

Financial Aid and Scholarships

We invite new students to come visit us and ask any questions you may have. Financial assistance is available for low-income, middle-income and upper-income families and students.

De Anza College offers a variety of financial assistance program including:

- Grants
- Loans
- Work-study
- Enrollment fee waivers
- Scholarships
- Short-term book loans

Most financial aid requires an application to be completed by the student/parent(s). The most common application is the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). It is available in paper form in the Financial Aid office or in the rack just outside the office. It is available on the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Pick up the Financial Aid Guide as well for more information or visit our Web site.

How to contact Financial Aid

Location: Hinson Campus Center, lower level

Hours of Services: Monday – Thursday 7:00a.m. – 6:00p.m.

Friday 9:00a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Summer hours: Monday – Thursday 7:00a.m. – 6:00 p.m.

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Web site: www.deanza.edu/financialaid

Financial Aid Tips

Ask lots of questions. Learning about your financial aid options can be complicated. Take the time and demonstrate the patience to learn about the different types of financial aid programs and the rules.

Not everybody is the same. Because every family is different and every student is different, the financial aid rules apply differently depending upon the situation. Your friend and you may have completely different aid packages because of those differences.

- Think carefully about loans. Much of the money available is in the form of a loan. If you take a loan you are accepting a long-term relationship with your lender.
- Read carefully. Much of what you need to know is in the printed material you are given. It could apply to you now or later, so read it and keep it around.
- Don't give up. Because financial aid is based upon your financial situation in a given year, your aid will be different from year to year as your financial situation changes. Be sure to let your aid office know of anything that affects your financial situation. Often they can make adjustments due to unusual situations.
- Check out www.finaid.org to discover how you can search for financial aid information and possibilities using the Internet. FinAid is free for all users and includes the most comprehensive collection of financial aid information on the web. Subscribe to a free monthly finAid newsletter. Other free publications include: top ten scholarship tips, top ten student aid tips, and cutting college costs tips. FinAid has information on different types of scholarships, grants, loans, military aid, and information for students, parents, and educators. You can e-mail the aid advisor and ask questions unique to your situation. You can even use online calculators to determine your college costs projections.