

# Financial Aid Information



Santa Monica College provides a variety of resources to assist and encourage students who need financial assistance. It is important that you begin the financial aid process as soon as possible. You can apply as early as October 1, and you do not need to wait to be admitted to SMC to apply. To help students reach their education goals, the Financial Aid Office administers a variety of federal, state, and institutional aid programs. The Financial Aid and Scholarships Office is committed to providing SMC students with access to an education that can enrich their lives and empower them in the global community of tomorrow.

## WHAT IS FINANCIAL AID?

Financial Aid is available to help individuals meet their education expenses when their own resources are not sufficient. Financial aid is used to pay for mandatory fees, books, transportation, room and board, and other education-related costs.

## WHAT TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID ARE AVAILABLE?

SMC offers various types of financial aid: grants, loans, work-study, and scholarships.

**Grants (Pell Grant, SEOG, Cal Grant B, C):** Need-based assistance that does not need to be repaid.

**California College Promise Grant Fee Waiver (CCPG):** Need-based enrollment fee waivers for eligible California residents.

**Santa Monica College Promise:** Free enrollment, textbook vouchers,\* and fee waivers for high school students who graduate and go directly to SMC as full-time students.

**Federal Work-Study Program (FWS):** Student employment financed with federal funds. Students receive bi-monthly paychecks for hours worked. The total a student earns depends on the amount of FWS award granted by the Financial Aid Office.

**Scholarships:** Awards presented for a wide range of student achievements and activities. The awards can come from many sources, including foundations, private endowments, and private individuals, and many scholarships do not include financial need in their requirements.

**Loans:** Funds that MUST be repaid.

## WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for financial aid you must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen
- Possess a Social Security Number
- Demonstrate financial need
- Have a high school diploma, GED, California High School Proficiency Certificate, or demonstrate an ability to benefit from higher education
- Comply with Selective Service registration (if required)

## HOW DO I APPLY FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID?

1. Apply for a U.S. Department of Education Personal Identification Number (PIN) at [fsaid.ed.gov](https://fsaid.ed.gov). Remember to have your parent apply for one also. This will expedite the financial aid process.
2. Once you get your PIN, go to [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). **Santa Monica College's Federal School Code is 001286.**
3. When the FAFSA is complete and sent to the Federal Processor, the information is put through the eligibility determining formula and an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is calculated. A Student Aid Report (SAR) will be mailed to you with your financial aid eligibility.

## IS THERE A DEADLINE TO APPLY?

Yes. To be given full consideration, you must apply by March. However, you may submit a FAFSA application as early as October for the academic year that begins in the following fall.

*\* Textbook vouchers for students who qualify for the California College Promise Grant.*



# Key Financial Aid Information

## IMPORTANT DATES

### October 1

FAFSA application is available on the web.

### March 2

FAFSA and Cal Grant priority deadline.

### September 2

Extended Cal Grant deadline.

## FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIP WEBSITES

**SMC Financial Aid Office:** [smc.edu/financialaid](http://smc.edu/financialaid)

**FAFSA on the Web:** [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov)

The SMC code for FAFSA is 001286

**California Student Aid Commission:** Information about Cal Grant A, B, and C [csac.ca.gov](http://csac.ca.gov)

**Student Guide to Financial Aid:** [finaid.org](http://finaid.org)

**Fast Web:** Scholarship database [fastweb.com](http://fastweb.com)

**College Board:** Scholarships and college information [collegeboard.org](http://collegeboard.org)

## AB540 CANDIDATES

Eligibility requirements and other details can be found at [csac.ca.gov/dream\\_act.asp](http://csac.ca.gov/dream_act.asp)

**California Dream Act Application:** [dream.csac.ca.gov](http://dream.csac.ca.gov)

**SMC AB540 Affidavit (Nonresident Tuition Waiver):** AB540 petition located under "Forms" on the SMC Admissions page at [smc.edu/admissions](http://smc.edu/admissions)

**AB540 Scholarships:** MALDEF [maldef.org](http://maldef.org) and Latino College Dollars [latinocollegedollars.org](http://latinocollegedollars.org)

## SMC ENROLLMENT AND OTHER FEES PER SEMESTER

### COST OF ATTENDANCE: CALIFORNIA RESIDENT

Enrollment Fee..... **\$46/unit**

SMC Health Services Fee ..... **\$26**

Associated Students Resource Fee..... **\$10**

Student Benefits Fee..... **\$22.50**

Student Representation Fee..... **\$2**

**Note:** Eligible AB540 students pay in-state tuition.

### COST OF ATTENDANCE: NONRESIDENT

Enrollment Fee..... \$46/unit

+ Nonresident Tuition ..... \$374/unit

+ Capital Outlay Fee ..... \$24/unit

**Total Nonresident Tuition ..... \$444/unit**

SMC Health Services Fee ..... **\$26**

Associated Students Resource Fee..... **\$10**

Student Benefits Fee..... **\$22.50**

Student Representation Fee..... **\$2**

**Note:** Partial exemption of nonresident fees is available to eligible domestic nonresidents. Please contact the SMC Admissions Office for additional information.

## COST COMPARISON

Average Cost (Tuition Only) per Academic Year for a Full-Time Student (24 Units)

	Resident Tuition	Nonresident Tuition
<b>SMC</b>	<b>\$1,104 (+fees)</b>	<b>\$10,656 (+fees)</b>
CSU	\$6,084 (base tuition)	Base Tuition + \$420 per semester unit or \$280 per quarter unit
UC	\$14,436	\$48,636
PRIVATE	\$50,000 (Approx.)	\$50,000 (Approx.)

### NOTE: FEES SUBJECT TO CHANGE

For the most up-to-date fees visit [smc.edu/fees](http://smc.edu/fees).



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