY, (800) USA ARMY, (800) MARINES or (800) 522-0033, ext. 2091, for the Air Force.

FasTrack: FasTrack is a federally funded Student Support Services (SSS) TRIO program designed to assist first-generation low-income, and disabled students as they prepare to obtain a two-year and/or transfer to four-year universities. The program provides educational/career planning, workshops, counseling, cultural enrichment activities, scholarships and tutoring, and referrals to on-campus and community resources.

FasTrack is located in RD-216 next to the EVC Tutoring Center. For information, call 408-274-7900 ext 6547. The office is open Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Support for Native Americans: Members or close descendants of a federally recognized American Indian tribe or Nation may be eligible for grants to help pay for college. To learn more, contact the Office of Indian Education Programs at (916) 978- 6058 or go to www.oiep.bia.edu. (A FAFSA application is required.)

IRS Tax Benefits: The Lifetime Learning Credit is available for college juniors, seniors, graduate students, and working Americans who are pursuing learning to upgrade skills. The credit is also available for students who have already completed the first two years of general education at a community college, and who are attending more than part-time to improve or upgrade job skills.



Chafee Grant for Foster Youth: The California Chafee Grant Program provides up to \$5,000 annually to foster youth and former foster youth to use for college expenses. To qualify, a student must have been in foster care on their 16th birthday and not have reached their 22nd birthday (students could have been foster youth in another state and now live in California). This is a need based grant awarded to students in at least 6 units. Applications are available on line at www.chafee.csac.ca.gov or call 888-224-7268, option #3.