

California Community Colleges

Board of Governors 2019-20 Budget and Legislative Request on Financial Aid

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Engines of Social and Economic Mobility

- Largest system of higher education in the nation: 115 colleges serving over 2.1 million students
- Open access to provide all students a college degree, workforce education, adult skills courses, and lifelong learning
- Most diverse student body of any system of higher education
- Largest provider of workforce training in the state and nation
- Nearly 30 percent of UC and 50 percent of CSU graduates started at a California Community College

A Vision for Success

Five Year Goals

1. Increase credential obtainment by 20%
2. Increase transfer by 35% to UC and CSU
3. Decrease unit obtainment for a degree
4. Increase employment for CE students
5. Reduce and erase equity gaps
6. Reduce regional gaps

Commitments

1. Focus on students' goals
2. Design with the students' experience in mind
3. High expectations and high support
4. Evidence-based decisions
5. Own student performance
6. Cross-system partnership
7. Thoughtful innovation and action

ALIGNED RESOURCES AND PROGRAMS TO PUT STUDENTS FIRST

THE WHY

Our Students and Communities



THE WHAT

Vision for Success

Increase certificates and degrees

Increase transfer to CSU and UC

Decrease units to complete

Increase employment in field of study

Close equity gaps

Close regional achievement gaps

GOALS

THE HOW

Guided Pathways

Clarify the path

Enter the path

Stay on the path

Ensure students are learning

PILLARS

THE TOOLS

System-level Support

Developmental Ed. Reform (AB 705)

California Promise (AB 19)

Associate Degrees for Transfer

Regulatory Reform

Financial Assistance for Students

Student Centered Funding Formula

Guided Pathways allocations

Student Equity and Achievement Program

Strong Workforce

Student Success Metrics

Vision Resource Center

Investment in staff and faculty

Regional support strategy

Local Board goals (AB 1809)

PROGRAM ALIGNMENT AND SUPPORT

FISCAL REFORM

POLICY CONNECTIONS

Historical Commitment to Tuition Affordability

- For over 75 years, community colleges charged no tuition or fees
- In 1984 the statutory fee and fee waiver program were established
- At \$46/unit California Community College fees remain the lowest in the nation
- Nearly half of all students pay no fees under the California College Promise Grant (formerly Board of Governors Fee Waiver)

Total Cost of California Community College

	Cost Components for Students Living Independently (students' predominant living status)
Textbooks	\$1,791
Transportation	\$1,242
Room and Board	\$12,492
Personal/Misc.	\$2,916
SUBTOTAL	\$18,441
Tuition (\$46 Unit)	\$1,380
TOTAL	\$19,821

Community College students are not adequately served by existing Cal Grant structure

- Community colleges enroll about two-thirds of California's undergraduate students, but receive only about 7% of Cal Grant funds
- Nearly 40% of UC and 36% of CSU undergraduate students receive a Cal Grant
- Only about 5% of California's community college students receive a Cal Grant award, despite 43% meeting the income requirement for a fee waiver

Principles for Change

We are one education system, and all of our students are all of our responsibilities. This proposal seeks to address one set of inequities—for the benefit of all Californians.

Principles for Change – Eligibility

Serve the financial needs of all California Community College students regardless of their age or their prior academic history.

- All CCC students would be eligible for financial aid
- Students would file timely Free Application for Federal Student Aid or a California Dream Act and maximize existing grant aid
- Colleges commit to guide students in a timely manner through pathways toward their academic goals
- Students would be required to maintain satisfactory academic progress—as they are already required to do for other grants

Principles for Change – Total Cost

Link a student's financial aid to the total cost of attendance—not just the tuition and fees they pay directly to the colleges.

Program assumes students may have resources available to support costs:

- (1) A student's expected family contribution (EFC);
- (2) Other gift aid, including Pell Grant, Cal Grant, the existing California College Promise Grant (formerly titled the BOG Fee Waiver), and the Student Success Completion Grant; and,
- (3) Student self contribution from work—with our commitment to better link the classroom to the workplace and student career goals.

The remaining amount would be funded through the new grant.

Principles for Change – Program Eligibility

Students come to the California Community Colleges with many educational goals—not necessarily to earn degrees or transfer, and students with other goals should receive financial support. The new grant would allow students enrolled in any community college program that meets the requirements for the federal Pell Grant to also be eligible for this grant.

How a New Grant Would Reduce the Price Students Pay to Attend California Community Colleges

+	Total Cost of Attendance <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Tuition and Fees• Books, Supplies, Transportation, and Other Personal Expenses• Room and Board
	– Expected Family Contribution
	Existing Grants <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Pell Grant• Cal Grant• Existing California College Promise Grant (BOG Fee Waiver)• CCC Student Success Completion Grant
	– Reasonable Contribution from Student Earnings or Other Resources
=	Additional Grant Funds Awarded to Student through New Grant

California Community College Commitment

New investments in financial aid should challenge our colleges to do more to improve student success. The Board of Governors embraces that challenge. As a condition of a college's participation in the program, the college would commit to ongoing reform.

Student Services	Statewide Program Participation
Early FAFSA or Dream Application completion	CA Guided Pathways Grant Program
Early completion of student financial aid files	K-12 Partnerships and Dual Enrollment
Informed Education Plans	AB 19 CA College Promise
Financial Aid counseling and holistic support services that serve the basic needs of students, including federal loan participation	AB 705 Developmental Ed Implementation

Questions?

