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The Victor Valley Community College District participates in a variety of financial aid programs in order to assist students in paying for their postsecondary education. The college is dedicated to providing students clear, timely information and superior financial services while complying with all state and federal requirements. Financial aid policy and procedure handbooks are available in each college Financial Aid Office.

Financial Aid is available to eligible students through waivers, grants, scholarships, loans and part-time employment. Recipients may receive more than one category of assistance and in some cases, assistance from all categories depending upon financial need.

Available financial Aid programs may include, but are not limited to:

- a. California College Promise Grant (CCPG)
- b. Cal Grants
- c. Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG)
- d. Chafee Program (for former Foster Youth)
- e. Federal Pell Grants
- f. Federal Direct Student Loan Programs
- g. Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)
- h. Work Student Programs
- i. Scholarships
- j. California College Promise Program

Application Process

Students who would like to be considered for financial aid must apply using either the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or the California Dream Act Application. Links to these forms can be found on the Financial Aid webpage on the college website. Students who wish to apply for the California College Promise Grant (CCPG) and/or California College Promise Programs may submit a FAFSA or the California Dream Act application each application year.

Some financial aid resources require a student to submit additional application materials; such as scholarships. All students are encouraged to apply for scholarships that may contribute to their financial resources while attending college.

Deadlines

See the Financial Aid webpages on the College website for specific Financial Aid and Scholarship deadlines.



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Student Eligibility

Recipients of aid from federal and state funded programs must be students enrolled in eligible programs of study for the purpose of obtaining a degree, certificate, or transfer. In addition to financial need, other eligibility requirements for most federal and state programs include:

- a. Having a high school diploma, a General Educational Development (GED) certificate, completing home schooling at the secondary level as defined by state law, passing the California High School Proficiency Examination (CHSPE), the High School Equivalency Test (HiSET), or passing the Ability to Benefit Test (if grandfathered in), administered at the Testing Center and which has been approved by the Department of Education;
- b. Being a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen;
- c. Maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in accordance with the standards;
- d. Not be in default on federal loan or grant overpayment;
- e. To be registered with the selective service, if required; and
- f. To have a valid social security number.

State aid does not require students to have a valid social security number. Some AB540 students may be eligible for federal aid, while others may only be eligible for state aid. Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) student are only eligible for state aid.

It is the practice of the District to package financial aid funds for all students in a manner consistent with federal and state regulations.

Payment Procedures

Victor Valley College partners with a third-party service provider to disburse financial aid funds.

Overpayment/Overawards

VVC will determine the amount of federal and/or state financial aid a student has earned in accordance with federal and state regulations. Recipients of federal programs are subject to the Return of Title IV funds requirements. Students who receive federal financial and do not attend any classes will be required to repay all of the funds they have received. Students who withdraw from all classes prior to completing more than 60% of the semester will have their financial aid eligibility recalculated based on the percentage



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of the semester completed and will be required to repay any unearned financial aid they have received.

At VVC, a student's withdrawal date is:

- a. The date the student officially notified the Admissions & Records Office of their intent to withdraw, or
- b. The date posted by the instructor indicating the last day of attendance or no attendance.

Accounting Requirements

The District ensures internal checks and balances by separating the functions of authorizing payment and disbursing or delivering funds so that no single person or office exercises both functions for any student receiving Federal Student Aid (FSA) funds.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

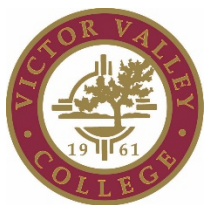
The Victor Valley College District Financial Aid Offices establish Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) in accordance with federal regulations. To be eligible for financial aid, students must meet or exceed these standards. The standards apply to all financial aid recipients and to all college coursework taken including coursework taken from outside colleges if that coursework has been submitted and appear on a Victor Valley Community College District transcript. Failure to maintain these standards may result in loss of financial aid eligibility. Students must meet these requirements to remain eligible to receive financial aid.

Fraudulent Documents

Submission of fraudulent documents or behavior is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and as such, subject to disciplinary action. The student will be informed that withdrawing the fraudulent document and/or information is not a pardon from disciplinary action. In addition, student who are found to have submitted fraudulent documents will have to repay any funds received. Any student submitting a fraudulent document and/or information will be referred through the college discipline process and may be reported to the U.S. Office of Inspector General.

Misrepresentation

Misrepresentation is defined as any false, erroneous, or misleading statement that the District, a representative of the District, or a service provider with which the District has



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contracted to provide educational programs, marketing, advertising, recruiting, or admissions services, makes directly or indirectly to a student, prospective student, a member of the public, an accrediting agency, a state agency, or the United States Department of Education.

A misleading statement includes any statement that has the likelihood or tendency to deceive or confuse. If a person to whom the misrepresentation was made could reasonably be expected to rely, or has reasonably relied, on the misrepresentation, the misrepresentation would be substantial.

This procedure does not apply to statements by students through social media outlets or by vendors that are not providing covered services, as reflected herein.

Loss of Eligibility for California College Promise Grant (formerly known as a BOG Fee Waiver)

A student shall become ineligible for a California College Promise Grant if the student is placed on academic or progress probation, or any combination thereof, for two consecutive primary terms. Loss of eligibility shall become effective at the first registration opportunity after such determination is made.

The District shall notify students of their placement on academic or progress probation no later than thirty days following the end of the term that resulted in the student's placement on probation. The notification must clearly state that two consecutive primary terms of probation will lead to a loss of the California College Promise Grant until the student is no longer on probation. The notification must also advise students about the available student support services to assist them in maintaining eligibility.

The District shall adopt, prominently display, and disseminate policies ensuring that students are advised about the student support services available to assist them in maintaining and reestablishing California College Promise Grant eligibility. Dissemination includes, but is not limited to, information provided in college catalogs and class schedules.

The District shall establish written procedures by which a student may appeal the loss of a California College Promise Grant due to extenuating circumstances, or when a student with a disability applied for, but did not receive, a reasonable accommodation in a timely manner. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illnesses, or other circumstances that might include documented changes in the student's economic situation or evidence that the student was unable to obtain essential student support services. Extenuating circumstances also includes special



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consideration of the specific factors associated with Veterans, CalWORKs, EOPS, and DSPS student status.

Foster Youth shall not be subject to loss of California College Promise Grant due to placement on academic or progress probation. This exemption for Foster Youth is effective until the date specified in Education Code Section 66025.9 subdivision (c).

References:

Education Code Sections 66021.3, 66021.6, 66025.9, 69514, 76300, and 94912.5;
Title 5 Sections 55031 and 58600 et seq.;
20 U.S. Code Sections 1070 et seq.;
34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 668 (U.S. Department of Education regulations on the Integrity of Federal Student Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended);
ACCJC Accreditation Standard III.D.15