

Full-Time Student Success Grant

A guide for Cal Grant B and Cal Grant C recipients attending a California community college full-time.



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What is it?

The Full-Time Student Success Grant is a new financial aid program for Cal Grant B and Cal Grant C recipients attending a California community college full-time.

How does it work?

On top of the \$1,670 annual Cal Grant B and \$547 annual Cal Grant C awards paid at community colleges, the Full-Time Student Success Grant pays full-time Cal Grant B or C recipients an additional \$600 annually. All full-time community college students receiving Cal Grant B or C will be offered this assistance, and only full-time students can receive this benefit.

How does it help?

The Full-Time Student Success Grant is designed to encourage students to maintain full-time status. Full-time attendance speeds the completion of your degree and saves you money! Attending full-time gets you out faster, and allows you to get on with your life and career!

How do I apply?

Cal Grants and the Full-Time Student Success Grant are just some of the financial aid programs that can help cover your college expenses. You apply for a Cal Grant by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or California Dream Act Application and have your current school submit your GPA to the California Student Aid Commission. Your completion of the FAFSA also enables consideration for federal grants and loans.

Community college students who are California residents and who miss the Cal Grant March 2 deadline can apply by September 2 to receive consideration for competitive awards. Students completing the Dream Act Application must apply by March 2 in order to receive Cal Grant consideration. But it is important to point out that students can apply year-round for the Board of Governors Fee Waiver and other types of financial aid.

What else do I need to know?

Full-time attendance is 12 units per term. However, to earn a college degree in four years, you will need to take more than 12 units per term. Students should talk to their college counselor to set up an education plan. Your education plan is your path to completing your degree program and outlines the classes you need to take to meet your educational goal.

