

5 STEPS to SUCCESS

STEP 1 APPLY

Submit your free application beginning February 1, 2021.

This is a two-step process:

1. Create an OpenCCApply account.
2. Submit an application for West Valley College.

You will receive a **confirmation page and an email** upon submission of your application. You will also receive an email within 2 hours with your student ID number, password and registration information.

ID Example: G012314567 Contact askwvc@westvalley.edu if you don't receive this last email. Be sure to check your SPAM folder.

High School sophomores, juniors and seniors are welcome to participate in the Concurrent Enrollment Program and apply online. For next steps, directions and deadlines, visit westvalley.edu/concurrent

STEP 2 FINANCIAL AID

Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov or the California Dream Act application at dream.csac.ca.gov

Contact the Financial Aid Office via Cranium Cafe at westvalley.edu/financial-aid

STEP 3 GUIDED SELF- PLACEMENT*

All students must complete the Guided Self-Placement at web.wvm.edu/placement-tool-wv

Prerequisites must be cleared prior to registration. Submit a photo ID, transcripts and AP scores for document clearance.

*Students wishing to enroll in ESL classes must complete an English assessment. For dates and location, go to westvalley.edu/assess

STEP 4 PRE-ORIENTATION AND ORIENTATION

In order to receive priority registration, new students who have not completed college coursework (not including classes taken as high school students) are **required** to complete the pre-orientation and attend a College Orientation. Orientations provide valuable information and strategies needed to achieve associates degree, associates degree for transfer, certificate and/or transfer to a university. Topics covered: support services, financial information and creating an educational plan. Online orientation options are available.

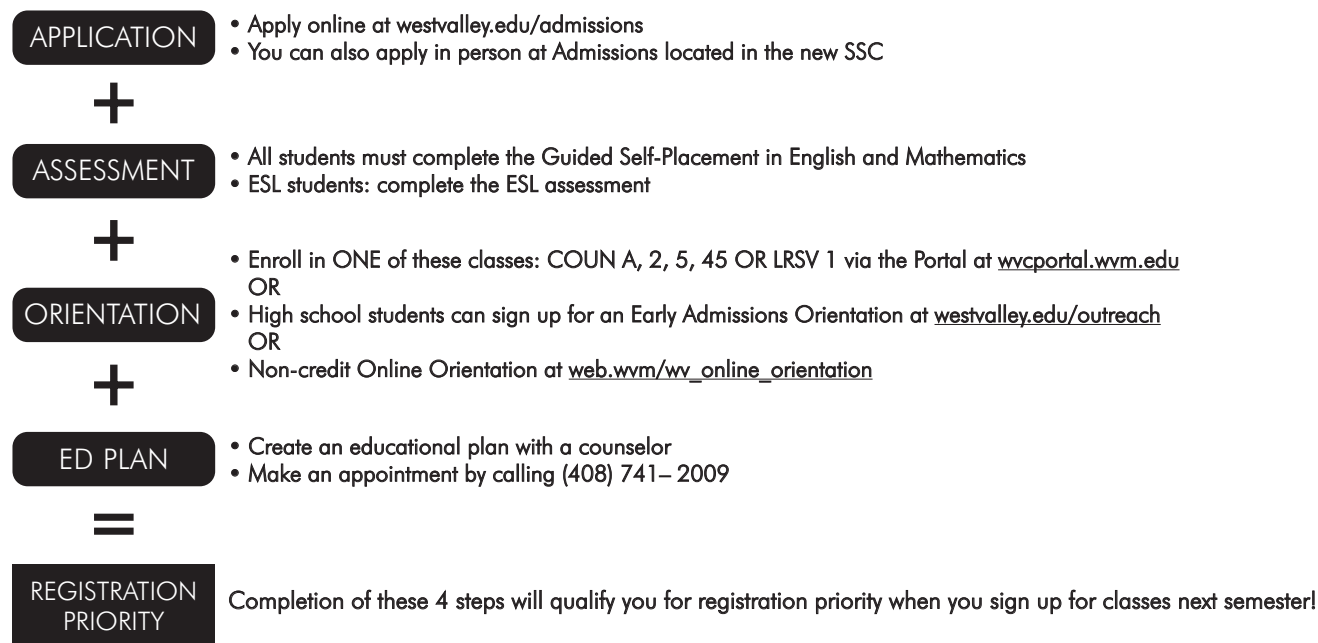
REQUIRED ITEMS: Results from the Guided Self-Placement or, assessment scores, High School transcripts

STEP 5 REGISTER

Log into westvalley.edu/wvcportal – For assistance, contact Admissions via Cranium Cafe at westvalley.edu/admissions

High school sophomores, juniors, and seniors may enroll for a maximum of 8 units per semester within the district.

REQUIRED Steps to Receive PRIORITY REGISTRATION



* Students who have completed this process at another college should speak with a counselor (408) 741– 2009
 Students with disabilities can fulfill all of the above requirements by contacting the Disability and Educational Support Program (DESP) at (408) 741– 2010

ESL ASSESSMENT DATES

Check the link below for schedule
<https://www.westvalley.edu/admissions/assessment/>

The Orientation - The ESL Orientation will take place the day before each placement test and will have the same start time. The ESL orientation is mandatory for all new entering ESL students for Fall 2021. To request an orientation and test, students need to email their contact information and student ID numbers to Ellen Goldman and she will sign them up for an on-line orientation & test. During the orientation, students will learn about the ESL program, how to take the placement test, and how to use technology for taking classes in Fall 2021.

Placement Test - The ESL placement test will take place the day after the orientation and will be proctored using Zoom.

ESL Orientation Schedule (Online)

Date	Time
Tuesday, May 25	10-12
Tuesday, June 8	10-12
Monday, July 12	10-12
Monday, August 2	10-12
Tuesday, August 10	12:30-2:30
Monday, August 16	10-12
Monday, August 23	10-12
Monday, August 30	12:30-2:30

Please direct inquiries to Ellen Goldman via email:
ellen.goldman@westvalley.edu

ORIENTATION OPTIONS

COUN 000A, COUN 002 or COUN 005 or LRSV 001

Orientation is required for students who have no previous college experience or fewer than 15 completed college units. Complete Guided Self-Placement before attending COUN 000A, COUN 002, or COUN 005. Once you submit your application, you will receive a date when you will be able to register for an orientation class. The Cafeteria may be closed so please bring a snack and/or beverage. Check the schedule of classes for room location.

Athletic Orientation

New athletes are required to attend this orientation designed specifically to answer questions concerning academics and athletics. Parents are welcome. Please contact the Athletic Counselor to register for the course with questions. Andrew.cardamone@westvalley.edu

Date	Location
July 19 - 26	Online
August 18 - 25	Online

ONLINE ORIENTATION (not for academic credit)

Students who choose this option are required to complete all required online assignments as instructed on the link. Go to westvalley.edu/admissions, click on: Orientation Options to start orientation. Students selecting this option will not receive academic credit but will receive credit for completing an orientation. This option is not available for applicants to the Community Grant.

NEW I-20/F-1 Students

Required immigration information session for students who have received I-20's from West Valley College for Fall 2021*. Go to westvalley.edu/services/academic-success/international/ or email terri.eppley@westvalley.edu for date, time and location of new student orientation workshop.

* The workshop will be held in August 2021, date TBA.

Changing Your Class Schedule

Students who have registered may make changes to their schedule in the WVCPortal. Always review your current balance after making any changes to your schedule.

Adding Classes

To add a class once the term begins, you must attend the first class meeting. If there are seats available, the instructor will assign students Add Codes for the class. The Add Code is a six-digit alpha-numeric code that gives the student permission to add the class on our WVCPortal. Add Codes must be used by the deadline.

It is your responsibility to meet all pre and corequisite requirements prior to registration. It is also suggested that students monitor their courses through the WVCPortal on a regular basis. In addition, it is your responsibility to drop the course you added if you no longer want it. Be sure to check deadline dates.

Note: Wait list ends once class begins.

Dropping Classes

Full-Term Classes

The WVCPortal can be used to drop classes before or after the term begins. It is the student's responsibility to officially drop classes. DO NOT ASSUME THAT YOU WILL BE "DROPPED" FROM A CLASS BY THE INSTRUCTOR. IT IS THE STUDENT'S RESPONSIBILITY TO DROP ALL UNWANTED CLASSES. No enrollment fee refunds will be issued for classes dropped after the published refund deadline in the current Schedule of Classes. An add code cannot be issued before the start date of the class.

Short-Term Classes

Students must drop the day before the first class meeting to receive a refund for short term classes that meet for five days or less. Refunds are also issued to students that drop short term classes that meet 5 times or more before 10% of the scheduled class meetings have elapsed.

Repeatability

New state regulations allow few courses to be repeated. In addition, there are groupings of courses with similar content called "families" in the PE, Art, Theatre, and Music disciplines. West Valley and Mission College's "families" of courses are linked and students may only take 4 courses within a family whether the course is offered at West Valley or Mission College. Refer to the table in the online schedule, campus catalog or consult with a Counselor to review the full list of "family" courses.

Audit Information

An auditing student is a class observer who attends the class without the requirement of taking tests or completing assignments. Students must receive official approval from the specific instructor to add the course. Priority in class enrollment shall be given to students enrolled in the course for credit toward a degree or certificate. High School students and F-1/I-20 students are not allowed to audit. No student auditing a course shall be permitted to change his or her enrollment to receive credit for the course.

To audit a course, students:

1. Attend first class meeting and request permission to audit the course from the instructor.
2. Obtain and complete an audit slip from the Division Office or Admissions and Records (not all courses are auditable).
3. Bring form to Admissions Office during 3rd week of term with \$15 per unit fee.

For more details, see Audit Policy in the college catalog.

Concurrent Enrollment for High School Students

1. Complete an online application. (Go to westvalley.edu, CLICK APPLY NOW.) 48 hours after completing an online application: Check your e-mail for your West Valley ID number. Add it to your paperwork. **Returning high school students need to file an updated online application and a complete Concurrent Enrollment packet each semester.**
2. Review class offerings. Go to westvalley.edu and click Schedule of Classes. Classes numbered 900 above (basic skills) and PE classes are NOT available for concurrently enrolled students. Enrollment is limited to 8 units **within the district.**
3. Complete the Concurrent Enrollment Application Packet.
4. All students must complete the Self-Assessment web.wvm.edu/place-ment-tool-ww
5. If your course has prerequisites fulfilled by AP scores, attach a copy of your College Board test scores to your application packet.
6. Check to see if a class(es) has space: Go to westvalley.edu/wvcportal/searchsections.html no log in required.
7. High School students that are California residents do NOT pay tuition but DO pay the health fee, the representational fee, and any class fees (ex: lab fees), testing fees (ex: Counseling classes), textbooks and supplies. (ex: art supplies, Scantron forms, etc.)
8. All students that submit a complete packet, will receive an email with directions on how to register.
9. Prior to registration, students are required to complete the pre-orientation.
10. Purchase your textbooks and attend class.

Summer Online Registration Dates:

Tuesday, May 11	Class of 2022
Wednesday, May 12	Class of 2023
Thursday, May 13	Class of 2024

Fall Online Registration Dates:

Tuesday, August 10	Class of 2022
Wednesday, August 11	Class of 2023
Thursday, August 12	Class of 2024

Enrollment Information

CALIFORNIA STUDENT SUCCESS ACT REQUIREMENTS

All students are required to comply with the California Student Success Act of 2012 requirements (English and Math course placement, orientation, student educational plan) in order to receive a priority date for future registration.

1. Orientation

Attend a College Orientation to become familiar with higher education opportunities, requirements, and educational planning. You will get assistance from counseling faculty to register for classes. Orientations can be fulfilled through any of the following options:

- Enrollment in any of the following courses:
 - Counseling A: Orientation
 - Counseling 2: Academic and Personal Planning
 - Counseling 5: College Success
 - Counseling 12: Careers and Lifestyles
- EOPS Orientation, Early Admissions (EA) Orientation, CalWORKS Orientation, On to College Orientation

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- Online at westvalley.edu/admissions/orientation.html

2. Develop a student educational plan

Students may develop a one year student educational plan by attending a Counseling A: Orientation class; an Early Admissions Orientation; a designated Counseling transferable class, or a specific program orientation. Counseling appointments are available to create a comprehensive, multi-year student educational plan during your first semester in college. Please contact the Counseling Center for assistance.

3. Guided Self-Placement for English and Math

Complete the Guided Self-Placement process to help you determine which math and English classes might be more appropriate for you. Simply follow these four simple steps:

- Review the English and Math Course sequence (see the Index for page #s)
- Have access to:
 - Unofficial high school transcripts
 - AP Test Scores for English and/or Math if applicable
 - SAT /ACT Scores
- Navigate the Guided Self-Placement by going to westvalley.edu/assessment
- Write down or take a picture of your results.

SUMMER AND FALL 2021 REGISTRATION

Tier 1: Registration begins for students who met the Guided Self-Placement, Orientation, and Educational Plan requirements:

Student Groups	Dates
Group 1 – State Mandated Groups: EOPS/CARE, CalWORKs, Veterans, Foster Youth, Homeless, DESP	April 20, 2021
Group 2 – College Identified Groups: Athletes, ASG, Honors, TRiO, Puente, Umoja, International, Middle College, College Advantage, FYE, and continuing students.	April 22, 2021
Group 3 – New and returning students	April 26, 2021

Tier 2: Students who have not met the requirements (except Foster Youth; Homeless):

Student Groups	Dates
Group 4 – State Mandated Groups: EOPS/CARE, CalWORKs, Veterans, DESP	April 28, 2021
Group 5 – College Identified Groups: Athletes, ASG, Honors, TRiO, Puente, Umoja, International, FYE, and continuing students.	May 3, 2021
Group 6 – New and returning students	May 5, 2021
Group 7 – Higher degree students, 100+ units, Probation students	May 10, 2021

Orientation or Assessment Waiver

If you determine that there are prerequisites, corequisites or other limitations on Enrollment Challenges please refer to page 150 for rights and procedures.

Students with Disabilities

Students with learning or other disabilities are encouraged to follow these 2 easy steps:

- If you are an incoming high school student, sign-up and attend a DESP “On To College” Orientation for high school seniors. Reserve your space beginning March 1, 2021 at westvalley.edu/desp
- Please complete the DESP online application here:
<https://andes.accessiblelearning.com/WestValley/ApplicationStudent.aspx> and email desp@westvalley.edu to schedule a new student intake appointment with a counselor.

Students with Previous College Work

An orientation is not required for students who have completed 15 college units. However, counselors can help you complete an educational plan, prepare transfer agreements, select a possible major or career, or help with a personal problem. Appointments can be made by:
Set-up an appointment online via Cranium Cafe.

Fee type	Amount	Required of	Refunds
Enrollment	\$46 per unit (subject to California legislative change)	California residents	Full refunds for drops through 9-12-21 for a semester length class Varied dates for short-term classes.
Tuition for Non-Residents	\$307 per unit (in addition to enrollment fee)	All Non-California residents (in addition to enrollment fee)	Full refund for drops through 9-12-21 for a semester length class.
International students	\$307 per unit (in addition to enrollment fee)	Visa holders from another country (in addition to enrollment fee)	Full refund for drops through 9-12-21 for a semester length classes Varied dates for short-term classes.
International Student Application Fee	\$100	International students who submit an application to West Valley College (F-1 applicants only)	Non-refundable
International Student Health Fee	\$624	International F1 Students	Non-refundable
Course Material Fee	Variable	Certain Courses indicated in course description	Full refunds for drops through 9-12-21 Varied dates for short-term.
Campus Center Use Fee	\$15 for full and part-time students.	All students except online students who live outside Santa Clara County	Appeal for exemptions can be made through Admissions and Records Office through 9-12-21.
Health Services	\$21 fall semester \$18 summer term	All students including high school students	Full refund for drops through 9-12-21 exemptions may apply. For details, go to the web: westvalley.edu/services/studentdevelopment/health/healthfee.html
Web Reg. Web processing fee	\$3 for each term	All students using web for college transactions	Not eligible for exemption.
Representational Fee	\$2	All students except high school students	Not eligible for exemption.
Associated Student Government (ASG) fee	\$14		Appeal for exemptions can be made through Admissions and Records Office through 9-12-21.
Parking fee	West Valley College will provide “no cost parking” permits to registered students during the Summer and Fall 2021. See fees chart for details. westvalley.edu/admissions/fee-schedule.html		Parking permits must be returned to the Admissions and Records Office by 9-12-21.
Transcripts	First 2 regular transcripts free in the district. \$6 for subsequent requests. \$20 “Rush” within one hour; \$15 within 24 hours; \$5.00 for additional ones ordered at the same time as the “Rush”.		
Other charges	Duplicate degree \$10; degree/certificate cover \$10 (Free at Graduation). Nelnet Student Payment Plan (optional) \$20.00		

* The following are considered Basic Fees: Campus Center Use, Health Services, Web Reg. Web processing fee and the Representational Fee are not eligible for exemption. ** All fees are subject to change.

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Payment Information

Fees are charged and due at the time of registration. Payments can be made:

1. On the web using Visa or Mastercard; or selecting a payment plan.
2. By mail with check, money order or Cashiers check

Please write student's College ID number on the front. DO NOT MAIL CASH. Please send one check per student. Send all payments to:

West Valley College — Admissions Office
14000 Fruitvale Avenue
Saratoga, CA 95070-5698

Nelnet Payment Plans

WVMCCD has partnered with Nelnet Business Solutions to let you pay over time, making college more affordable.

- \$20 enrollment fee per semester
- \$30 returned payment fee if a payment is returned
- Payments are processed on the 5th of each month and will continue until the balance is paid in full

Simple steps to enroll:

- Log into your college portal
- Under WVCPortal select Registration
- Select Create a Payment Plan at the bottom of the menu

Refund Policies

The first set of refunds occurs the week after the add drop period.

If you pay with a credit card, your card will be refunded. If you pay by cash or check, a check will be mailed to you.

Please be aware that new registration activity may create a new balance which is due and payable at the time of activity.

- If your class is cancelled, you will automatically receive a refund.
- Parking permits must be returned to Admissions by the last day to add a semester length class.
- Financial Aid students who withdraw from college prior to completing 60% or more of scheduled class meetings in a semester may owe money back to the federal government. Check with the Financial Aid Office immediately.

Course Material Fees

Some courses require a mandatory instructional materials fee or an optional fee for purposes of materials needed to assist in learning or achieving the objectives of the course. Education Code section 76365 permits colleges to require students to provide various types of instructional materials and enables colleges to sell such materials.

Returned Check Fee

The WVC fee for processing checks returned by a bank due to insufficient funds, stopped payment or closed accounts is \$15.00 per check in addition to the original amount and may go as high as \$25.00, depending upon the response time on the check clearance. In addition, a delinquency hold will be placed on the student's records and registration will not be allowed. Passing of N.S.F., stop payment, and account closed checks may be considered a criminal offense and may be referred to the District Attorney's Office for prosecution.

Use of Social Security Number

Notification of Tax Identification Numbers (TIN) or Social Security Numbers (SSN) Required Collection & Usage. Federal legislation relating to the Hope Tax Credit and Internal Revenue Service (IRS) 1098T production mandates that all colleges report student SSN or TIN numbers to the IRS. This IRS mandate requires colleges to collect the SSN or TIN.

A student may refuse to disclose his or her SSN or TIN to the school but the IRS is then authorized to fine the student in the amount of \$50. West Valley

College assigns a unique student ID number to every student and does not use the SSN or TIN as a student identifier. All SSNs and TINs collected as mandated are protected by federal regulations under the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).

FEE WORKSHEET – SUMMER 2021

Use this worksheet to calculate your fees for Summer 2021.

1. Enrollment Fees – Summer 2021

\$46.00 per unit. _____ units x \$46.00 = _____

2. Tuition for Non-Residents

(in addition to enrollment fee)

Out of State

\$307.00 per unit. _____ units x \$307.00 = _____

3. Basic Fees for Summer:

WebReg (\$3.00); Health Fee (\$18.00);

Representation Fee (\$2.00) = _____

4. TOTAL FEES

Add 1 or 2 and 3 and enter total here = _____

FEE WORKSHEET – FALL 2021

Use this worksheet to calculate your fees for Fall 2021.

1. Enrollment Fees – Fall 2021

\$46.00 per unit. _____ units x \$46.00 = _____

2. Tuition for Non-Residents

(in addition to enrollment fee)

Out of State

\$307.00 per unit. _____ units x \$307.00 = _____

F1 International \$582 - Health Fee = _____

3. Campus Center Use Fee \$15.00 = _____

4. Basic Fees for Fall:

Health Services (\$21.00); WebReg (\$3.00);

Associated Student Services Fee (\$14.00);

Representation Fee (\$2.00) = _____

5. TOTAL FEES

Add 1 or 2 plus 3 and 4, enter total here = _____

Legislation AB 2210

Education Code section 68075.6 grants an immediate nonresident tuition fee exemption to eligible Special Immigrant Visa (SIV) holders and refugee students who settled in California upon entering the United States. This exemption is granted for one year from the date the student settled in California upon entering the United States. For more information visit <https://www.westvalley.edu/admissions/fee-schedule.html>

BANKMOBILE FINANCIAL AID REFUND SELECTION

West Valley Mission College District has partnered with BankMobile to deliver your financial aid refund. BankMobile is committed to provide students with clear choices and offer great customer service.

Your choices include:

- Deposit to an existing account
- Deposit to BankMobile Vibe checking account

BankMobile ATM is located in the Bookstore.

FINANCIAL AID

Location: Student Services Center (SSC)

Phone: (408) 741-2024

Regular Hours: Please visit [West Valley College website for current hours of service](#).

westvalley.edu/services/financialaid/

Financial Aid manages programs designed to help students pay for educational and living expenses while they are in school. When students apply for financial aid, we evaluate their circumstances and identify all the financial help available to them through federal, state, and other programs. Most students do not realize they may qualify for one or more of the financial aid programs currently available.

Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the CA Dream Act. We will automatically review your eligibility for all Financial Aid programs based on your application data.

FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

California College Promise Grant

CCPG waives 100% enrollment fees and a portion of the parking fee.

Eligibility Criteria:

- You must be a California resident or an AB 540 student as determined by the office of Admissions and Records
- You meet specific income levels, or
- You have demonstrated financial need, of at least \$1104, through the FAFSA/CA Dream Act application process, or
- You currently receive benefits from TANF/CalWorks, or SSI/SSP or General Assistance, or
- You are eligible for a dependent veterans fee waiver or approved by the National Guard Adjutant General that you are a dependent, or
- You are eligible as a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor, or you are eligible as a dependent of a victim of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack, or you are eligible as a dependent of a deceased law enforcement/fire suppression personnel killed in the line of duty.
- The deadline for the CCPG for the 2020-21 academic year is July 31, 2021.

California College Promise Grant Fee Waiver (CCPG) New State Regulations

Under new state regulations, students will LOSE eligibility for the CCPG if:

They are on probation for not maintaining a 2.0 GPA (grade point average) for two consecutive primary terms. They have not successfully completed half (50%) or more of the units attempted in two (2) consecutive primary terms. Only Foster Youth are exempt from this policy. Primary terms are FALL and SPRING terms at semester-based schools.

Students that are determined ineligible are also able to regain eligibility or be reinstated by meeting one (1) of the standards below:

- Improve GPA and/or course completion measures to meet the academic and progress standards.
- Successful appeal regarding extenuating circumstances and/or demonstrating significant academic improvement.
- Not attending his/her community college district for two (2) consecutive primary terms.
- Extenuating circumstances are defined as verified cases of accidents, illnesses, or other circumstances beyond the student's control.

For more information, visit: westvalley.edu/services/student-right-to-know/student_success_act.html#tabs-4 To download an appeal, visit: westvalley.edu/admissions/forms

Grants

Eligibility Criteria:

- 2.0 GPA Minimum
- Declare a major that is at least one year in length.
- Community Grant pays up to \$4,000/year for incoming freshmen. Amounts may vary upon funding.
- California College Promise pays up to \$3,000/year for First and Second Year Free. Amounts may vary upon funding.
- Cal Grant B pays up to \$1,672/year for AA/AS degree or AA-T/AS-T programs
- Cal Grant C pays up to \$1,094/year for vocational students not transferring to a 4 year college.
- Cal Grant funding is limited to four (4) academic years. In order to graduate with a Bachelor's Degree from a 4-year institution within the 4-year limit, you must complete 15 units or more per semester or the equivalent quarter units.
- Cal Grant recipients with dependents will be considered for additional funding.
- Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG): Cal Grant B or Cal Grant C recipients who are enrolled in 12-14.5 units at a California Community College and have remaining unmet need. The SSCG award is \$1,298 per year (\$649 per semester). Recipients who are enrolled in 15+ units and have remaining unmet need may be eligible for \$4,000 per year (\$2,000 per semester). The Financial Aid office may award additional students who take sufficient number of units during the summer semester. For more information: CalGrants.org
- Pell Grant pays up to \$6,495/year
- Chafee Grant pays up to \$5,000/year (former foster youth only)
- Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) pays up to \$600/year

Federal Work Study

Eligibility Criteria:

- Same eligibility requirements as with grants.
- Must have remaining unmet financial need after fee waiver and grants are considered
- Must enroll in at least 6 units
- Part time employment
- Work on or off campus
- Pays \$14-18/hour (\$4,500/year max.)

Federal Direct Student Loans

Loan amount based on financial need after above programs are considered. Financial need is the difference between the cost of education and the resources available to you. Students must have a completed financial aid file before requesting a Loan Request Packet from the Financial Aid Office.

Scholarships

West Valley College scholarships are designed to recognize accomplishments and to provide tangible encouragement to students who have demonstrated academic achievement, leadership, community service, and financial need. Funds are donated from a joint investment of contributions from the private sector and from West Valley College employees. The application process starts in December. Awards are announced in late spring, and are awarded for the following school year.

Outside Scholarships: Many foundations, professional associations, religious and ethnic organizations, and corporations offer grants and scholarships. These awards are based on a wide variety of qualifications including, financial need, academic achievement, religious affiliation, ethnicity, and special interests.

STEPS TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Apply for financial aid with the following process.

1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Apply online at: fafsa.ed.gov. Make sure to list the West Valley College school code (001338) on your application to ensure that we receive a copy of your application data. Or current AB540 students may apply for the CA Dream Act Application at: dream.csac.ca.gov.
2. An email will be sent from Financial Aid indicating how to submit additional documentation. A Financial Aid file is complete when all documents have been submitted and reviewed.
3. A notification of official financial aid awards will be sent when your Financial Aid file is awarded.
4. If you are interested in participating in Federal Work-Study, please contact Kristin Martin at: kristin.martin@westvalley.edu to apply.
5. If you wish to apply for a student loan, please contact Kristin Martin at: kristin.martin@westvalley.edu for a Loan Request Packet.

Special circumstances: If you didn't initially qualify for all the aid you need, be aware that some students have special circumstances that make them eligible, or increase their award. These may include:

- Changes in dependency status or family size
- Recent unemployment
- Unusually high medical bills or child care costs
- Other situations that may impact the family's ability to pay

Contact the Financial Aid office at: wvfa@westvalley.edu to request a Professional Judgment packet.

Financial Aid Application Deadlines

- Applications should be renewed each year starting October 1 - June 30, 2022.

Return of Title IV Funds

A student may owe money back to the Department of Education if he/she received federal financial aid and then withdrew before completing 60% of the semester or completed zero units at the end of the term. The federal programs include: Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), and the Federal Direct Loan Program. The College is required to determine the amount owed and to bill the student. The student has 45 days to respond. If the student fails to pay the debt, the College is required to notify the National Student Loan Data Service (NSLDS) and at that time, the student becomes ineligible for any further financial aid consideration, regardless of which school the student is attending, until the debt is paid in full.

Financial Aid Updates

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

Federal regulations have added a new element to monitor academic progress for financial aid students: Pace Quantitative Standard

Pace Quantitative Standard: Maintain a CUMULATIVE completion rate of 66.7% (2/3) of ALL attempted units and a CURRENT completion rate of 66.7% (2/3) at the end of every semester. "Completing" units is defined as receiving a grade of A, B, C, D or P. For additional information please visit westvalley.edu/financialaid/progress

Course Repeatability

Students repeating courses will be allowed to continue to benefit from financial aid based on the course repeatability regulation. Financial Aid will allow one repetition after passing the course. Passing grades are: A, B, C, D, P. Courses from which a student withdraws are not considered repeated coursework. Refer to the College's catalog for the College's course repeatability policy.

Lifetime Pell Grant Limits

Applies to all students regardless of when they received their first Pell grant. Students are eligible to receive Pell grant for up to 12 full time semesters. A student attending as a half-time (6 units) student is considered as having used half of a semester for purposes of tracking the Pell grant limits.

Unusual Enrollment History (UEH)

Unusual Enrollment History (UEH) means the student attends an institution long enough to receive (Title IV) federal student aid funds, leaves without completing the enrollment period, enrolls at another institution, and repeats the pattern of attending just long enough to collect Title IV funds without having earned any academic credits.

If selected, Financial Aid will ask for transcripts for all institutions/universities attended in the last four years. Students will also need to provide their reason(s) for jumping from school to school and submit documentation to back up their situation.

Veteran's Educational Benefits

New veterans should visit our website: westvalley.edu/veterans or contact the Veteran's Certifying Official in the Financial Aid Office, located in the Student Services Center (SSC), at least six weeks prior to the first day of school. Processing paperwork early can help avoid delay in receipt of first payment. You must bring a copy of your DD214 or 2384 (NOBE) or Certificate of Eligibility for Ch. 33 (post 911) and any documentation relating to spouse and/ or dependents. Returning veterans should allow the same amount of time for their requests. Continuing veterans should check with the Veterans Office as soon as they register each semester.



PAYING REGISTRATION FEES

Registration fees are due at the time of registration. If you are having difficulty, payment plans are available. Remember, if you can't pay by the deadline you risk being dropped from your classes. Please review payment policy, deadlines, and options at westvalley.edu/admissions/fee-schedule.html

Financial aid is always an option to cover registration fees and to assist with any other school related expenses. For more information visit westvalley.edu/services/financialaid/

