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The Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver has been renamed the California College Promise Grant. Although the name will change, the program, including the application process and eligibility requirements, will remain the same.

While the new name better aligns the program with other fee waivers of its kind, it also creates possible confusion with local promise programs. This fact sheet provides explanation of the **California College Promise Grant** as compared to the ongoing **regional California College Promise programs**. The California College Promise Grant is one of the many financial aid opportunities at California community colleges and is distinct from regional California College Promise programs.



### ► About the program:

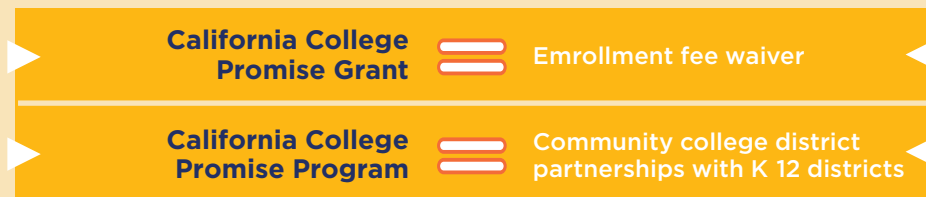
- Since 1985, the California Community Colleges has offered the Board of Governors (BOG) Fee Waiver, a program that waives community college enrollment fees for qualified students unable to afford it.
- The BOG Fee Waiver was created to ensure that students who couldn't otherwise afford to attend college, could pursue their higher educational goals.
- As of this year (2017) the California Community Colleges is now calling this the California College Promise Grant. This name change was made to align with other fee waiver promise programs.
- The California College Promise Grant waives the per-unit enrollment fee (currently \$46) at any community college throughout the state.
- For more than 30 years, the state of California has invested more than \$5 billion in assistance to students through the fee waiver, helping more than 5.1 million eligible students. Currently, more than one million of California's 2.1 million community college students receive the California College Promise Grant. California is a national leader in this area.

## ▶ Is the California College Promise Grant the same as the California College Promise program?

No, the **California College Promise Grant** is the new name for the enrollment fee waiver for eligible students attending a California community college, while the **California College Promise** program is a collection of Regional Promise Programs across the state where local community college districts partner with K-12 districts (and other entities) to make college more affordable and accessible for underserved students.

### Is AB 19 a part of the California College Promise program?

Yes, AB 19 establishes a framework for the California College Promise. The statutory framework is intended to support local colleges in creating and expanding Regional Promise programs.



### About the California Promise Programs:

- The California College Promise program was established based on the framework from the national America’s College Promise initiative, founded to make two years of community college free for responsible students. This allows students to earn the first half of a bachelor’s degree and earn skills needed in the workforce at no cost.
- The California College Promise program is based on broad public understanding that a free community college education is a necessary investment, and can be a continuation of a K-12 education.
- As part of the California College Promise program, local K-12 districts, community colleges and public universities collaborate to provide clear pathways for students to follow to achieve their educational goals.
- Various statewide Regional Promise Programs help community college students pay for books, supplies, transportation and housing.

For more information on various California College Promise programs, visit <https://calcollegepromise.org/promiseprograms>, and for more information about the California College Promise Grant, visit <http://www.icanaffordcollege.com/en-us/financialaidinfo/californiacollegepromisegrant.aspx>.