

# FINANCIAL AID

**Location: Building 1700, (760) 355-6266**

Financial aid programs are intended to help eligible students pay for college expenses including books, fees, transportation, and other necessities. Often students assume that they will not qualify for financial aid; however the IVC Financial Aid Office encourages students to become informed about the variety of aid programs available to community college students.

Financial aid funds are administered in accordance with federal and state regulations governing financial assistance for education. The basis of the policy is that students and their parents have the primary responsibility for meeting educational costs. The amount of the expected contribution from students and their family is determined by careful analysis of family financial strength, taking into consideration information reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), or the California Dream Act Application.

## WHO QUALIFIES FOR FINANCIAL AID?

To receive federal aid, you must:

1. Prove financial need based on federal and state guidelines.
2. Have a high school diploma or GED.
3. Be enrolled as a regular student working toward a degree or certificate.
4. Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen. Others may qualify for state aid, see the California Dream Act section.
5. Be making satisfactory academic progress.

6. Not be in default on any educational loan or owe a refund on an educational grant.
7. Register with the Selective Service System (applies to male students only).

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

To apply for financial aid, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). The FAFSA is used to determine eligibility for all state and federal financial aid.

## Satisfactory Academic Progress

Continued eligibility for financial aid at Imperial Valley College is dependent upon academic success. Students must maintain a 2.0 GPA or better and complete at least 67% of all coursework attempted, and complete their program within maximum timeframe standards. Failure to meet these standards will result in the loss of all federal and some state aid.

## Return of Title IV Funds

Federal law requires that all students who receive federal Title IV aid and leave school before completing 60% of the term may be required to pay back some or all of the aid received. Detailed information regarding the return of federal aid is available in the IVC Financial Aid Office or on the college website.

## California Dream Act

Students who meet AB 540 criteria may apply for State aid by completing the California Dream Act Application. Please contact the Financial Aid Office for more information.



**IVC**  
**FOUNDATION**

## NEED HELP TO PAY FOR COLLEGE?

The Imperial Valley College Foundation offers numerous scholarships to students throughout the school year.

Please contact the Financial Aid or Foundation Offices for a current list of all the scholarships that are available or visit [www.imperial.edu/scholarships](http://www.imperial.edu/scholarships)

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## Financial Aid Programs at IVC

### STATE PROGRAMS

- **California College Promise Grant:** A program for California residents attending a community college. The fee waiver pays for enrollment fees for eligible students. It does not cover parking, lab, material, health fees, or the student representation fee.
- **Cal Grant:** A state-funded grant program for California residents. All Cal Grant award offers are subject to the approval of the final state budget. [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov)
- **Community College Completion Grant:** A state-funded grant program that pays additional funds to Cal Grant B and C recipients who enrolled in 12 or more units.

### FEDERAL PROGRAMS

- **Federal Pell Grant:** A grant program for students who have not earned a bachelor's or professional degree. Students must file a FAFSA and demonstrate financial need.
- **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG):** A program that funds grants based on demonstrated exceptional financial need. Priority is given to Pell Grant recipients. Funding at IVC is limited.
- **Federal Work Study (FWS):** A program that funds part-time job opportunities to students with financial need. Students must be enrolled in at least 6 units. Funding is very limited.

Imperial Valley College does not currently participate in any of the federal student loan programs; however, general information regarding private education loans is available upon request.

## Scholarships

Imperial Valley College offers scholarships through the college's Foundation Office. Scholarships, as opposed to Financial Aid which is awarded based on need, are awarded based on academic achievement and community & campus service. Recipients are determined by the Scholarship Selection Committee, which reviews student scholarship applications and, for some scholarships, conducts oral interviews.

Specific information about each scholarship and the online application are available at [www.imperial.edu/scholarships](http://www.imperial.edu/scholarships). Scholarship recipients are selected each spring, with award monies disbursed the following fall upon verification of the student's enrollment at the college. All applicants are notified in May. Scholarships are also available from sources beyond Imperial Valley College. The following sites may be helpful:

[www.imperial.edu/scholarships](http://www.imperial.edu/scholarships)

[www.CollegelsNext.com](http://www.CollegelsNext.com)

[www.FastWeb.com](http://www.FastWeb.com)

[www.College-Scholarships.com](http://www.College-Scholarships.com)

[www.FindTuition.com](http://www.FindTuition.com)

[www.LatinoCollegeDollars.org](http://www.LatinoCollegeDollars.org)

[www.ScholarshipExperts.com](http://www.ScholarshipExperts.com)

[www.Scholarships.com](http://www.Scholarships.com)

## COUNSELING SERVICES

**Location:** Hector L. Lopez Student Services Center,  
Building 100, (760) 355-6543

Imperial Valley College counseling services help students with a variety of educational, career, vocational, as well as personal issues/concerns. Students clarify their needs, make decisions, set goals and deal effectively with personal obstacles with the help of counseling faculty. Confidentiality is paramount in the relationship between student and counselor. An individual appointment is necessary for students who wish to meet with a counselor for academic planning, transcript evaluation and career counseling. It is advisable for students to make an appointment to allow sufficient time to have their questions answered on a one-to-one basis. Call (760) 355-6543 for information or to schedule an appointment.

### Academic Counseling

Counselors review transcripts from other colleges and explore transfer options/requirements based on a declared major. Counselors work in conjunction with students to develop a personalized comprehensive Student Educational Plan (SEP) via the Internet-based DegreeWorks program.

### Career Counseling

Imperial Valley College counselors are trained to provide students with career counseling, but if students wish to perform a comprehensive research, they can enroll in Counseling 100, Personal and Career Development (COUN 100). The course will provide students with personal and career guidance, which includes interest inventories and referrals to off-campus websites to supplement their research.

### Personal Counseling

Personal counseling is provided to students upon request; students may also receive psychological services in the Health and Wellness Center. In addition, Imperial Valley College offers Counseling 120, College Success Skills (COUN 120), which includes: interpersonal communication, self-awareness, stress management, behavior change, and referral to community resources.

### Drop-in Counseling

Drop-in counseling provides students with the opportunity to meet with a counselor on a "first-come, first-served" basis for answers to quick questions. The duration of a drop-in counseling session is a maximum of 30 minutes. Drop-in counseling sessions are available daily. The counseling receptionist will inform you what services can be provided during a drop-in session (i.e. forms).