

Financial Aid Assistance

FINANCIAL AID

The Financial Aid Office helps students who might otherwise be unable to continue their education because of financial problems. Students who need financial assistance to attend Southwestern College are urged to contact the Financial Aid Office located in the Student Services Center in the Cesar E. Chavez Building.

Financial Aid means assistance for eligible students in the form of:

Board of Governors Fee Waiver

- Covers enrollment fees

Federal and State Grants

- Grants range from \$400 to \$4,731

Federal Work Study

- Work on campus, 15 hours per week employment

Loans

- Stafford and emergency loans
- Loans range from \$150 to \$4,500

These funds can help students who qualify for financial aid to meet their educational expenses such as fees, books, transportation, and room and board.

PLEASE APPLY EARLY. The Financial Aid staff will be happy to serve you and answer any questions you may have.

For more information, come to Student Services Center in the Cesar E. Chavez Building or call Financial Aid at 619-482-6357, Monday through Thursday, 7:45 a.m.–6:45 p.m.; Friday 7:45 a.m.–3 p.m.

Eligibility for Financial Aid

Conditions to be met by all students applying for financial aid are citizenship or permanent U.S. residency status and established financial need.

Scholarships

Scholarships are available at Southwestern College based on various factors, including: majors, career goals, grade point average, and club involvement. On-campus scholarships for continuing and transferring students are available each spring semester. Contact the Financial Aid Office for the Scholarship Application deadline.

DEADLINE TO PETITION FOR GRADUATION

- **Fall 2009**
Friday, October 30, 2009
- **Spring 2010**
Friday, March 5, 2010
- **Summer 2010**
Friday, April 9, 2010

Graduation Petitions are available in the Student Services Center at the Information Booth, Evaluations Office, Counseling Center, Transfer Center, National City, Otay Mesa, or San Ysidro.



Scholarships are also available from outside sources. These scholarships are updated by the Financial Aid Office on a monthly basis. Selection criteria, award amounts, and application deadlines are determined by the donors and vary.

Students are encouraged to stop by the Student Services Center in the Cesar E. Chavez Building, first floor, for more information. You may also find additional scholarship sources in the reference section of any library or on the Internet at www.finaid.org or www.fastweb.com

2009–2010 BOARD OF GOVERNORS FEE WAIVER (BOGFW)

The Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW) program is designed to ensure that the cost of registration fees at California community colleges is not a financial barrier to education for any California resident. Eligibility is determined based on the information given in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or BOGFW application.

At Southwestern College the BOGFW program waives registration fees throughout an academic year—fall, spring, and summer sessions. Eligibility may be obtained by one of the following:

- **Method A**—Recipient of public assistance. Provide current proof of receipt of benefits (dated same month of application or month prior).
- **Method B**—Eligibility based on income.
- **Method C**—Based on information provided on the FAFSA.

Please note the processing time of the BOGFW application will take approximately three to five working days. We recommend that you apply at least five days prior to your registration date.

You may contact the Financial Aid Office for any questions by calling 619-482-6357; or in person at any of our locations (Chula Vista, Otay Mesa, National City, or San Ysidro); or by visiting our Website at www.swccd.edu.