

## Veterans Benefits

The federal and state governments have several programs available to assist veterans, spouses, and their dependents in meeting their educational objectives. For more information on veterans benefits, call (708) 709-3562.

### Types of Veterans Benefits:

- VA educational benefits for service members. In some cases, spouses and dependents of deceased or disabled veterans also may be eligible.
- Illinois Veterans Grant and Illinois National Guard Grant, which pays tuition for eligible former service members.
- The Post-9/11 Montgomery GI Bill (effective, August 1, 2009) is for individuals who received an honorable discharge after at least 90 days of aggregate service on or after September 11, 2001, or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days.
- MIA/POW Scholarship: Missing in Action/Prisoners of War is a scholarship that pays in-district tuition for eligible spouses and dependents of or deceased or disabled veterans due to service connected injuries.

## How to Apply for Prairie State College Foundation Scholarships

### Step 1. Register for classes.

Foundation scholarships are for partial costs, pending available funds.

### Step 2. File a FAFSA

The Foundation typically assists those who are not eligible for federal or state aid, but every applicant must have filed FAFSA.

### Step 3. Complete a Foundation scholarship application.

Available online at [prairiestate.edu/finaid/favascholar.html](http://prairiestate.edu/finaid/favascholar.html).

### Step 4. Return Form

Return completed application to Financial Aid.

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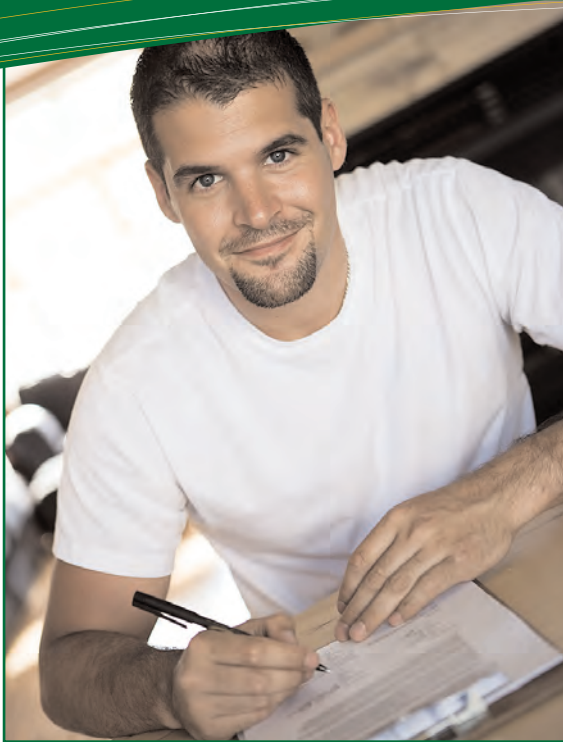
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# Financial Aid

## Paying for College

Financial aid is available to assist students in paying for college. If you need help paying for tuition, fees, books, and other expenses, you should apply for financial aid.



## Types of Assistance Available

For students who qualify, the following federal and/or state programs may provide financial assistance to help fund college expenses:

- Pell Grant
- Work Study
- MAP
- Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
- Subsidized Stafford Student Loan
- Unsubsidized Stafford Student Loan
- PLUS Loans

For more information about available assistance, contact the Financial Aid Office at (708) 709-3735.

## How to Apply for Financial Aid

### Step 1. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Apply online at [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) or via paper application. To download a paper application, visit [fafsa.ed.gov](http://fafsa.ed.gov) or call (800) 433-3243.

**Note: You must use the previous year's federal income tax forms to complete the FAFSA. The school code for PSC is 001640.**

### Step 2. Notification

If you listed PSC's school code in your FAFSA, Financial Aid (FA) will receive your report in 14 days if you applied online or four to six weeks if you submit by paper. The report is used to determine additional documents needed to process your financial aid.

### Step 3. Contact Financial Aid

Call PSC at (708) 709-3735 about 14 days after you submit your FAFSA electronically or four to six weeks if you submit by paper to verify FA received your FAFSA report. Based this report, students may need to submit additional information.

### Step 4. Complete PSC Financial Aid Application

Students must visit FA to complete a PSC Financial Aid application.

### Step 5. Award Letter

Once all required documents are submitted to FA, you will be notified of your financial aid eligibility in approximately 14 days.



## For More Information

Contact Financial Aid at (708) 709-3735 or e-mail [agarcia@prairiestate.edu](mailto:agarcia@prairiestate.edu).