



TO: Chief Financial Aid Officers
Chief Student Services Officers
Chief Business Officers
Chief Instructional Officers

FROM: Gina Browne
Assistant Vice Chancellor, Office of Equitable Student Learning, Experience, and Impact (ESLEI)

RE: Updates to the Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG)

This guidance memo provides important updates and information about changes to the Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG) program.

Background

Under existing law, the SSCG provide students with financial aid to help offset the total costs of community college and to encourage full-time attendance and successful on-time completion. Community college students who receive a Cal Grant B, are meeting the standards of the college Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy and are enrolled in 12-14.9 units are eligible to receive \$1,298 per term and Cal Grant B students who enroll in 15+ units are eligible for \$4,000 per term.

SSCG for Current and Former Foster Youth Students

Senate Bill 117 – Higher Education Trailer Bill (2023-24) updated [California Education Code \(CEC\) §88931](#) and increased the SSCG award amount for current and former foster youth as defined in [CEC § 69433.6](#). Effective for the Fall 2023 term, former foster youth, who enroll in 12 or more units and meet all other eligibility requirements (see below) are eligible for \$5,250 per semester, or the quarterly equivalent.

For the purposes of awarding a SSCG, “current or former foster youth” means a person whose dependency was established or continued by the court on or after the date on which the person reached 13 years of age.

SSCG Eligibility Requirements

To be eligible for a SSCG students must meet all three eligibility requirements below:

- Be a California resident or exempt from paying nonresident tuition per [CEC §68130.5](#).

- Be a current year Cal Grant B or C award recipient.
- Meet the minimum requirements of the college Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy.

SSCG Awarding

Colleges are encouraged to update SSCG awarding policies to include a variety of outreach efforts to identify all SSCG eligible students. Since students must be Cal Grant B or C recipients, colleges should help students complete the FAFSA or the CA Dream Act Application before the September 2nd deadline. Colleges should collaborate with the Next Up and other former foster youth programs to make every effort to identify all eligible students.

Students who meet the SSCG eligibility requirements are eligible for the award amounts shown below.

Enrollment level	Current or Former Foster Youth	All Other Eligible Students
12-14.9	Up to: \$5,250	Up to: \$1,298
15+	Up to: \$5,250	Up to: \$4,000

Students should be awarded the maximum amount they are eligible to receive. Awards may be adjusted based on the student’s unmet need. If funding is available after making awards to students in the primary terms, colleges should reevaluate all Cal Grant recipients to grant additional SSCG awards to students who have 24 or more units for the academic year including units taken during the winter intersession or summer term.

2023-24 SSCG Funding Information

The 2023-24 budget includes \$376,602,000 to support the Student Success Completion Grant. Seventy-five percent of the total allocation was distributed to in the 2023-24 Advance (AD) apportionment period. College-level allocations were calculated based on prior-prior SSCG recipients reported to MIS and will be available in the August 2023 edition of the 2023-24 Compendium of Allocations and Resources. Colleges will have the opportunity to request and receive additional SSCG funding in Spring 2024, based on need and subject to availability. The Chancellor’s Office is currently developing the request form and more information will be provided later this fall.

If you have any questions regarding this memo, please send an email to FinancialAid@cccco.edu.

cc: Dr. Aisha Lowe, Executive Vice Chancellor, ESLEI
Rebecca Ruan-O’Shaughnessy, Vice Chancellor, ESLEI
Dr. John Stankas, Vice Chancellor, ESLEI
Dr. Lizette Navarette, Executive Vice Chancellor, Institutional Supports and Success Office

Wrenna Finche, Vice Chancellor, Institutional Supports and Success Office