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FINANCIAL AID & SCHOLARSHIPS OFFICE

Cuyamaca College is pleased to offer you financial assistance for the 2021-2022 academic year!

This assistance is for fees, tuition, books and supplies, room and board, and transportation costs necessary for attendance at Cuyamaca College.

***PLEASE READ THIS DOCUMENT CAREFULLY.
TO AVOID ANY DELAYS IN THE RECEIPT OF YOUR FINANCIAL AID,
PLEASE FOLLOW THE DETAILED INSTRUCTIONS PROVIDED HERE.***

This offer is contingent upon institutional receipt of funds from the appropriate agencies and the laws and regulations, which govern these programs, and are thus, subject to change. The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District is required to follow federal, state, and institutional regulations in the awarding of financial aid. Therefore, any necessary changes in determination of eligibility or aid amounts will be made.

“How can I check the status of my financial aid?”

You can check the status of your Cuyamaca College financial aid file two ways:

1. Visit our office and present your id card at the front counter;
2. Go to the Cuyamaca College WebAdvisor Webpage: <https://wa.gcccd.edu/col/wa>. After you login to the STUDENT section, click on “Cuyamaca Financial Aid” and then click on “Application Status and Awards.”

For the protection of your information, we cannot discuss the status of your financial aid file over the phone or through email. We will only provide general information.

“HOW DO I RECEIVE MY AID?”



**Receive your financial aid disbursements/refunds
electronically instead of paper check!
Sign up for your electronic option after you enroll in classes.**

Disbursements and college refunds are processed through BankMobile.

Financial aid disbursements and college refunds will be disbursed through BankMobile. With BankMobile, students will have the option to sign up for one of two electronic disbursement/refund options: Direct Deposit or the BankMobile Vibe Account.

- **Direct Deposit** – Funds will be deposited into your personal bank account on disbursement day **or** up to 5 days after (standard banking timeline for direct deposit transactions is 1-3 business days). Most deposits will occur within 2 days after the disbursement date. Timing depends on when your financial institution processes the direct deposit transactions.
- **BankMobile Vibe Account** – The Vibe Account is a faster option to receive your disbursements and refunds! Disbursements will be received the same day of the disbursement date. The Vibe Account is a checking account which also includes a Debit MasterCard. The Vibe Card can be used like a debit card (use anywhere MasterCard is accepted) and ATM card (no monthly fees and free ATM withdrawals at any Allpoint Network ATMs and the ATMs at Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges).

Watch this video about the disbursement process and how to sign up
[Disbursement Video](#)

Or to sign up right away, click [HERE](#)

DON'T WAIT! SIGN UP NOW!*

NOTES:

- ***You must be enrolled in a class before you can sign up.** Soon after you enroll, you will get a green envelope or email from BankMobile that will provide you the information you need to sign up for your selection.
- **If you do not sign up for direct deposit or Vibe Account, you will receive your disbursement via paper check. Paper checks can take up to 21 days to be disbursed!** Your financial aid check will be mailed to your address of record with the Admissions and Records Office or Money Network (if you updated your address with them directly). ***It is your responsibility to make sure that the Admissions and Records office and BankMobile have your current address and email address. Your best option to receive your aid faster and more securely is through Direct Deposit or the Vibe Account.***

DISBURSEMENT SCHEDULE

If you awarded financial aid, you can view your award type(s), the amount(s), and disbursement dates through WebAdvisor.

- **Pell Grant disbursements will begin the first Thursday of each semester.** Check your WebAdvisor for your disbursement dates.

*****IMPORTANT*****

It is more relevant than ever to sign up for direct deposit or the Vibe Card so you can get your funds faster and safer! **If you do not sign up, a paper check will be processed for your disbursement which can take 21 days for you to receive it!**

Don't wait for a paper check! Sign up NOW for Direct Deposit or Vibe Account!

“What can I do to make sure my financial aid is disbursed on time?”

To do your part in making sure your financial aid is disbursed on time you need to:

- Make sure your financial aid file is complete;
- Make sure you pay any outstanding debt to the college or district. If you owe any enrollment fees, out-of-state tuition, or other fees charged by the college or have an outstanding emergency book loan balance, your federal disbursements may be delayed or deducted by the amount you owe.
- Sign up for an electronic disbursement: Direct Deposit or the Vibe Account as soon as possible.

Please be aware that there may be unforeseen circumstances which may cause a delay in disbursements. It is always helpful to plan ahead in case you receive your financial aid disbursements late. We advise that you **DO NOT** write personal checks or make financial commitments based on your disbursement dates.

THE CALIFORNIA COLLEGE PROMISE GRANT (CCPG) (Formerly known as the Board Of Governors Fee Waiver or BOG)

The **CCPG** is a fee waiver that waives some or all of your mandatory fees: Enrollment Fee (currently \$46/unit), Health Fee, Student Center Construction Fee, and the Student Representative Fee. If you are awarded the Promise Grant before you enroll in your classes, the fees that you are eligible to have waived will be waived automatically. If you pay for your fees and receive a Promise Grant afterwards, you may be eligible for a refund which you can pick up at the Cashier's window at the Student Services Center or it will eventually be disbursed to you via credit back to your credit card if you use a credit card to pay for the fees, direct deposit, Vibe Account, or mail. You must also meet minimum academic and progress standards to maintain eligibility for the Promise Grant. For more information, go to the [Cuyamaca Promise Grant page](#).

ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

“Do I have to be enrolled to receive financial aid?”

“How many units is my financial aid based on?”

YES! You must be enrolled in a degree, certificate or transfer program to receive financial aid. Your financial aid award is also based on your enrollment status for the semester (12 units or more = **Full time**; 9 - 11.5 units = **¾ time**; 6 - 8.5 units = **½ time**; less than 6 units = **less than ½ time**). Your enrollment status will be determined on Census day (**08/30/2021 Fall awards; 02/14/2022 Spring awards**) **if you are awarded before Census day**. *Example: If you're eligible for a semester Pell grant for \$1000 at full time status when the semester begins but on Census day you drop down to ½ time status, then your Pell grant award will be reduced to \$500.* Prior to each disbursement, each student's enrollment status is checked. A reduction in units enrolled after Census day may result in a decrease in your financial aid award, repayment of funds, or cancellation of your award. If you are awarded financial aid after Census day, your enrollment status will be determined on the day you are awarded.

“Will you be taking classes at Cuyamaca and Grossmont?”

CONSORTIUM AGREEMENTS

If yes, please read this part carefully. For financial aid purposes, students who have a declared major at Cuyamaca College and take units at both Cuyamaca College and Grossmont College may apply to participate in a consortium agreement. A consortium agreement means that all units can be added together to determine maximum eligibility for financial aid. To be eligible:

1. Be enrolled in a minimum of six (6) overall units combined at Cuyamaca College and Grossmont College and be enrolled in the classes listed on your consortium agreement by your census day, and
2. Maintain enrollment in at least one (1) course at Cuyamaca College, and
3. Submit your completed Consortium Agreement to our office by the deadlines posted on the agreement form.

You must apply for a Consortium Agreement each semester and you can submit **only ONE consortium agreement per semester**. The form will be available starting on Census day of each semester.

Choosing Your College for Financial Aid Disbursements

You are allowed to receive financial aid disbursements from ONE college per semester. If you are attending courses at both Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges, you must choose the college you want to receive your financial aid from for each semester. You will be able to see and choose your college by logging into your online financial aid status through WebAdvisor. Click on the Application Status button and read the information in the "Choose Your College for Financial Aid Payments" section at the top. Follow the instructions and choose the college. This process is for financial aid purposes only. To make the proper choice, please make sure your major and educational objective (Certificate, Associates Degree, or Transfer) are offered at the college you choose.

FUNDS OVERPAID / OWED

In the event of an overpayment of financial aid grants, you must repay the funds regardless of how the overpayment occurred. You will be billed for any funds received in excess of your eligibility. If you have an outstanding balance for out-of-state-tuition, mandatory fees, or class fees for the current year or term at Cuyamaca College, your federal financial aid disbursement may be deducted a sum equal to the outstanding balance due. You will be disbursed the difference, if any, on the coinciding regular disbursement date.

REMINDER: You are allowed to receive financial aid at only one college per semester. If you receive a financial aid disbursement at more than one college in a semester, you will have to repay the amount you received from the other college(s) and you may be ineligible for future aid until you repay the full amount you owe back. **This includes financial aid received from Cuyamaca and Grossmont Colleges.**

FEDERAL DIRECT STUDENT LOAN

The Federal Direct Student Loan is an educational loan that **must be repaid**. To apply for a loan, you must:

1. Obtain a loan packet from the Financial Aid office or from the “forms” link on our website.
2. Complete your financial aid file.
3. Meet the eligibility requirement to receive a loan.
4. Be enrolled in six (6) units or more.
5. Have a financial aid award letter before you submit the completed loan application.
6. Pass a Loan Entrance Counseling session (first time borrowers)

You may be required to meet with a Financial Aid Advisor to go over more details about your loan request. Loans are disbursed in two equal disbursements. For annual loans, that is one disbursement per semester. For one-semester loans, the 2nd disbursement occurs after the halfway point of the semester.

CARES Act Emergency Funds

If you have expenses of at least \$500 due to the closure of the campus due to COVID-19, you may be eligible for emergency aid through the CARES Act. For more information and to apply, please visit this page: [Cuyamaca CARES Emergency Fund](#).

Need Help With Your Financial Aid?

We offer assistance to help you with your financial aid in four ways: Online, Phone, At the Office, and Student Appointments.

1. Online

- Everything you need to take care of for your financial aid file can be done online
- Check your financial aid status on [WebAdvisor](#)
- Get live help at our zoom [FA Help Desk](#)
- Submit documents through your [CampusLogic account](#)
- Setup your disbursement option through [BankMobile](#)
- If you want to email questions, send your email to: cuyamaca.financialaid@gcccd.edu
- Save yourself the gift of time by going online.

2. Phone

- You can reach us at (619) 660-4206. If we do not answer your call, please leave a voicemail with your name, student ID number, your phone number, and a brief explanation of why you are calling. We will return your call as soon as possible.



3. At the Financial Aid Office (A300 in the Student Services Center)

- No more waiting in long lines at the Financial Aid Office!
- **Getting help at the front counter is by Appointment Only** - If you want to go to the Financial Aid Office to get help, you must make an appointment by using this link: [Financial Aid Office Appointments](#)
- By making an appointment, you are putting yourself in a virtual "line" to be seen at the office.
- You do not have to wait in line during this time. You will be sent a text to let you know it is close to your turn to be seen. At that point, make your way to the office.
- If you walk into the office with no appointment, you will be asked to make an appointment using your mobile device. If you are the only person there, then you can be seen right after you make your appointment.

4. Student Appointments

- You can make an appointment to meet with one of our staff if you have a situation that requires additional attention. Contact us online or by phone to make an appointment.
 - i. NOTE: At this time, student appointments will be via Zoom only. Face-to-face student appointments will be available after all safeguards are in place. You can check with the office or your financial aid advisor later this semester for in-person appointments.

Below are some of the Student Services programs that provide free additional support or aid to assist eligible students in succeeding here at Cuyamaca College. Please contact the offices directly or visit the Student Support Web Page ([click here](#)) for more information. The offices are located at the Student Services One Stop Center (Bldg A).

[Extended Opportunity Programs & Services \(EOPS\)](#) – Educationally/Economically Disadvantaged
[Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education \(CARE\)](#) – Single Parents

[UP!](#) – Foster Youth

[NextUp](#) – Foster Youth

[RISE PROGRAM](#) (Resources for Immigrant Students in Education)

[CalWORKs](#)

[Disabled Students Programs & Services \(DSPS\)](#)

[Counseling Department](#)

[Transfer Center](#)

[Career & Student Employment](#)

[Admissions and Records \(A&R\)](#)

[Health Services](#) (I-134)

[Cuyamaca Cares](#) – To address the basic needs of our students

Shower Facilities – All Cuyamaca-Grossmont students have access to use the shower facilities at the Athletic Complex. Due to the pandemic, the shower facilities will not be available until further notice. Refer to the College Catalog for details.

*****COVID-19 UPDATE*****



Vaccination – Students are required to be vaccinated and submit proof to attend in-person classes and student appointments.

NOTE:

- **Students may be dropped from in-person classes if they do not submit their proof of vaccination**
- **Exceptions are made on a case-by-case basis. More information available in the [Cuyamaca College Vaccination Policy](#)**

Masks – Face covering/masks are required on campus while indoors, and outdoors when within six-feet of another, regardless of vaccine status.

Click below for more information and how to upload your vaccine documentation
[Cuyamaca College Vaccination Policy](#)

We wish you luck this academic year, and thank you for choosing Cuyamaca College!

The Financial Aid Office

Please Note: The instructions and information provided in this document are subject to change.