TYPES OF FINANCIAL AID

- **Scholarships:** Awarded on the basis of academic merit combined with financial need.
- **Grants:** Awarded on the basis of financial need and do not need to be repaid.
- **Loans:** Borrowed funds repaid over a period of time, usually after you leave school and with interest.
- **Work-study:** Awarded on the basis of financial need that you may earn by working at a part-time job.

FINANCIAL AID OPPORTUNITIES

**Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan:** The University of California Blue and Gold Opportunity Plan makes college more affordable for California residents. This plan ensures that UC tuition & fees are completely covered by a combination of scholarships and grants for California residents. Families who have an annual income up to $80,000, and who meet all aid eligibility requirements, qualify.

**California Dream Act Student Financial Aid:** Students who are not eligible to file a FAFSA and who qualify for a Nonresident Supplemental Tuition exemption (AB 540) should apply for aid by completing the California Dream Act Application available at: dream.csac.ca.gov.

**Priority deadline is March 2.**

California Dream Act students are eligible for Cal Grants, UC Berkeley grants, scholarships, and loans, California Dream Loan, work-study, and external scholarships.

**Middle Class Scholarship (MCS):** The Middle Class Scholarship is for California resident undergraduates with family incomes and assets up to $171,000.

Scholarship amounts are determined by the California Student Aid Commission and are based on a sliding scale measured by family income and the other types of financial aid a student is receiving.

SEARCHING FOR SCHOLARSHIPS

**UC Berkeley Scholarships:** The University identifies eligible students with information provided on the UC Application for Admissions and Scholarships. **No separate application is required.** For more information, visit: financialaid.berkeley.edu

- **Berkeley Undergraduate Scholarships:** Awarded on the basis of academic merit and financial need.
- **Regents’ and Chancellor’s Scholarships:** Highly prestigious, renewable awards made to top entering freshmen and transfer students based on outstanding achievements, regardless of financial need.
- **Fiat Lux:** Awarded to high-achieving, resilient students from local high schools in the Bay Area, Central Coast, San Jose, Sequoia, Sacramento, and Los Angeles.

**External Scholarships:** UC Berkeley students are awarded more than $10 million annually in external scholarships. We strongly encourage every student to apply for external scholarships each year. Remember to report all external scholarships online via CalCentral.

FUND YOUR FUTURE

Financial aid helps make a world-class education at Berkeley a reality.

Visit financialaid.berkeley.edu for more information on eligibility and tips!
Submit a Cal Grant GPA Verification Form to the California Student Aid Commission by March 2.

Priority Deadline for aid applications is March 2.

FINANCIAL AID TIPS

- When applying for aid, include UC Berkeley’s federal school code 001312.
- Review your Student Aid Report (SAR) or CalSAR carefully. Make sure information you submit is correct.
- Make corrections to applications and submit requested documents as soon as possible.
- With any communication (emails, documents, and/or applications) to the financial aid office, always include your student ID number, not your Social Security number.

HELPFUL WEBSITES

- [calcentral.berkeley.edu](http://calcentral.berkeley.edu): Access and update your financial aid information, grant parent access, report external scholarships, and more.
- [financialaid.berkeley.edu/scholarship-search](http://financialaid.berkeley.edu/scholarship-search): Search and apply for external scholarships each year.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US!

Visit our website or contact Cal Student Central.

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Visit [financialaid.berkeley.edu](http://financialaid.berkeley.edu) for more information on eligibility and tips!