

## Student Fact sheet for Community College Completion Grant (CCCG)

### 1. QUESTION: WHAT IS THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE COMPLETIONS GRANT?

**Answer:** The Community College Completion Grant (CCCG) is a financial aid award designed to encourage faster completion of the student's degree or certificate.

### 2. QUESTION: HOW MUCH IS THE AWARD?

**Answer:** The CCCG is paid to students attending in least 15 units at a rate of \$750 per semester, or \$500 per quarter if the student is attending a quarter based college.

### 3. QUESTION: HOW DOES THE STUDENT QUALIFY FOR THE CCCG AWARD?

**Answer:** The student must be receiving a Full-time Student Success Grant Cal Grant (FTSSG) award for the same term. The student must attend 15 units per term or be taking enough units to receive the FTSSG and complete their education program in the timeframe set up in their Student Educational Plan. A cumulative 2.0 GPA is required

### 4. QUESTION: MUST THE STUDENT HAVE TO HAVE A COMPREHENSIVE STUDENT EDUCATIONAL PLAN TO RECEIVE THE AWARD?

**Answer:** Yes. No payment is authorized in the program until the student receives a comprehensive Student Educational Plan (SEP) that maps out the path to receiving the student's degree or certificate. Students should contact their counseling department to set an appointment with a counselor and receive a comprehensive Student Education Plan.

### 5. QUESTION: HOW DOES THE STUDENT APPLY FOR THE CCCG?

**Answer:** To apply for the CCCG as well as the Cal Grant and Full-time Student Success Grant, a student must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application by either the March 2 or September 2 Cal Grant deadlines. There are limited Cal Grant awards so students are encouraged to apply by the deadlines

### 6. QUESTION: HOW DOES THE STUDENT REMAIN ELIGIBLE FOR THE AWARD?

**Answer:** Eligibility is maintained for as long as the student continues to receive the FTSSG and remains on pace to completing their degree or certificate within the timeframe described in the SEP. Eligibility is lost when the student is no longer FTSSG eligible, receives the degree or certificate mapped out in the SEP or falls off pace to complete on-time

### 7. QUESTION: WHAT IF THE STUDENT CHANGES MAJORS?

**Answer:** Changing majors may make it impossible for the student to stay on the completion pace established in their initial SEP. Receiving a new SEP does not change the requirement to stay on pace established in the original SEP. Student should talk to their counselor if they are considering changing majors. The new SEP for that major may take into account the coursework you completed under the prior SEP.

### 9. QUESTION: WHAT HAPPENS IF THE STUDENT'S CAL GRANT ELIGIBILITY RUNS OUT?

**Answer:** Once Cal Grant eligibility runs out, or if the student becomes ineligible for Cal Grant, the student cannot receive the FTSSG and this makes them ineligible for the CCCG.