FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

UNDERGRADUATE GRANT PROGRAMS

Grants are awarded on a need basis to students demonstrating greatest financial need and, to the extent funds are available, to students with family incomes under $165,000.

Middle Class Scholarship Program

The California Student Aid Commission awards grants to eligible California resident students with total family incomes under $165,000.

UC Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan

California residents whose total family income is under $150,000 are encouraged to apply for Cal Grants.

UNDERGRADUATE SCHOLARSHIPS

UC Santa Cruz awards $38.2 million in scholarships annually to undergraduate students who have demonstrated financial need after considering all forms of aid.

Campus Merit Scholarships

Campus Merit Scholarships are awarded to undergraduate students who have demonstrated financial need, academic achievement, and demonstrated leadership.

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Non-Calfresh Scholarship

The UC Blue and Gold opportunity Plan is an annual financial aid award program that covers 100 percent of tuition and fees, as well as indirect educational expenses, for UC San Diego undergraduates.

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FINANCIAL AID ESTIMATOR

Financial Aid Estimator helps you under- stand the estimated cost of attending UC Santa Cruz. 

KATLIN

Kathleen is a freshman from Sacramento. Her father earns $69,000 a year as a teacher. Her mother is a retired insurance agent. She is the first in her family to attend college. She also received a Rotary Scholarship her senior year. Kathleen lives on campus and is a member of the Track Team. She plans to be a teacher.

Total Cost of Attendance $110,676

Options Available to Meet Net Cost

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Student Loan $1,000

Net Cost $10,676

Total Available Options to Meet Net Cost

LILY

Lily is a 27-year-old single mother with one child. She is a transfer from Santa Rosa Junior College. Although she worked part-time last year, she plans to devote full time to her studies at UC Santa Cruz. Lily has pursued her Undergraduate Bachelor of Arts degree for two years. She lives on campus and in Family Student Housing. Her total cost of attendance and aid for the year breaks down as follows:

Total Cost of Attendance $41,292

Options Available to Meet Net Cost

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Student Loan $1,000

Net Cost $11,292

Total Available Options to Meet Net Cost

TREVOR

Trevor's family makes $182,000 a year. Together they earn $142,000. Trevor has a younger brother who attends high school. Since Trevor is not a resident of California, he must pay non-resident tuition in addition to fees that are not covered by Cal Grant. Trevor plans to live on campus and attend UC Santa Cruz.

Total Cost of Attendance $114,288

Options Available to Meet Net Cost

Net Cost $11,288

Total Available Options to Meet Net Cost

Contact Us!

Phone: 831-459-4890
Financial Aid and Scholarship Office

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Prerecorded financial aid information is available Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at 831-459-4890.

www.ucsc.edu/bursar

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100% of students receive financial aid.

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HOW MUCH WILL IT COST TO ATTEND UC SANTA CRUZ?

College expenses include direct and indirect costs. Direct educational costs are known, fixed, and agreed upon in advance. For example, at the University such as tuition, fees, health insurance, and room and board. Indirect costs consist of expenses not billed to the student including books, supplies, personal expenses, and transportation. These items are based on actual costs and cannot be forecasted and charged in advance unless you are enrolled. It does not cover living expenses during breaks.

HOW DO I PAY FOR COLLEGE?

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Top 100 universities in the U.S. (U.S. News & World Report)

Students must meet basic eligibility criteria as defined by the Department of Education for the Federal Student Aid (FSAF). For more information about these requirements and how to file for FAFSA, please visit FAFSA.gov. Students who are not eligible to file the FAFSA may be eligible to apply for financial aid via the University’s Application. If they do not have an expected family contribution, they can apply for further information, visit, draw, or apply.

WHAT IF I NEED MORE HELP?

Other options for financial aid include:

- Applying for financial aid via the University’s Application.
- Applying for scholarships from other agencies.
- Reexamining the family’s financial circumstances.
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