

AP 5130 Financial Aid

Reference: ***Education Code Sections 66021.3, 66021.6, 66025.9, 69514, 70045 et seq., -76300, 78042, and 94912.5;***
Title 5 Sections 55031 and 58600 et seq.;
20 U.S. Code Sections 1070, et seq.;
34 Code of Federal Regulations Section 668; (U.S. Department of Education regulations on the Integrity of Federal Student Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended);
ACCJC Accreditation Standard III.D.15

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To ensure access and eliminate financial barriers to post-secondary education for all eligible students, the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District (District) Financial Aid Office will effectively administer financial aid programs and provide student centered support services that will promote student success, retention, and equal educational opportunities, and enable students to fully develop their individual potential.

Financial Aid programs offered usually include:

- California College Promise Grant (formerly known as the BOG Fee Waiver)
- CalWORKS
- Cal Grants
- Federal Pell Grants
- Federal Direct Student Loan Program
- Federal Family Education Loan Program

The District's Financial Aid Administrator shall establish, publicize, and apply policies and procedures that must address at minimum:

- Application procedures, including deadlines
- Student eligibility
- Payment procedures
- Overpayment recovery
- Accounting requirements
- Satisfactory Academic Progress

For detailed Financial Aid policies and procedures, refer to the Grossmont College Financial Aid Policy and Procedure Manual or the Cuyamaca College Financial Aid Policy and Procedure Manual.

Misrepresentation

Misrepresentation is defined as any false, erroneous, or misleading statement that the District, a representative of the District, or a service provider with which the District has contracted to provide educational programs, marketing, advertising, recruiting, or admissions services, makes directly or indirectly to a student, prospective student, a member of the public, an accrediting agency, a state agency, or the United States Department of Education.

A misleading statement includes any statement that has the likelihood or tendency to deceive or confuse. If a person to whom the misrepresentation was made could reasonably be expected to rely, or has reasonably relied, on the misrepresentation, the misrepresentation would be substantial.

This procedure does not apply to statements by students through social media outlets or by vendors that are not providing covered services, as reflected herein.

Loss of Eligibility for California College Promise Grant (formerly known as a BOG Fee Waiver)

A student shall become ineligible for a California College Promise Grant if the student is placed on academic or progress probation, or any combination thereof, for two consecutive primary terms. Loss of eligibility shall become effective at the first registration opportunity after such determination is made.

The District shall notify students of their placement on academic or progress probation no later than thirty days following the end of the term that resulted in the student's placement on probation. The notification must clearly state that two consecutive primary terms of probation will lead to a loss of the California College Promise Grant until the student is no longer on probation. The notification must also advise students about the available student support services to assist them in maintaining eligibility.

The District shall adopt, prominently display, and disseminate policies ensuring that students are advised about the student support services available to assist them in maintaining and reestablishing California College Promise Grant eligibility. Dissemination includes, but is not limited to, information provided in college catalogs and class schedules.

The District shall establish written procedures by which a student may appeal the loss of a California College Promise Grant due to extenuating circumstances, or when a student with a disability applied for, but did not receive, a reasonable accommodation in a timely manner. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illnesses, or other circumstances that might include documented changes in the student's economic situation or evidence that the student was unable to obtain essential student support services. Extenuating circumstances also includes special consideration of the specific factors associated with Veterans, CaWORKs, EOPS, and DSPS student status.

Foster Youth shall not be subject to loss of California College Promise Grant due to placement on academic or progress probation. This exemption for Foster Youth is effective until the date specified in Education Code Section 66025.9 subdivision (c).

Students Enrolled in a Baccalaureate Degree Program

Students enrolled in a baccalaureate degree program who wish to apply for a California College Promise Grant (CCPG) waiver must submit either a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or a California Dream Act application in lieu of completing the Board of Governors Fee Waiver application.

Scholarship Displacement

The District shall not reduce the institutional gift aid offer of a student who is eligible to receive a federal Pell Grant award or financial assistance under the California Dream Act for an academic year as a result of private scholarship awards designated for the student unless the student's gift aid exceeds the student's annual cost of attendance. The District shall not consider receipt or anticipated receipt of private scholarships when considering a student who is eligible to receive a federal Pell Grant award or financial assistance under the California Dream Act for qualification for institutional gift aid.