

Financial Aid

Financial need should not be a barrier to attending Bakersfield College. A variety of federal and state financial aid programs are available to students who complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and who demonstrate financial need. Additional eligibility requirements are:

1. U. S. Citizenship or eligible non-citizenship.
2. Registration with Selective Service if you are a male at least 18 years of age and born after December 31, 1959.
3. Possession of a high school diploma, a GED or successfully pass the Ability to Benefit (ATB) test.
4. Enrollment in an eligible program leading toward a degree (A.A./A.S.), the completion of transfer requirements or a certificate of completion.
5. Maintaining satisfactory academic progress (Satisfactory Academic Progress Regulations are available upon request).
6. Not owe a refund on a Federal grant and not be in default on a federal educational loan.

By completing the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov, students can be considered for the following programs:

FEDERAL

Federal Pell Grant
Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
Federal Work Study
Federal Family Educational Loan Program
Federal Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)

STATE

Cal Grant A, B and C
Extended Opportunity Program & Services (EOP&S)
Cooperative Agencies & Resources for Education (CARE)
Board of Governors Enrollment Fee Waiver Grant

IMPORTANT DATES

December 11, 2009	Bakersfield College Scholarship Deadline for 2010-2011 (A separate application is required and is available in the Office of Financial Aid.)
March 2, 2010	Cal Grant Deadline for 2010-2011 (FAFSA and GPA Verification form must be postmarked by this date.)
March 2, 2010	2010-2011 FAFSA priority filing deadline for Bakersfield College.

Financial Aid applications are accepted throughout the school year. Financial aid is awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and subject to the availability of funds.

To ensure maximum consideration for student financial aid at Bakersfield College for the 2010-2011 academic year, applicants should complete the following instructions in a timely manner.

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) on-line at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Keep copies of your FAFSA and all financial documents (i.e. IRS Tax Forms, untaxed income verification, etc.) used to complete this form. Our office may require these at a later date.
2. You will receive a letter from our office requesting the documentation required to complete your file. Respond promptly to this request.

3. Complete and submit the Bakersfield College Admissions Form.
4. Complete the Assessment, Orientation and Academic Counseling requirements.
5. Register for courses according to Bakersfield College requirements and procedures.

CALIFORNIA COMMUNITY COLLEGES BOARD OF GOVERNORS' FEE WAIVER PROGRAM for 2010-2011

**Applications are available online at
www.bakersfieldcollege.edu/finaid/forms.asp**

A Board of Governors' Enrollment Fee Waiver (BOGFW) is available for California residents who qualify on the basis of financial need by meeting one of the following criteria:

1. Your 2010-2011 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is on file in the Office of Financial Aid and an analysis of it has determined that you are eligible.
2. You or your parent(s) is currently receiving one of the following:
 - a. TANF (Temporary Assistance for Needy Families) / CalWORKS
 - b. SSI (Supplemental Security Income)
 - c. GA (General Assistance)

OR, you have a Certification from the California Department of Veterans Affairs or the National Guard Adjutant General that you are eligible for a dependent's fee waiver.

OR, you are a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, or a child of a recipient, or a dependent of a victim of the 9/11/01 terrorist attack.

3. Your family income for 2009 is within these standards:

Number in Household	Total Income for 2009*
1	16,245 or less
2	21,855 or less
3	27,465 or less
4	33,075 or less

* add 5,610 for each additional family member

Complete the Board of Governors' Fee Waiver Application and submit it in person to the Office of Financial Aid. You must complete and submit the Bakersfield College Admissions Form prior to final approval of your BOGFW.

If you qualify for a Board of Governors' Fee Waiver, you will not be required to pay enrollment fees. If you have already paid these fees, you may qualify for a refund.

The BOGFW is just one of the financial aid programs available. By filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), you may qualify for federal and state financial aid to meet educational expenses such as books, transportation and living costs.