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Financial Aid & Scholarship Department

Division of Student Affairs

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Unlike loans, **Grants do NOT have to be repaid** (except [TEACH Grant](#) if you do not meet the teaching service requirements). Students must meet eligibility requirements for federal student aid and they must demonstrate financial need for all grant programs. [California State University Grants](#) and other [State Grants](#) are limited to California Residents only. Application procedures for these grants may require additional forms aside from the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#), and the funds for these awards may be available only on a limited basis.

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FEDERAL GRANTS:

Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)

Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)- Title IV grant for Pell eligible students in their 1st and 2nd year of study who have completed rigorous secondary education studies and who are enrolled in 12 units or more.



(Click on logos to go to Federal and State aid sites.)

Federal Pell Grant

Federal Pell Grants are available to students working on their first undergraduate degree with one exception. Teacher credential candidates who maintain half-time enrollment status at the 5th year undergraduate level (6 units) may also be eligible. Federal annual awards limits for Pell Grant are affected by factors such as an applicant's Expected Family Contribution (EFC), enrollment period and enrollment units. Students cannot receive a Pell Grant at two schools for the same term.

Application Needed:

[Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) 

[California State University](#)
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Find out more about Federal Pell Grant at



Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

The Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) grant is awarded to students working on their first undergraduate degree who demonstrate exceptional financial need, apply by the March 2nd priority filing date, and are enrolled in at least 6 units. Awards are given on a first come, first serve basis. Students who did not meet the priority filing date are still encouraged to fill out the [FAFSA](#) because awards will be given until funds are exhausted.

Application Needed: [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#) 

Application Period: File [FAFSA](#) each year by March 2nd to meet early filing priority date

Find out more about FSEOG at



National SMART Grant (NSG)

Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant (National SMART Grant) - Title IV grant for Pell eligible students in their 3rd and 4th year of study who have maintained at least 3.0 GPA on a 4.0 grade scale in their

1st two years and who are enrolled 12 units or more in eligible academic programs

for Math, Science and Foreign Languages.



Find out more about SMART Grant at

Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant

The new Teacher Education Assistance for College and Higher Education (TEACH) Grant Program provides up to \$4,000 per year in grants for CSUN Students working on their Teaching Credential who intend to **teach full-time in high-need subject areas** for at least **four years at schools that serve students from low-income families**. The above teaching obligation must be met within 8 years of completing the course of study for which the TEACH Grant was received. To qualify for a TEACH Grant, an applicant must also meet certain academic standards such as a 3.25 cumulative GPA or score above 75th percentile on at least one post-baccalaureate school admissions test. Credential Students may receive up to \$16,000 from this grant. Part-time Students are eligible, but the maximum grant will be reduced.

IMPORTANT REMINDER

If you receive a TEACH Grant but do not complete the required teaching service, as explained above, you will be required to repay the grants as a Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, with interest charged from the date of each TEACH Grant disbursement.

For each year you receive a TEACH Grant, you must:

1. Complete TEACH Grant Initial and Subsequent Counseling (<https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>)

AND

2. Electronically sign a TEACH Grant Agreement to Serve (<https://teach-ats.ed.gov/ats/index.action>)

[More TEACH Grant Information](#) †

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CALIFORNIA STATE UNIVERSITY GRANTS:

Educational Opportunity Program Grant (EOP)

The Educational Opportunity Program (EOP) serves low income students, and students disadvantaged because of economic and educational background. The program provides admission, academic and financial assistance to eligible undergraduate students. Only students who are admitted to the University by the EOP admission process are eligible to be considered for an EOP grant. Students are considered for EOP based

on their [EFC](#) and the availability of funds. CSUN receives a certain allocation of funds. Funding for this program is extremely limited.

[Read More Information About EOP Admissions](#) ▶

State University Grant

The State University Grant (SUG) is available to undergraduate, credential and graduate students who are determined eligible by the Financial Aid & Scholarships Department. Students must be California Residents. Students are considered for SUG based on their [EFC](#) and the availability of funds. Students are encouraged to file their [FAFSA](#) by the March 2nd priority filing date.

Students receiving fee waivers, vocational rehabilitation, sponsored fees, or pursuing a second bachelor's, second master's or second credential are NOT eligible for this grant.

Please note: For the 2009-2010 Award Year, students must be enrolled at least half-time to maintain eligibility for this grant.

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STATE GRANTS:

Cal Grants

The Cal Grant A and B programs are administered by the [California Student Aid Commission \(CSAC\)](#) and they are only available to California Residents. Cal Grants provide long-term assistance toward earning a first undergraduate degree. Cal Grant A pays tuition costs. Cal Grant B pays tuition and also provides an additional yearly allowance for books and other expenses.

Students must file a [FAFSA](#) by March 2nd and be sure that their **GPA verification** is also submitted by March 2nd. The **GPA verification** form on the CSAC website contains all the instructions.

- New CSUN students currently attending High School must have their GPA verification sent by their High School. CSUN will not send the High School GPA verification.
- New and continuing CSUN students with less than 24 college units and not currently receiving a Cal Grant must submit a GPA verification form from their previous college attended (if 24 units have been earned) or from their high school.
- CSUN will send the GPA verification by the end of February for those students who show at least 24 college units, are not currently receiving a Cal Grant, and have a valid FAFSA on file for the current school year and are currently enrolled at CSUN.
- Current Cal Grant recipients do not need to submit a GPA Verification form.



Find out more about Cal Grants at

[Read More Information at the Cal Grants Web Site](#) ▶

[Cal Grants Frequently Asked Questions](#) ▶

California Chafee Grant

If you are or were in foster care and have financial need, you may qualify for a California Chafee Grant.

- The Chafee Grant is an award up to \$5,000 a year for college
- Contact your caseworker or Independent Living Program Coordinator if you need help completing the [FAFSA](#) and Chafee Applications
- You must stay in school to keep your Chafee Grant (If you enroll less than half time or get low grades, you could lose your grant.

Students are required to file the following:

- a [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)
- a Chafee Grant Application online at www.chafee.csac.ca.gov or by calling toll free 888-224-7268



Find out more about Chafee Grant at

California Child Development Grant Program

The Child Development Grant is a need-based grant designed to encourage students to enter the field of child care and development in a licensed children's center. Students who plan to enroll at least half-time in coursework leading to a Child Development Permit as teacher, master teacher, site supervisor or program director, are eligible to apply. To receive funding, students must sign a Service Commitment Agreement stating they will provide one year of full-time service in a licensed children's center for each year they receive the grant.

Additional information and application procedures can be found at the California Student Aid Commission Web site (<http://www.csac.ca.gov/doc.asp?id=110>)

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