

Information for Prospective Students and their Parents

[Tips for Prospective Students](#)

If you are planning to attend UCSB during the 2009-2010 academic year and think that you will need financial assistance, please review the information provided here.

[Financial Aid Estimator](#)

This tool will provide you with an estimate of financial aid eligibility. It uses the 2008-09 UCSB Cost of Attendance figures and generic University of California aid packaging formulas to give a range of eligibility for gift aid, self-help (loans and work) aid, and family contributions. To assist students in making decisions about what college to attend, all of the University of California Financial Aid Offices have this feature available on their websites.

[California Student Aid Commission \(CSAC\)](#)

CSAC is the principal California state agency responsible for administering the state's financial aid programs for students attending public and private universities, colleges, and vocational schools in California. Its central mission is to make education beyond high school financially accessible to all Californians.

Please visit their website for a thorough explanation of the financial aid programs CSAC administers, especially the *Cal Grant A* and *Cal Grant B* programs. You'll also find information about the *California Chafee Grant Program* for eligible foster youth and former foster youth. Finally, explore their "WebGrants for Students", a CSAC website created just for students. This website provides students with the resources, information, and tools needed to assist them with the college financial aid process.

[College.gov](#)

This is an exciting, innovative new resource created by the U.S. Department of Education. *College.gov* was designed by students for students. It provides relevant, comprehensive information about why to go, how to go, and how to pay for college or other postsecondary education programs.

Students will be engaged, informed, and inspired to create their own "roadmap" to college.

[Student Aid on the Web](#)

This is the U.S. Department of Education's site for free information on preparing for and funding education beyond high school.

Whether you're in elementary or high school, a parent, or a counselor, this site offers a wealth of information and publications. The information provided on this website will help you make informed decisions regarding all phases of a college, technical, or trade school education, and career choice.