



Financial Aid Important Notifications

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Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The new Financial Aid application period will be starting January 1st which means that starting January 1st the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) becomes available. This is a yearly process, and students are encouraged to file early. Students looking for financial aid in the Fall need to complete the 2016-2017 FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov (For Summer it is the 2015-2016 application).

Information you may need to complete the FAFSA application:

- Social Security Number
- Parents' Social Security Numbers if a Dependent student
- Driver's license
- Alien Registration Number if not a U.S. Citizen
- Student and Parents Income information (W2's, 1040, 1040A, 1040EZ, 1099 etc.)
- Untaxed Income and balance of cash, savings, and checking

Remember that you can estimate income if you or your parents have not filed a tax return, but you must correct your FAFSA once you have filed.

If you are not able to apply for the FAFSA due to your immigration status, you may still be eligible for state aid with the **California Dream Act**. The California Dream Act is a state grant program that may qualify you for the Cal-Grant and a fee waiver.

The application information is available at www.caldreamact.org.

For more information on Cal-Grant go to www.csac.ca.gov.

Please remember to file early or at least by March 2nd every year to potentially qualify for the state Cal-Grant award.



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Winter 2016 term will be combined with the Spring 2016 term.

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Winter Intersession

The Winter 2016 session will be combined with the Spring 2016 term. Students enrolled in Winter will have their units added to the Spring enrollment to determine the award status.

For example: if a student was enrolled for six units for Winter and six units for Spring, the student would be disbursed a full-time award based on those combined units.

The Winter/Spring award would follow the normal Spring 2016 disbursement schedule.

WINTER INTERSESSION

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New Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW) Changes for Fall 2016

New regulations from the California Community College Chancellors Office will affect the Students Fee Waiver program.

- Loss of Fee Waiver will occur if a student has **two** consecutive primary terms (Fall and/or Spring) of not meeting Academic (2.0 GPA or above) or Progress standards (More than 50% Completion Rate).
- Students will be notified of loss of the BOG Fee Waiver within 30 days of the end of the term.
- Students will have the right to appeal the loss of the BOG Fee Waiver along with Priority Enrollment.
- Students will have their BOGFW/Enrollment Priority reinstated if:
 - Meeting Academic/Progress Standards
 - Successful Appeal
 - Sitting out two consecutive primary terms

If you feel that you may be at risk of losing the BOGFW, it's not too late to take advantage of the upcoming terms to raise



your academic and progress standards. You also may want to speak to your teacher or counselor

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit our link

<http://www.vvc.edu/keepthebogg> or

http://www.vvc.edu/offices/student_services/keep-the-bogfw.shtml

Scholarships

In addition to federal and state aid, students are encouraged to apply for scholarships that may supplement their other aid packages. We have a listing of scholarship links on our website that may benefit you at

<http://www.vvc.edu/offices/financial-aid/scholarship.shtml>

**Remember to
apply early or
at least by
March 2nd.**

Thank you!