

FAQ for Students

The California College Student Emergency Support Fund

During these challenging times, hold on to what's important – stay safe, stay in school, and build a better future for you and your community. The California College Student Emergency Support Fund is offering help, with one-time \$500 hardship grants to help pay for housing, technology, and other expenses as you continue your education.

Am I eligible?

To be eligible for the fund, students must:

- Be currently enrolled full-time (12+ units) as an undergraduate at a California Community College, California State University, or University of California campus
- Have earned at least 24 semester units or 36 quarter units (i.e., one academic year of coursework)
- Be low-income, with a maximum Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) of \$5,576 (equivalent to eligibility for Pell Grant) or eligible for a California College Promise Grant Fee Waiver

How can I apply?

Students can apply for a grant online at bit.ly/covid-student-grant.

Applications and grant payments to students will be processed by [MAF](#). MAF is a well-established non-profit organization that carried out a similar emergency fund effort in 2017 to pay for DACA (Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals) recipients' renewal fees.

It will help to have the following items ready: your transcript, financial aid eligibility (any financial aid statement or award letter that shows EFC or California College Promise Grant Fee Waiver—formerly known as the BOG fee waiver), and electronic banking login information (not required).

How much money could I get?

Every approved applicant will receive a one-time grant of \$500.

What can the money be used for?

The money can be used to pay for technology such as laptops and internet service, rent, or other living expenses. You will not be required to send in receipts.

How soon will I get a grant?

After approval, students can expect to receive the money by electronic transfer within 72 hours. We encourage interested students to apply as quickly as possible as these funds will go fast.

Is this fund administered by my college or university?

No. This funding is not connected to the financial aid provided by colleges and universities or state and federal programs. The Fund is a philanthropic effort supported by College Futures Foundation, Ballmer Group, Stuart Foundation, Tipping Point, Weingart Foundation, and others and administered by MAF.

Will my individual application information be shared or published?

The personal information you provide in your application will be kept confidential.