

2025-2026 California College Promise Grant Application Instructions

CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PROMISE GRANT ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

The CCPG Application waives enrollment fees, if eligible. It may also waive a portion of the semester parking permit fee for the fall and spring terms. The CCPG does not provide assistance for books, supplies or other costs.

- Must be a California resident, an eligible AB 540 or AB 1899 student **and**
- Meet **one** of the following income eligibility criteria (Method A, B, C, D, or Special Classifications) listed below.

Important: Eligible students must meet academic and progress standards in order to avoid losing their CCPG eligibility. For additional information, contact the Financial Aid Office.

METHOD A - SPECIAL CLASSIFICATION – If you are eligible based on one of the criteria below, you are required to provide one of the documents listed below:

TANF/CalWORKS/General Assistance

- Notice of Action
- Welfare to Work Plan
- Printout of Passport to Services

SSI/SSP

- Certification from Social Security Administration
- Current bank statement showing the SSI direct

Special Classification

- Dependents of California National Guard members
- Dependents of veterans
- Congressional Medal of Honor recipients and their dependents
- Surviving dependents of the September 11, 2001 attacks
- Dependents of law enforcement or fire suppression personnel
- Persons exonerated of crimes by writ of habeas corpus or pardon
- Dependent/ spouse/ Registered Domestic Partner of a deceased physician, nurse, or first responder who died of COVID-19 during the COVID-19 pandemic state of emergency in California

METHOD B – Eligibility is based on household size and total family income earned/received in **2023**.

- **DEPENDENT Student:** Eligibility is based on parent(s) total 2023 taxed and untaxed income.
- **INDEPENDENT Student:** Eligibility is based on student and spouse's (if married) total 2023 taxed and untaxed income.

Household Size	Income Eligibility	Household Size	Income Eligibility	Household Size	Income Eligibility
1	\$22,590	4	\$46,800	7	\$71,010
2	\$30,660	5	\$54,870	8	\$79,080
3	\$38,730	6	\$62,940	Each additional family member add \$8,070	

HOW TO APPLY FOR METHOD A OR B

- Complete the online CCPG application at <https://bog.openccapply.net/gateway/bog?cccMisCode=292>
- Click on the link to "Sign In" and use your CCCApply user ID and password to complete the online CCPG application.
- Download the paper application from the Financial Aid forms page, complete and submit to the Financial Aid Office.
- Complete the 2025-2026 FAFSA application online at www.fafsa.gov or the Dream Act application at dream.csac.ca.gov

METHOD C – Eligibility is based on 2025-2026 FAFSA or Dream Act Application.

- Eligibility is based on your Cost of Attendance (COA), Student Aid Index (SAI) and financial need.
- Your COA is based on the housing plan you reported on your FAFSA/Dream Act application. Your SAI is listed on your FAFSA Summary Report page.
 - **Living with Parents: \$23,532**
 - **Military - Living with Parents: \$16,515**
 - **Living Off Campus: \$32,441**
 - **Military - Living Off Campus: \$16,278**
- Financial need is calculated as follows: COA less your SAI = Financial Need. The financial need must be \$1,104 or greater to qualify for a Method C of California College Promise Grant.

HOW TO APPLY FOR METHOD C

- Complete the 2025-2026 FAFSA application online at www.fafsa.gov or the Dream Act application at dream.csac.ca.gov.

METHOD D - Eligibility is based on the determination by your McKinney-Vento Liaison

- Eligibility is for a student who, at the time of enrollment, is a homeless youth as defined in the federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act and is under 25 years of age.
- Federal McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act definition of homeless youth includes:
 - students sharing housing with other persons due to loss of housing, economic hardship, or a similar reason; are living in motels, hotels, trailer parks, or camping grounds due to the lack of alternative adequate accommodations; are living in emergency or transitional shelters; are abandoned in hospitals; or are awaiting foster care placement
 - students who have a primary nighttime residence that is a public or private place not designed for or ordinarily used as a regular sleeping accommodation for human beings
 - students who are living in cars, parks, public spaces, abandoned buildings, substandard housing, bus or train stations, or similar settings

HOW TO APPLY FOR METHOD D

- Complete the online CCPG application at <https://bog.openccapply.net/gateway/bog?cccMisCode=292>
- Click on the link to "**Sign In**" and use your CCCApply user ID and password to complete the online CCPG application.
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