

Financial Aid

How to Apply for a Cal Grant

The Cal Grant is money for college funded by the State of California and administered by the California Student Aid Commission. If you are a recent high school graduate, meet academic standards and financial eligibility requirements, you may be eligible for a Cal Grant. To apply, you must complete two forms: the FAFSA and GPA Verification Form.



1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at WWW.FAFSA.GOV.

You must apply by **March 2nd** to maximize your opportunity to receive a Cal Grant award. If you miss the March 2nd Cal Grant deadline **AND** you plan to attend a community college in the fall, you have until September 2nd to apply. However, the number of Cal Grant awards is limited— the earlier you apply, the higher your chances are of receiving the grant.

Approximately 2-3 weeks after you submit the FAFSA, DVC's Financial Aid Office will send a follow up email to your InSite Portal student email account with further instructions and a list of requirements that you have to complete in order to continue with the application process. Follow the instructions, print and complete the missing forms as listed on the Missing Information Letter.

2. Complete GPA Verification form.

Because GPA is one of the factors used to determine Cal Grant eligibility, applicants are also required to provide a verified GPA form to the California Student Aid Commission by **March 2nd**. You may print a copy of the GPA form online at www.calgrants.org or stop by the Financial Aid Office to request a copy. GPA Verification forms must be verified by (1) your high school's Admissions Office if you have *less than* 24 college units or (2) your college's Admission Office if you have *at least* 24 college semester units or equivalent. If you are not sure, visit the Financial Aid Office during drop in hours to speak to a coordinator.

3. Check the status of your application on WebGrants for Students.

Once you've completed both applications, your eligibility will be determined by the California Student Aid Commission. You may check the status of your application, visit www.webgrants4students.org. The California Student Aid Commission will also send notification letters via email.

To learn more about the Cal Grant Program, visit

www.calgrants.org