



Financial Aid Tips



How to Apply

When you apply for financial aid, you will be asked for information about your financial situation. This information is used to determine whether your "financial needs" meet the government's requirements for eligibility. To help you cut through a lot of the confusion and anxiety when you apply for financial aid, the Financial Aid Office has streamlined the process.

Apply using the on-line FAFSA for quick results, OR complete your application, using black ink only, and mail it in the envelope provided in the application booklet. Be certain to keep a photocopy for your own record. Your application will then go through criteria matching and data processing.

FAFSA Tips

After apply online you will have access to your Student Aid Report (SAR) or receive an electronic SAR in one to two weeks that tells you if you're eligible for a Federal Pell Grant. Being eligible for a Pell Grant is considered a sign of financial need. If you qualify for a Pell Grant, you may also be eligible for other additional types of financial aid. Stop by the Financial Aid Office for more information.

Even if you don't qualify for a Pell Grant, don't give up! You may still be eligible for a variety of other types of financial assistance, including fee waivers and scholarships. To find out about these other options, ask the staff at the Financial Aid Office.

When you receive your Student Aid Report:

- Review SAR for action required
- Gather any other information that's been requested on My Documents via the My Mission Portal
- It is your responsibility to check in your MC Portal for any missing documents and submit as required - check for current deadline. Your documents will be reviewed.
- Financial Aid Award Letter will be posted online for you to review.

Contact Information

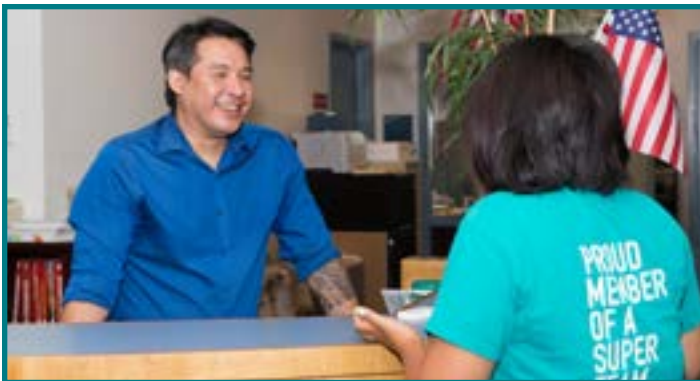
Financial Aid 408-855-5065
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 Location Main Building E1-401
 Mission College School Code 014458

Academic Support Center..... 408-855-5095
 Admissions 408-855-5000
 Counseling 408-855-5030
 Disable Services 408-855-5085
 DSPS TTY 727-9243
 ESL 408-855-5219
 Library 408-855-5150/51
 Police (non-emergency) 408-855-5435
 Parking..... 408-855-5435
 Safety Escort 855-5435 or 299-2311 (after hours)
 Transcripts/Records..... 408-855-5020
 Tutoring..... 408-855-5371
 Veterans (VALOR)..... 408-855-5371
 Welcome Center 408-855-5083

Applicant Eligibility Requirements

The successful financial aid candidate:

- is a US citizen or eligible non-citizen,
- declares a program of study leading to a degree, certificate for gainful employment in a recognized occupation or a transfer program leading to bachelor's degree in a four-year institution.
- demonstrates "financial need" by completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Cal DreamAct application (dream.csac.ca.gov)
- is not in default on any educational loan,
- does not owe a refund on any Title IV funds,
- has high school diploma, G.E.D. or state equivalent, Homeschooled or California High School Proficiency Exam (CHSPE)
- meets California residency requirements (for BOG Fee Waiver, Cal Grants B & C, EOP&S)
- maintains Satisfactory Academic Progress
- and meets other requirements as appropriate to individual programs.



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Programs Available

There are many different grants and scholarships available. A thorough list is atmissioncollege.edu/student_services/financial_aid/programs.html.

- **Mission First Scholarship** • (\$1000 over your first year at Mission College for Santa Clara students from Wilcox, Santa Clara, New Valley/Gateway or Wilson HS)
- **Board of Governors Waiver (BOGW)** • for California residents to waive enrollment fees and parking permits.
- **Cal Grants B & C** • state-funded grants for living expenses and training costs.
- **California Dream Act** • AB 540 students who may be undocumented, U.S. residents not from California or dependent students who are not CA residents. Students must have spent three years at a CA high school.
- **EOPS** • state-funded award for low-income, educationally disadvantaged California residents.
- **CARE / CalWORKS** • designated for the unique needs of single-parent students.
- **Federal Chafee Grant** • Awarded to current or former foster youth.
- **Federal Pell Grant** • for qualified undergraduates.
- **Federal Student Loans** • Loans are available to students and must be repaid.
- **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant** • A grant awarded to Mission College students.
- **Federal Work Study** • A federally funded program that helps pay the wages of students for both on and off-campus jobs.
- **LandCorp Scholarship** • (\$1000 for 1st year attending Mission, \$1000 for second year at Mission)
- **Mission-specific scholarships** • Mission College offers a variety of scholarships ranging from \$50 to several thousand dollars per year. Eligibility may vary based on fields of study, community and/or college involvement, and /or financial need. A complete list is atmissioncollege.edu/student_services/financial_aid/scholarships/scholarship_listings.html.
- **Veterans** • Through the GI Bill, many educational benefits can be paid for. More information is available at gibill.va.gov or by calling 1-877-823-2378.
- **Disability Support Services (DSPS)** • Students with disabilities can stop by DSPS for services related to academic support, physical disabilities or access to specialized equipment.

Cost of Education

2015-2016 Cost of Education (assumes CA residency & full time attendance, 14 units/term, for both Fall & Spring terms)

Costs	Living Off-Campus	...with Relative
Fees @ \$46/unit plus		
other mandatory fees*	\$1,358	\$1,358
Books & Supplies	\$1,764	\$1,764
Housing/Food	\$11,970	\$4,770
Transportation	\$1,269	\$1,125
Personal	\$2,898	\$3,159
Total	\$19,259	\$12,176

* Non-California residents add \$204/unit.

FAFSA FAQs

1. What is an FSA ID and do I need one?

The FSA ID is a username and password you use to log in to your FAFSA. You should get an FSA ID before you start the FAFSA. If you are required to provide parent information on your FAFSA, one of your parents needs an FSA ID too. Keep in mind that parents should not be making an FSA ID for their child or vice versa.

2. How can I complete the FAFSA if my parents or I haven't filed 2015 taxes yet?

When filling out the 2016-17 FAFSA, you'll want to use financial information from the 2015 tax year. If you or your parents have not completed your taxes yet, you can estimate your income and other tax return information, and then correct your application after you have filed your taxes. If your 2015 income is similar to your 2014 income, use your 2014 tax return to provide estimates.

3. When is the FAFSA deadline?

States, schools, and the federal government each have their own FAFSA filing deadlines. It is important that you research all of these deadlines and complete the FAFSA by your earliest deadline. That being said, because some types of aid are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis, it is highly recommended that you fill out the FAFSA as soon as you can.

4. Do I have to complete the FAFSA every year?

Yes, you need to fill out the FAFSA each school year because your eligibility for financial aid can differ from year to year for various reasons, including your family's financial situation and the number of your family members enrolled in college.