

**Financial Aid  
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**BACKGROUND**

Financial Aid is intended to assist students with sufficient resources to enable them to attend college. Aid programs have been established at the state and national level to provide assistance for students with documented financial need. The Financial Aid Office's primary functions are: to assist students by evaluating the family's financial ability to pay educational costs in order to distribute limited resources in a fair and equitable manner; provide awareness of financial aid to students, faculty, and staff; and to monitor student aid funds to ensure compliance with agency guidelines and State and/or Federal regulations.

**Program Overview**

The Financial Aid office offers an array of financial aid program, grants, work study, loans, and scholarships. Federal programs include Pell, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), Direct Loans, Parent Loans, and Federal Work Study. State programs include Cal Grant B and C, California College Promise Grant (formerly Board of Governor Fee Waiver), Chafee Grant, and Student Success Completion Grant (2017-2018 full-time Student Success Grant and 2017-2018 Completion Grant) while Scholarship programs include both institutional and private funding.

During 2020 – 2021 fiscal year, the Financial Aid office disbursed \$37,803,348 (12.0% decrease from prior year) in Federal grants, \$22,256,406 (10.8% decrease from prior year) in state grants, and \$14,168,173 (18.2% decrease from prior year) in California College Promise Grant (formerly known as the Board of Governor Fee Waiver).

Program Totals	2020 - 2021	2019 - 2020	2018 - 2019	2017 - 2018
FAFSA Applications	43,893	42,548	43,789	44,331
CA Dream Act Applications	1,225	1,339	1,301	1,047
Federal Pell Grant	10,913 \$35,269,981	12,309 \$40,201,956	10,256 \$35,050,656	12,013 \$40,055,015
Federal SEOG Grant	3,826 \$1,726,036	4,383 \$1,299,151	2,775 \$1,066,639	3,304 \$887,686
Federal Direct Loans	214 \$807,331	322 \$1,102,027	310 \$1,016,336	333 \$1,123,189
Federal Work-Study	- -	107 \$362,735	156 \$224,544	152 \$404,229
California College Promise Grant (CCPG)	22,424 \$14,169,173	24,235 \$17,318,310	23,060 \$18,646,560	25,841 \$20,085,578
Cal Grant	3,047 \$4,689,808	2,963 \$4,584,982	2,825 \$3,519,163	3,267 \$4,114,186
Student Success Completion Grant	2,059 \$3,195,224	1,974 \$2,822,218	1,929 \$2,787,786	- -
Full-Time Student Success Grant	- -	- -	- -	2,413 \$1,862,500
California Community College Completion	- -	- -	- -	262 \$234,000
Chafee Grant (Foster Youth)	57 \$202,500	60 \$235,994	54 \$208,963	46 \$166,091
Scholarship & Grants	3,135 \$612,736	3,674 \$571,534	3,879 \$569,936	4,177 \$557,639
HEERF I & II Emergency Grant	14,034 \$9,205,015	12,805 \$8,739,500	- -	- -

*\*Transition of Summer term from Header to Trailer term in academic year; pivot year was 2017-2018, thus 2017-2018 total include two Summer terms (Summer 2017 and Summer 2018). For 2018-2019, 2019-2020, 2020-2021, Summer is the Trailer term, therefore, the Summer 2021 term is still being processed.*

Annual Community Events:

- Cash for College: In partnership with Event Services, Deaf and Hard of Hearing, and the Student Services Division, we hosted events (Fall 10/17/2020 and Spring 2/20/2021) to provide assistance with completing the financial aid application; FAFSA, California Dream Act, and CCPG Fee Waiver via Zoom; and to provide an opportunity for students to ask questions and engage in dialogue with the various departments that offer their services to students. Total students, families, and friends served: over 740 viewers tuned in for assistance with FAFSA/CA Dream Act application help. **THANK YOU, Board Members for your support: Dr. Manuel Baca, Jay Chen, Judy Chen Haggerty, Gary Chow, Peter Hidalgo, Robert Hidalgo, and Laura Santos.**
- Informational Workshops: The Mt. SAC Financial Aid office works with the campus and local communities to bring information about financial aid to students and their families. Our expert staff provide support to help make the financial aid process clear and easy to understand. By developing collaborative relationships with Mt. SAC staff and faculty, local K-12 schools, and community organizations, we hope to raise awareness about the Federal and State financial aid resources to help make education beyond high school attainable. Topics can be as technical as Satisfactory Academic Progress and the appeal process, to how to create a winning essay for a scholarship. Or topics can be general in nature such as Financial Aid 101 and How to Apply; each year, we are inundated with requests. For 2020-2021, we served 4,780 students in 390 workshops/presentations on-campus and 4,870 community members in 43 workshops/presentations off-campus.
- Scholarship Competition/Ceremony: we coordinate and administer \$612K in scholarships annually including outside and internal awards (in coordination with the Foundation).

## HEERF and Emergency Student Financial Assistance

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### 2019-2020

Date	# Students	Total \$ Amount	Criteria	Funding Source
5.8.20 Spring	10,401	\$6,989,800	Title IV eligible; amount based on unmet need of >\$5,000 and # units enrolled Spring – both Pell recipients (7,597 ) and non-Pell recipients (2,804)	HEERF 1 - CARES Act Student Portion
6.13.20 Spring	1,275	\$821,600		
6.18.20 Spring	428	\$323,800		
7.2.20 Summer	247	\$126,600	AB 540 students based on unmet need amount and # units enrolled Summer	HEERF 1 – CARES Act Institutional Portion
8.7.20 Summer	78	\$42,300	New FAFSA applicants for summer; new CADAA applicants for summer	

### **TOTALS (19-20 Academic Year):**

Term	Amount	# Student Awards	Notation
Spring 2020	\$8,135,200	12,104	428/\$323,800 AB 540
Summer 2020	\$ 168,900	325	247/\$126,600 AB 540
<b>GRAND TOTAL 19-20</b>	<b>\$8,304,100</b>	<b>12,429<sup>i</sup></b>	

### 2020-2021

Date	# Students	Total \$ Amount	Criteria	Funding Source
12.4.20 Fall	566	\$286,356	AB 540 based on unmet need and # units enrolled	CA SB 116 – State Disaster Relief Financial Aid

4.5.21 Spring	13,477	\$8,724,350	FAFSA Filers based on unmet need and # units enrolled – both Pell recipients (9,181) and non-Pell recipients (5,201)	HEERF II – CRRSAA Student Portion
4.5.21 Spring	905	\$492,600		HEERF II – CRRSAA Institutional Portion
5.7.21 Spring	331	\$289,900	AB 540 students enrolled in 6 units or more with a 2.0 GPA per state guidelines	State Immediate Action Emergency Grant

**TOTALS (20-21 Academic Year):**

Term	Amount	# Student Awards	Notation
Fall 2020	\$ 286,356	566	AB 540
Spring 2021	\$ 9,506,850	14,713	
<b>GRAND TOTAL 20-21</b>	<b>\$9,793,206</b>	<b>15,279<sup>ii</sup></b>	

**Special Consideration/Individual Requests**

Date	# Student Awards <sup>iii</sup>	Total \$ Amount	Criteria	Funding Source
5/2020 - 8/2020	445	\$435,400	Approved by committee	HEERF 1 – CARES Act Student
8/2020 - 8/2021	238	\$134,265	Referrals by staff and faculty	HEERF 1 – CARES Act Institutional
<b>Current Total</b>	<b>683</b>	<b>\$569,665</b>		

**GRAND TOTAL COUNTS**

Total # Student Awards <sup>iv</sup>	Total \$ All Sources	Total Federal \$	Total State \$
28,391	\$18,666,971	\$18,090,715	\$576,256

<sup>i</sup> Duplicated number of students due to spring and summer terms

<sup>ii</sup> Duplicated numbers due to fall, spring and summer terms

<sup>iii</sup> Duplicated numbers; students eligible for more than one award based on circumstances

<sup>iv</sup> Duplicated counts due to multiple terms; students eligible to receive for more than one term in which enrolled

**SUMMARY**

- Total dollars disbursed to date: \$18,666,971
- Total # of student awards to date: 28,391
- 19-20 academic year: 12,429 awards totaling 8,304,100
- 20-21 academic year to date: 15,279 awards totaling \$9,793,206
- To date special circumstances awards: 683 for \$569,665
- AB 540 students Spring/Summer of 2020: 675 students for \$450,400
- AB 540 students 2020-21: 897 student awards for \$576,256