

Financial Aid and Scholarships

Financial Aid

Student financial aid programs are intended to provide assistance to students who do not have the necessary financial resources to meet their educational costs. Most students qualify for some type of assistance. For resources that recognize academic excellence, refer to the following information on Scholarships. Only United States citizens and eligible noncitizens can receive financial aid.

Information about all state and federal aid programs as well as some of the institutional programs is available from the Financial Aid Office, (760) 768-5507. The SDSU **Guide to Financial Aid** describes the available programs as well as the academic standards that a student must maintain in order to remain eligible for such aid. The **Guide to Financial Aid** can be accessed at <http://www.sa.sdsu.edu/fao/gfa-toc.html>.

Applying for Aid

Applicants who want to be considered for all types of state and federal financial aid should apply as soon after January 1 as possible by completing a **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**. Since new California grant program applicants must apply by March 2, we strongly encourage all applicants to apply by this date.

Applications are reviewed and awarded throughout the year based on available funding. January through May, however, is considered the optimum time period to apply for aid to receive funding at the beginning of the fall semester.

Cost of Living

San Diego State University establishes standard student budgets in coordination with The California State University system that meet federal requirements. Student budgets, updated annually to account for inflation are currently:

Costs of Attendance for the 2002-2003 Academic Year for the Imperial Valley Campus

	<i>Living off Campus</i>	<i>Commuting from Home</i>
Fees.....	\$ 1,562	\$1,562
Books and supplies	1,206	1,206
Room and board	8,149	2,988
Transportation	909	731
Personal	2,173	2,240
Total	<u>\$13,999</u>	<u>\$8,727</u>

The registration fee for a postbaccalaureate student is \$1,640 for the academic year. In addition to the registration fee, nonresident (foreign and out-of-state) students pay tuition (see Schedule of Fees section). **All fees and costs are subject to change without notice.**

Refund Policy

Information concerning the refund policy of San Diego State University for the return of unearned tuition and fees or other refundable portions of institutional charges is available from the University Cashiers Office, (760) 768-5514.

Information concerning San Diego State University policies regarding the return of unearned aid to the federal Title IV student assistance programs is available from the Financial Aid Office, (760) 768-5507.

Scholarships

Scholarships reward academic excellence and are not generally based on financial need. For financial aid not based on academic record, refer to the preceding information on Financial Aid. All students, regardless of nationality, citizenship, or residency status, are eligible, with the appropriate grade point average, to apply for scholarships.

Scholarships and Fellowships Administered by Departments

Students receive fellowships, grants, or stipends through the various departments. Federal, state, and private industry support programs of this nature are largely directed to students doing graduate work or to students preparing for some special field of work. Students who have decided on some particular area of study should check with an adviser in the department of their major to determine what fellowship, grant, or stipend support might be available to them.

Fellowships for Graduate School

As a general rule, students planning graduate work should inquire about graduate fellowship support from the graduate program to which they are applying. The San Diego State University Scholarship Office receives annual announcements on Fulbright, Marshall, Kent, Rotary, and other national fellowship programs. Since each campus is limited in the number of applications it may endorse, students interested in fellowships of this type are encouraged to discuss their applications with the Scholarship Director and with members of the University faculty members who have themselves held these fellowships. Since test scores from the Graduate Record Examinations General Test are required, students should take this examination well in advance of the deadline date for the submission of applications. Information concerning these tests may be obtained from the Assistant Dean for Student Affairs.

Graduate Equity Fellowship Program

The Graduate Equity Fellowship program provides support for economically disadvantaged graduate students, especially from groups who are underrepresented within their

respective disciplines. Only legal residents of California who can demonstrate significant financial need are eligible. Recipients must be classified graduate students and must enroll for a minimum of nine units of coursework each semester they hold the fellowship. Fellowships range from \$500 to \$4,000 for an academic year depending on demonstrated need. Students may receive awards for a maximum of two academic years but they must apply each year. Interested students should complete a Graduate Division application and the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Graduate Division application must be submitted by the end of May.

Scholarship Philosophy and Eligibility Requirements

A scholarship is a monetary award given to outstanding students to recognize them for their academic excellence, leadership, achievements and promise. They are provided by private donors, corporations, professional associations and alumni.

Undergraduate or graduate students may apply for scholarships awarded by their major department and/or the SDSU Imperial Valley Campus Scholarship Committee.

Students apply on their own initiative for the University Scholarship Program. Some scholarships listed require special applications and/or have a specific selection process.

Competition is based on outstanding academic achievement, campus and extracurricular activities, employment, and an essay. Undergraduates at the Imperial Valley Campus must have a 3.10 overall GPA or a 3.50 in the last 30 units of university work. Graduate and postbaccalaureate students must have a 3.45 overall GPA for work completed after the bachelor's degree **or**, in the absence of completed postbaccalaureate units, a 3.10 overall undergraduate GPA **or** a 3.50 in the last 30 units of university work.

Applications for the SDSU scholarship program are available in the Scholarship Office, and from community college counseling offices. You may also write or call the SDSU Scholarship Office, 720 Heber Ave., Calexico, CA 92231; telephone (760) 768-5507.

Applications are available each year during one application period, November through early February. The SDSU scholarship application must be filed or postmarked not later than the established first Monday in February deadline. Students need to submit only one application for the SDSU scholarship program. Individual results will be mailed to all applicants during June for the following academic year.

The dollar amount per scholarship is subject to change based on registration costs and investments by the Campanile Foundation. There is no limit to the number of scholarships for which a student may be considered.

In addition to SDSU scholarships, the Marshall, Fulbright, Rhodes, and Rotary scholarships are prestigious international scholarships that are given annually to students pursuing educational goals outside the United States. Eligibility standards for these scholarships are closely related to those established for the SDSU scholarship program, but application forms and deadlines are separate from the program. Students may seek advisement regarding application at the Student Affairs Office in early spring or September.

Imperial Valley Campus Scholarships

The Imperial Valley Campus students were awarded over \$38,495 in scholarships for the 2000-2001 academic year. Information and applications for scholarships are available from the Financial Aid Office. Following is a list of scholarships established at Imperial Valley Campus:

American Association of University Woman
Bertha Rosas Soroptimist International of Calexico
Calexico Educational Foundation
Calexico Unified School District Title VII Project Reap
California Correctional Peace Officer
California Eastern Star Fund
Coca Cola International Studies
Educators, SDSU-IV Campus
El Centro Rotary
General Dynamics Land Systems of Imperial Valley
Government Agencies Federal Credit Union
HACU
Lilly Endowment Inc./Hispanic Scholarship Fund
Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Lipinsky
National Hispanic
Niaz Mohamed Family
Joe Patino Family
PEO Sisterhood Chapter BS
Rotary International District #5340
Scholarship Aid Association for Lutherans, The Adult Degree Completion
SDSU-IV Campus Academic Excellence
SDSU-IV Campus Associated Students Council
International Studies
SDSU-IV Campus Book Scholarship
SDSU-IV International Programs
Tzu-Chi Foundation
Valley Independent Bank

Endowments:

Dean's
Enrique (Kiki) Camarena
Good Sport Howie
Herschel Hudson
Sally McMahon/Doves
Luis Nogales
Doug Patino
Joe Patino Family
Jerry Pennington Memorial
Ralph and Eva Pesqueira
Joe and Dorothy Rodney
Rotary International District 5340