FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid programs are intended to help eligible students pay for college expenses including books, fees, transportation, and other necessities. Often students assume that they will not qualify for financial aid. The IVC Financial Aid Office encourages students to become informed about the variety of aid programs available to community college students.

Financial aid funds are administered in accordance with federal and state regulations governing financial assistance for education. The basis of the policy is that students and their parents have the primary responsibility for meeting educational costs. The amount of the expected contribution from students and their family is determined by careful analysis of family financial strength, taking into consideration information reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).

Who Qualifies for Financial Aid?

To receive aid, you must:

1. Prove financial need based on federal and state guidelines.
2. Have a high school diploma or GED.
3. Be enrolled as a regular student working toward an eligible degree or certificate.
4. Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
5. Be making satisfactory academic progress.
6. Not be in default on any educational loan or owe a refund on an educational grant.
7. Register with the Selective Service System (applies to male students only).

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

To apply for financial aid, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at **www.fafsa.ed.gov**. The FAFSA is used to determine eligibility for all state and federal financial aid.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Continued eligibility for financial aid at Imperial Valley College is dependent upon academic success. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA or better and complete at least 67% of all coursework attempted, and complete their program within maximum timeframe standards. Failure to meet these standards will result in the loss of all federal and state aid. The BOG Fee Waiver is currently not subject to this academic progress standard.

Return of Title IV Funds

Federal law requires that all students who receive federal Title IV aid and leave school before completing 60% of the term may be required to pay back some or all of the aid received. Detailed information regarding the return of federal aid is available in the IVC Financial Aid Office or on the college website.

California Dream Act

Students who meet AB 540 criteria may apply for State aid by completing the California Dream Act Application. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS AT IVC

STATE PROGRAMS

- **Board of Governors Fee Waiver:** A program for California residents attending a community college. The fee waiver pays for enrollment fees for eligible students. It does not cover parking, lab, material, health fees, or the student representation fee.
- **Cal Grant:** A state-funded grant program for California residents. All Cal Grant award offers are subject to the approval of the final state budget. **www.csac.ca.gov**

FEDERAL PROGRAMS

- **Federal Pell Grant:** A grant program for students who have not earned a bachelor's or professional degree. Students must file a FAFSA and demonstrate financial need.
- **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG):** A program that funds grants based on demonstrated exceptional financial need. Priority is given to Pell Grant recipients. Funding at IVC is limited.
- **Federal Work Study (FWS)**: A program that funds part-time job opportunities to students with financial need. Students must be enrolled in at least 6 units. Funding is very limited and awarded on a first-come, first-served basis.

Imperial Valley College does not currently participate in any of the federal student loan programs; however, general information regarding private education loans is available upon request.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Imperial Valley College offers scholarships through the college's foundation and generous donors. Students may be awarded scholarships on the basis of academic achievement, financial need, and campus or community service. Each scholarship has different requirements and recipients are generally determined by Scholarship Selection Committee. Visit the IVC Foundation website at www.imperial.edu/scholarships for a listing of scholarships and application deadline information.

Scholarships are also available from sources beyond Imperial Valley College.
The following sites may be helpful:

- **www.FastWeb.com**
- **www.College-Scholarships.com**
- **www.FindTuition.com**
- **www.LatinoCollegeDollars.org**
- **www.ScholarshipExperts.com**
- **www.Scholarships.com**

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The Imperial Valley College Foundation offers numerous scholarships to students throughout the school year.

Please contact the Financial Aid or Foundation Offices for a current list of all the scholarships that are available or visit **www.imperial.edu/scholarships**

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