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There is often a delay between the time an application is filed and when payment is received. Students should have adequate funds to pay their day to day living expenses. Students should plan on bringing at least $100-$400 to cover these expenses. Financial aid proceeds should not be used as the primary means of support.

Financial Aid awards are based on the assumption that students and parents have submitted truthful and correct information. If information used in awarding financial aid is determined to be incorrect, the financial aid awarded may be adjusted or changed. This applies to instances where incorrect information is used in the calculation due to:

- Exaggerated information which proves to be incorrect
- Incorrect information due to misunderstanding of instructions
- Additional outside grants or scholarships received from any source
- Discrepancies on the FAFSA or the application at Victor Valley College
- False information

In cases of fraudulent information, any financial aid awarded will be cancelled and the case referred to the proper authorities.

Students must inform the Financial Aid Office of any change in unit load from that initially reported on the financial aid application. Financial aid awards are based in part on unit load, and any change may result in a change in eligibility.

Regardless of the amount of financial aid anticipated, students are expected to arrive on campus with sufficient cash for expenses that will be incurred at the beginning of the year. Students should plan on bringing at least $100-$400 to cover these expenses. Financial aid proceeds should not be used as the primary means of support. There is often a delay between the time an application is filed and when payment is received. Students should have adequate funds to pay their day to day living expenses, including books and supplies, utilities, and entertainment. Due to the availability of funds and the demand for these funds, students sometimes left with an unfulfilled unmet need.

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LEGISLATION AND GOVERNMENTAL REGULATIONS ARE CONTINUALLY CHANGING THE FACE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID. THE INFORMATION CONTAINED IN THIS BROCHURE IS CURRENT AS OF THE TIME OF PUBLICATION (5/2008.) HOWEVER, INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.
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Please check our website for current dates, times and locations, at www.vvc.edu, click on “Financial Aid”, then “FAFSA Labs.”

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE HOURS:

Fall and Spring Hours:
Monday and Tuesday 8:30 AM – 7:00 PM
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Monday and Tuesday 7:30 AM – 7:00 PM
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Since disbursement dates vary by semester, consult the Financial Aid website under the “FA Check Disbursement” link.

DISBURSEMENT:
- You need to file a tax return and claim your tax refund
- You need to complete your FAFSA
- You need to be enrolled at least half time
- You need to be making satisfactory academic progress
- You need to be a U.S. citizen, national, or eligible non-citizen
- You need to have a Social Security number

Your rights are:
- You have the right to know what financial aid programs are available at your school.
- You have the right to know the deadlines for submitting applications for each of those programs.
- You have the right to know how financial aid will be distributed. How decisions are distributed are made, and the basis for these decisions.
- You have the right to know how your financial need was determined. This includes how costs for tuition and fees, room and board, travel, books and supplies, personal and miscellaneous expenses, etc., are considered in your budget.
- You have the right to know how much of your financial need has been met.
- You need to know the deadlines for each of the programs available.
- You need to know the changes to your school's refund policy.
- You have the right to know what portion of the financial aid you received must be repaid, the repayment procedures, the length of time you have to repay the loans, and when repayment is to begin. If you cannot meet the repayment schedule under the loan program, you may request that the loan payments be reduced for a specific period of time if it will enable you to continue your education.
- You have the right to know how the school determines whether you are making satisfactory progress, and what happens if you are not.

Your responsibilities are:
- You must complete all application forms accurately.
- You must submit them in time to be considered.
- You need to complete all loan applications for loans.
- You must provide correct information. In most instances, misrepresenting information on financial aid applications is a violation of law and may be considered a criminal offense.
- You must return all additional documentation, verification, corrections, and/or new information requested by either the Victor Valley College Financial Aid Office or the agency to which you submitted your application.
- You are responsible for understanding all forms that you were asked to sign.
- You must perform the work that is assigned upon acceptance of a Federal Work-Study award.
- You must follow your college's academic procedures.
- If borrowing a student loan, you must complete loan entrance and exit counseling (first time borrowers of VVC only) and attend the required financial aid workshops each year.
- As a recipient of a student loan, you must notify the lender if any of the following occur before the loan is repaid:
  1. You change your address
  2. Graduation from college
  3. Withdrawal from school or less than half-time attendance

What is Financial Aid?
Financial aid is designed to bridge the gap between a student’s resources and the college’s cost of education. Financial aid is comprised of grants, scholarships, work study, fee waivers, loans and VA benefits.
ASSISTANCE FOR COMPLETING THE FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA):

1. Get an early start. Apply on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You may pick up a paper FAFSA Worksheet at the Financial Aid Office to get an idea of the questions you'll need to answer.
2. For a FAFSA or if you plan to electronically sign your FAFSA on the Web application. Also, ask one of your parents to get a PIN, if you're a dependent student.
3. Get a Copy of your Tax Return.
4. Be sure to list at least one eligible California college to be considered for a Cal Grant. If you're considering a California four-year college or university, be sure to put that college name in your FAFSA.
5. Spell your name as it appears on your Social Security card. Using a nickname or other name will delay processing.
6. Be sure to indicate the month and year you became a legal California resident.
7. Write in “CA” if California is your state of legal residence for the residency question. If left blank, you can't be considered for a Cal Grant or any other California student aid.
8. Use estimates if you haven't completed your tax return. It's easier to fill out the FAFSA if you have a completed return, but if you don't, use estimates rather than missing a deadline.
9. Be sure to provide your parent's income information if you're a dependent student (you answered no to all questions in Step Three) — otherwise your SAR will not be complete and you may be disqualified for Federal and State aid consideration.
10. Don't skip the drug question. A drug conviction doesn't necessarily make you ineligible for federal aid, but colleges are not allowed to provide federal aid to students who do not answer this question. Students with convictions will receive notice to determine if their conviction affects eligibility for federal aid. These eligibility for federal aid and may still be eligible for state, college or private aid and can regain eligibility by completing a drug rehabilitation program or having their conviction reversed or set aside.
11. Use only Federal Title IV financial aid codes for colleges. For Title IV codes, ask your high school counselor or college or go to www.fafsa.ed.gov. Victor Valley College's Title IV school code is 00133.
12. Be sure to list at least one eligible California college to be considered for a Cal Grant. If you’re considering a California four-year college or university, be sure to put that college name in your FAFSA.
What is the Board of Governor’s Fan Zone and how do I apply?

The Board of Governor’s Fan Zone (BOG-FW) is a state sponsored program that waives enrollment fees for qualifying students. You may be eligible for a fee waiver even if you are not eligible for other financial aid.

Method A:

Is for students on public assistance programs: TANF/CalWORKS, SSI/SSP, SSAI, SSAS, or General Assistance. It is also for the following: Dependents of Disabled or Deceased California Veterans or National Guard, recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, children of recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, or dependents of victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Certification must be obtained from the appropriate agency and documentation will be required every year for eligibility. This documentation must be dated within the last 120 days.

Method B:

Is for low income students who previously were not within qualifying income guidelines. Federal returns may be required.

Method C:

Is awarded to students who applied through the FAFSA and were eligible according to federal guidelines. Students who qualify under Method C do not need to complete a separate BOG-FW application.

Additional Information:

• Your application is reviewed by the Financial Aid Office
• You must be a California resident

If you believe you have unusual circumstances that can be documented, but do not fall into the above mentioned categories, contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.

What Happens if I drop a class or withdraw from all of my classes?

If enrollment is paid but an enrolled student withholds it from the college, the student is responsible for repaying what was paid for that class. The student must withdraw from the class if they are no longer enrolled. If the student withdraws from a class after the drop/add period, the student must withdraw from the college at the end of the term. If the student drops a class or withdraws from all classes after enrollment was cancelled, the student may need to repay back some, or all, of the money received. Students should refer to the college’s SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress) policy regarding this, and one must submit an appeal in financial aid in order to remain enrolled. Specifically, students who withdraw or drop classes prior to the 60% semester mark will need to repay a portion of their enrollment. The amount will be determined and based on their withdrawal date. After the 60% mark in the semester, students do not need to repay any more. However, the SAP policy also states that students must pass at least 67% of their classes each semester in order to not be disqualified from Financial Aid in the subsequent academic year.

Return of Title IV Funds

There is federal law about paying money back if you leave school. If you receive a grant and then withdraw from any of your classes, you may have money back to the Federal Program. Here’s how it works.

According to the day you withdraw, the Financial Aid Office will calculate part of the grant that you have earned and what you owe. Note: If you withdraw after you have earned 60% of your grant, you will not owe any repayment.

Example: Say you get $1000 grant. If you are 121 days in the term and you drop out on the 34th day, then you earned 25% of your grant.

The financial aid office will multiply your grant money and figure out what you owe. S1000 grant x 24% = S240 earned, S1000 x 76% = S760 unearned.

The college will also have some money back depending on the number of days you took the class.

You took 12 units (6/12 each) x S231.43 unearned (S231) the college has to pay.

You will have to pay back the unearned amount, minus the college share, times 50%.

S760 x 50% = S380 you have to pay the federal program.

Income earned from Federal Work Study (FWS) Program does not have to be repaid. That is money you have earned from working and is not required to be repaid under this law.

Planning to withdraw from your classes or drop out of school? Please think again.

Consider discussing your decision with your instructor(s) and/or counselor. There may be programs or services to help you stay on track with your educational goals.

Amounts received based on income and enrollment status, and are paid based on full-time (12 or more units), three-quarter time (9-11.5 units), half-time (6-8.5 units), or less than half-time enrollment (less then 6 units).

I don’t have to apply for financial aid every year. False. Students must apply for financial aid every year. Aid does not carry forward from one academic year to another. Full time is the start of the new academic year, and applications must be filed as early as the preceding January 1st.

I have to be a minority to receive financial aid. False. Funds from federal student aid and state aid are awarded on the basis of need, NOT on the basis of race, gender, or gender identity. The financial aid office will determine your eligibility.

I need to be enrolled in a minimum number of courses in order to receive financial aid. False. Students who qualify under Method C do not need to qualify under any other method, in order for you to be awarded. Students submitting a BOG-FW application will also need to submit proof of prior year income, such as 1040 Federal tax return and W2’s.

What is BOG-FW?

BOG-FW, or Board of Governor’s Fee Waiver, is a state sponsored program that waives enrollment fees for qualifying students. You may be eligible for a fee waiver even if you are not eligible for other financial aid.

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How do I apply?:

For the BOG-FW, you must complete the application which can be accessed at our website, http://www.vvc.edu/offices/financial-aid/index.htm, or you may pick up an application at the Financial Aid Offices. There are three methods you may apply under. You only need to qualify under one method, in order for you to be awarded. Students submitting a BOG-FW application will also need to submit proof of prior year income, such as 1040 Federal tax return and W2’s.

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Is for students on public assistance programs: TANF/CalWORKS, SSI/SSP, SSAI, SSAS, or General Assistance. It is also for the following: Dependents of Disabled or Deceased California Veterans or National Guard, recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, children of recipients of the Congressional Medal of Honor, or dependents of victims of the September 11, 2001 terrorist attacks. Certification must be obtained from the appropriate agency and documentation will be required every year for eligibility. This documentation must be dated within the last 120 days.

Method B:

Is for low income students who previously were not within qualifying income guidelines. Federal returns may be required.

Method C:

Is awarded to students who applied through the FAFSA and were eligible according to federal guidelines. Students who qualify under Method C do not need to complete a separate BOG-FW application.

Additional Information:

• Your application is reviewed by the Financial Aid Office
• You must be a California resident

FAIRFINANCIAL AID
1. Received financial aid for six semesters (full time equivalent) in an eligible program, or
2. Attempted 20 units, (including up to one year of non-enrolled coursework) or
3. Completed A degree.
4. Not maintained SAP standards (2.0 cumulative GPA and 67% of cumulative attempted units).
   • All attempted units that are accepted toward the student’s degree or are counted in the total, whether or not financial aid was received. Units from other schools that are not accepted toward the student’s current program are not counted in the total. One year of enrollment coursework is counted to include ESL, and any pre-college level math or English courses.
   • Important Information: If at any point in time it is determined that the student cannot complete their course of study within the 150% timeframe, they will be immediately disqualified from future financial aid (with the exception of the BOG-FW), for the remainder of their program, if it currently meets the SAP standards.
   • For students dropping programs, your petition will be considered for up to a maximum of two program changes. Students may only submit an appeal for the following reasons:
     1. Student has mitigating circumstances or extenuating circumstances (beyond the student’s control) that prevented them from meeting SAP standards. Documentation of these situations must be submitted. Examples: cash out but not limited to: change in family circumstances, medical conditions, suspensions from classes.
     2. Change in major or program of study or coursework for transfer to a 4-year college or university.” Note: Only students completing a program at VVC, and completing transfer requirements in order to transfer to a 4-year institution will be considered for reinstatement. A student coming to VVC for a university, taking classes, and then returning to a university would not be eligible for Title IV funds at VVC.
     3. Student has reached 90 attempted units, but a portion of the unit total is comprised of remedial coursework, the student is working on transfer units, or the student has a change in program.
   To petition for reinstatement of financial aid, students who have been disqualified from receiving financial aid must:
   1. Obtain an updated education plan from a Victor Valley College counselor.
   2. Submit a completed Petition Application with the updated education plan and supporting appeal documentation (i.e. medical or personal crisis) to the Financial Aid Office. Students may only appeal one time per academic year, so it is advised that all supporting documentation be submitted at the time of the appeal. The only exception is a student who is in litigation prior to meeting the SAP standards and needs to have their aid reinstated.
   The Financial Aid Appeals Committee will review the completed Petition Application packet after which the student will be sent a copy of the Committee’s decision. If the Committee approves the appeal, the Financial Aid Office will verify the student’s progress at the end of each academic year.
   Notification of the appeal outcome is posted on the “My Documents” tab in WebServices. The student will also receive a hard copy in the mail.
   The decision of the Financial Aid Appeals Committee is final.
Reinstated 1/2/2006, effective 01/01/2009

CURRENT VALID ID:
Please bring a valid, unexpired photo ID with you each time you visit the Financial Aid Office. You must have a current driver’s license or State issued (DMV) ID card, or school ID in order to receive personal financial aid assistance at the financial aid window. Confidential student information will not be released without proof of your identification.

CURRENT EDUCATION PLAN:
You must have a current education plan on file in the Financial Aid Office in order to receive aid if you have a petition for Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). Other students can strongly encourage you to see a counselor. One of the eligibility requirements for Federal financial aid is that you are enrolled in or a program to obtain a degree or certificate.

Loan Policies:
Students applying for loans through Victor Valley College will have the following additional requirements.
• Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 active units in order to receive their loan disbursement. Active units refer to classes that have already begun, not those that will start in the semester.
• Both entrance and counseling are required when a student applies for a student loan for the first time at VVC.
• Students applying for a loan must attend an financial aid workshop each academic year in order for their loan to be certified. The workshops are posted on our website, as part of the loan steps.

MYTHS REGARDING FINANCIAL AID:
1. If you don’t live with your parents, you’re an independent student. False. Except for the Board of Governors Fee Waiver Application, by the Federal definition you’re considered to be an independent student only if you can answer “yes” to any of these questions.
   • You are 24 years old or older
   • You are married at the time you file your FAFSA
   • You are serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training
   • You are a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces
   • You have children who receive more than half of their support from you
   • You have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and receive more than half of their support from you
   • You are homeless, 18 years old, your parents were deceased, or you were ever in foster care or dependent or ward of the court
   • You are on or enrolled in a medication trial or determined by a court in your state of legal residence
   • You are on or in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence

District has no further collection activities after 45 days has expired. Students will incur an additional liability if they are billed for the institutional share of Title IV overpayments. Students will have an institutional liability that will prevent them from enrolling, and Board Policy, until the funds are repaid.

What is Federal Work-Study and how do I apply?
Federal Work-Study is a financial aid award eligible to qualified students. Students must complete the FAFSA application in order to be considered, and show sufficient need. Once the student meets the Federal Work-Study criteria list in order to apply for Federal Work-Study jobs, students must file a new and their financial aid office website. The student must have a completed Federal Work-Study Award in order to apply for Federal Work-Study jobs. Once funding becomes limited, early completion is essential.

What is the federal school code for VVC?
The college’s Title IV school code for the FAFSA is 005135. Students need to be sure to list our code on their FAFSA application in order for the Department of Education to release the student’s results to the college. Students that do not list our code on their application will need to make an application correction before processing can continue.

What is the Student Aid Report?
The Student Aid Report (SAR) is a confirmation of the student’s FAFSA application. The SAR may be received in the mail or via email, based on how the student initially filed the application, and if a valid email address was listed on the initial application. Students should immediately review their SAR upon receipt, checking for any errors or changes and make appropriate corrections. They should also make sure that VVC is listed in the school section on the SAR. It is important to correct errors as they may invalidate any financial aid award that was previously calculated using incorrect or invalid information.

When will my financial aid money be disbursed?
Financial aid money will be disbursed according to the student’s schedule. Funds will be disbursed on a semester basis, unless Federal regulations; students may not receive payment for classes more than 10 days prior to the start date of the class.

Who is eligible for financial aid at VVC?
In order to be eligible for Federal financial aid, students must be United States citizens or permanent residents, not be in default on a prior education loan, not convicted of selling or possessing illegal substances, and have a high school diploma, pass the GED test, complete an equivalent college degree, or have an IEP. In order to be eligible for the BOG (Board of Governor’s Fee Waiver), students must be California residents. Furthermore, all students must qualify based on their income.

What are scholarships that I can apply for?
Yes, students may apply for a variety of scholarships that are offered from the local High Desert community, state, and national levels. Students can contact a variety of websites such as www.scholarships.com or www.fedwire.com. The VVC library also has books that offer scholarship information, or students can contact the public library. Scholarship information is also available on the VCC Financial Aid Office website at http://www.vvc.edu/offices/financial-aid/scholarship.htm. Additionally, the college scholarship drive occurs each winter/spring. Interested students should apply for scholarships using the scholarship link from the Financial Aid Office website. The drive normally runs from January through March each year. The Financial Aid Office offers workshops throughout the academic year on scholarships. Information is posted in the Financial Aid newsletter and the department website.

How do I contact for GI Bill Benefits?
Students may contact the FAO for further information, or go to the VA website at http://www.vva.gov or www.gibill.va.gov.

What are the benefits that VVC offers?
In order to be eligible for Federal financial aid, students must be United States citizens or permanent residents, not be in default on a prior education loan, not convicted of selling or possessing illegal substances, and have a high school diploma, pass the GED test, complete an equivalent college degree, non-remedial, or have an IEP. In order to be eligible for the BOG (Board of Governor’s Fee Waiver), students must be California residents. Furthermore, all students must qualify based on their income.

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Students applying for a variety of scholarships that are available on the Financial Aid Office website. Students should review the scholarships that are available on the Financial Aid Office website. Students should contact a variety of websites such as www.scholarships.com or www.fedwire.com. The VVC library also has books that offer scholarship information, or students can contact the public library. Scholarship information is also available on the VCC Financial Aid Office website at http://www.vvc.edu/offices/financial-aid/scholarship.htm. Additionally, the college scholarship drive occurs each winter/spring. Interested students should apply for scholarships using the scholarship link from the Financial Aid Office website. The drive normally runs from January through March each year. The Financial Aid Office offers workshops throughout the academic year on scholarships. Information is posted in the Financial Aid newsletter and the department website.

How do I become eligible for GI Bill Education Benefits?
Students must contact the VA for further information, or go to the VA website at http://www.vva.gov or www.gibill.va.gov.

What GI Bill Education Benefits does VVC offer?
VVC is authorized to certify for Chapter 30, 31, 33, 35, 1680, and 1607.

Who do I contact for GI Bill Education Benefits?
Students may contact the VA for further information, or go to the VA website at http://www.vva.gov or www.gibill.va.gov.

Financial Aid Programs:
All students should complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) each academic year in order to be considered for financial aid. Application links and forms are available on the Financial Aid Office website. Students are encouraged to file online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Workshops are offered each week on campus, offering assistance in completing the application. For current hours and locations, visit http://www.vvc.edu/offices/financial-aid/dates.htm.
State Programs:

**BOGG Fee Waiver**
The Board of Governor’s Fee Waiver is available to California residents attending California Community Colleges, and waives enrollment fees. Students must qualify based on income, and must complete each academic year. The application is available on the VVC Financial Aid Office website or the VVC Financial Aid Office website. Students may apply and qualify for it by Boggs Fee Waiver by completing the FAFSA application and listing our school code (001335). Students also need to have a valid California ID or, at the time they submit their Boggs application.

**Cal Grant**
Cal Grant is a gift offered by the State of California and is open to California residents attending a college or university in California. The grant has an annual application deadline of March 2nd for the following academic year, and is based on both need and income. There is an additional deadline of September 30th for California Community College only. Students must have both been completed FAFSA and a GPA Verification Form prior to the deadlines, in order to be considered. Note: Students must earn at least 24 completed units at VVC (not counting the previous full semester), have their GPA tranlsferred automatically to the state and do not need to complete the GPA Verification process. All other students must complete a GPA Verification form and take the form to their prior high school or college to be certified. Additional information on Cal Grant is available by picking up VVC’s Cal Grant brochure. This brochure is available from our office and is also on our website under the link “Cal Grant Information.”

**Federal Programs:**

**Federal Pell Grant**
All grants provide financial assistance to eligible part time and full-time students based on need. Awards range from $592-$5,230. Applicants must be US citizens or eligible non-citizens and complete the FAFSA and other required supplemental documents. Students may apply for a Federal Pell Grant any time after January 1st of each year, for the subsequent full semester.

**Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant**
The Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) is awarded to students who are eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant. Students must be in the first or second year of their program, must have graduated high school after January 1st, 2006 or be a first year student and after January 1st, 2005 for a second year student, have been enrolled in a secondary or undergraduate school as defined by state and recognized by the United States Department of Education. First year award recipients must be in the first time college student at the time of award. Second year award recipients for the ACG must also have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better during their first year of college. Award amounts are $4,000 for a first year student and $6,000 for a second year student, based on full time attendance. Potentially eligible students for the ACG will be notified via regular mail or email by the Department of Education (for the student’s SAR). Eligibility:

To become eligible to receive financial aid from Victor Valley College, students must meet the standards of the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy, as follows:

**Satisfactory Academic Progress:**

To become eligible to receive financial aid from Victor Valley College, students must:

1. Submit a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the Department of Education (DOE) to establish eligibility; and
2. Submit a completed Student Aid package to the Financial Aid Office; and
3. Enroll in an eligible program to complete an Associate’s Degree, a certificate program of at least 6 months in length, and transfer requirements/enrollment in transfer units exclusively, is not considered an “eligible” program; and
4. Declare a major and obtain an education plan as approved by a Victor Valley College counselor, which also must be on file in the Financial Aid Office.

To continue to meet eligibility requirements to receive financial aid the Victor Valley College, students must:

1. Complete 67% or more attempted cumulative attempted units in an eligible program, and
2. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher; and
3. Maintain education plan requirements as defined in the VVC catalog, and
4. Attempted fees in financial progress (full time equivalent).

**Scholarships**

Victor Valley College also participates in the GI Bill Education Benefits program, and is authorized to certify for Chapters 31, 33, 35, 1604, and 1607. GI Bill students must meet all academic standards as defined by the VVC catalog committee. More information on GI Bill Education Benefits is available from the Financial Aid Office.

**State Programs:**

**Cal Grant**
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All grants provide financial assistance to eligible part time and full-time students based on need. Awards range from $592-$5,230. Applicants must be US citizens or eligible non-citizens and complete the FAFSA and other required supplemental documents. Students may apply for a Federal Pell Grant any time after January 1st of each year, for the subsequent full semester.

**Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant**
The Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) is awarded to students who are eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant. Students must be in the first or second year of their program, must have graduated high school after January 1st, 2006 or be a first year student and after January 1st, 2005 for a second year student, have been enrolled in a secondary or undergraduate school as defined by state and recognized by the United States Department of Education. First year award recipients must be in the first time college student at the time of award. Second year award recipients for the ACG must also have maintained a cumulative GPA of 3.0 or better during their first year of college. Award amounts are $4,000 for a first year student and $6,000 for a second year student, based on full time attendance. Potentially eligible students for the ACG will be notified via regular mail or email by the Department of Education (for the student’s SAR). Eligibility:

To become eligible to receive financial aid from Victor Valley College, students must meet the standards of the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy, as follows:

**Satisfactory Academic Progress:**

To become eligible to receive financial aid from Victor Valley College, students must:

1. Submit a completed Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to the Department of Education (DOE) to establish eligibility; and
2. Submit a completed Student Aid package to the Financial Aid Office; and
3. Enroll in an eligible program to complete an Associate’s Degree, a certificate program of at least 6 months in length, and transfer requirements/enrollment in transfer units exclusively, is not considered an “eligible” program; and
4. Declare a major and obtain an education plan as approved by a Victor Valley College counselor, which also must be on file in the Financial Aid Office.

To continue to meet eligibility requirements to receive financial aid the Victor Valley College, students must:

1. Complete 67% or more attempted cumulative attempted units in an eligible program, and
2. Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0 or higher; and
3. Maintain education plan requirements as defined in the VVC catalog, and
4. Attempted fees in financial progress (full time equivalent).

**Financial Aid Dismissal**

Students who do not meet the SAP standards listed above will be subject to dismissal from receiving further financial aid (other than the BOGG Fee Waiver.) SAP standards are reviewed and verified annually when the student submits their financial aid application for the following academic year. Generally, a student who is dismissed from financial aid must meet SAP standards by completing at least a successful semester without financial aid, and meet all SAP eligibility criteria to regain eligibility. Once this student has regained eligibility, they may petition for reinstatement.

**Appeal Process**

Federal regulations limit financial aid to the maximum time frame of no more than 150% of the program’s normal time frame as stated in the Victor Valley College catalog. To continue to receive financial aid from Victor Valley College, students must submit a petition/signed form to the Financial Aid Office if the student has: