

Financial Aid

Financial Aid Program

The role of the Financial Aid Office is to help eligible students pursue their educational goals. The objective is to equitably provide funds and services to eligible students and, to the extent that funds permit, not deny a student the opportunity for an education simply because of lack of money. The Financial Aid Office attempts to fill the financial gap that may exist between the cost of education and the money available to students from family, employment, savings, and other resources.

CRITERIA AND PROCEDURES FOR FINANCIAL AID.

In order to treat all students equitably, standardized budgets are established and are applied to all applicants. Typical expenses for an academic year for a California resident living with parents to attend YCCD are: State-mandated *Enrollment Fee*, \$26 per unit; *Parking Fee*, \$100; *Student Services Fee*, \$10 per semester/\$6 for Summer session; Room/Board, \$3,240; Books/Supplies, \$1,260; Personal expenses, \$2,214; Transportation expenses, \$864.

The application form to be used for most financial aid programs is the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid Program* (FAFSA). In order to determine "need" for financial aid funds, taxable and nontaxable income information is necessary. Award funds are made based on this need. Income, assets, debts, size of family, and number of family members in college are important factors considered in the calculation. This information is reported on the application form and forwarded to the central processor for further processing. Supporting documentation is required by the Financial Aid Office.

DEADLINE FOR FILING FINANCIAL AID APPLICATIONS. Applications for each academic year are available January 1st and are processed on a first-come, first-served basis. Eligible students with completed files will receive the highest award.

SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS. Students awarded financial aid funds are required, by Federal law and Yuba Community College District policy, to make satisfactory progress towards their educational goal. The specific requirements are outlined in the *Financial Aid Handbook* which is available at the Financial Aid Office. *Academic Progress* is necessary in order to continue receiving funds.

Programs Available to Yuba Community College District Students

- Scholarships. Many scholarships are available to help students to meet the cost of education. These scholarships become available through private support from individuals and organizations in the Yuba Community College District communities who have contributed to scholarship funds.

- Most scholarships are based on academic achievement; other are based on financial need. A complete listing of all scholarships offered, eligibility requirements, deadline dates, and application information is available in the scholarship handbook at the Financial Aid Office.
- Grants. Federal, State, and Institutional grant programs are available to eligible Yuba Community College District students. These funds are based on financial need criteria and paid two times per semester. Included are Federal PELL; Federal SEOG Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant; BIA (*Bureau of Indian Affairs*) Grant; E.O.P.S. (Extended Opportunity Program & Services) Grant; CARE (*Co-operative Agency Resources & Education*) Grant; CAL GRANTS B and C, and Federal.
- Work-Study. The Federal Work Study Program provides jobs for eligible students awarded FWS funds as part of their financial aid package. An award offer is not a job guarantee. The Placement Office helps eligible students locate employment. College units may also be available for this job experience; contact a counselor for more information. This popular program provides invaluable work experience and a flexible work schedule for students attending Yuba College. The CalWORKs Work-Study Program coordinates with the Federal Work Study Program on a student-by-student basis.
- Federal Stafford Loan. Student loans are available to eligible students, including subsidized and unsubsidized. The interest rate of 8% is available through many participating banks, savings and loans, and credit unions. Eligibility information and application forms are available at the Financial Aid Office.

Hope Scholarship (Tax Relief)

The Hope Scholarship is actually a tax credit, not a scholarship. Tax credits are subtracted directly from the tax which is owed, rather than reducing taxable income like a tax deduction. A family must file a tax return and owe taxes in order to take advantage of it. The Hope Scholarship credit is not refundable for families who do not pay taxes. The federal government created the Hope Scholarship to allow families the opportunity to deduct the enrollment/tuition fees paid for attending college for income tax purposes. There are federal criteria and guidelines for deducting the fees for income tax purposes; consult a tax advisor if you have questions.

At the end of each calendar year, the Yuba Community College District will mail out a statement (Form 1098T) for students who meet the required criteria and who paid for the enrollment/ tuition fees (does not apply if fees were waived or paid by another agency).

If the student is a dependent (for income tax purposes), the student must contact the Business Office, indicating the parents' name, social security number, and mailing address. The *Internal Revenue Service* requires this information be included with the student's information or the parent will not be able to deduct the fees for tax purposes. It is the student's responsibility to provide this information each calendar year since the District does not determine tax dependency.

Lifetime Learning Credit

The Lifetime Learning Credit is a tax credit. Tax credits are subtracted directly from the tax which is owed, rather than reducing taxable income like a tax deduction. A family must file a tax return and owe taxes in order to take advantage of it. The Lifetime Learning Credit is not refundable for families who do not pay taxes. The federal government created the Lifetime Learning Credit to allow families the opportunity to deduct enrollment/tuition fees for income tax purposes. There are federal criteria and

guidelines for deducting the fees for income tax purposes; consult a tax advisor if you have questions.

At the end of each calendar year, Yuba Community College District will mail out a statement (Form 1098-T) for students who meet the required criteria and who paid for the enrollment/ tuition fees (does not apply if fees were waived or paid by another agency).

If the student is a dependent (for income tax purposes), the student must contact the Business Office, indicating the parent's name, social security number, and mailing address. The *Internal Revenue Service* requires this information be included with the student's information or the parent will not be able to deduct the fees for tax purposes. It is the student's responsibility to provide this information each calendar year since the District does not determine tax dependency.

College Life

Athletics

Yuba College is a member of the *Bay Valley Conference*, *Northern California Football Conference*, *California Association of Community Colleges*, and participates in men's and women's basketball, baseball, football, men's and women's soccer, softball, tennis, track, and volleyball. (Also see "Athletic Eligibility.")

Campus Police Department

The primary jurisdiction of the Yuba Community College District Police Department includes the Yuba College campus, Woodland Community College campus and Clear Lake campus. Jurisdiction also includes other grounds or properties owned, operated, controlled, or administered on behalf of the Yuba Community College District as outlined in the California Education Code Section 72330.

The Yuba Community College District Police Department is committed to the safety and security of all students, staff, and faculty attending or visiting Yuba Community College District. We pride ourselves on the development of a community-oriented relationship with those we are sworn to protect.

The Police Department thoroughly investigates all crime reports and encourages the YCCD community

to report all crimes. The Department provides ongoing support and assistance to victims regardless of whether criminal prosecution is sought.

The Police Department is located in Unit A of Warren Hall, Building 1600, Marysville. The telephone number is 530-741-6771. An emergency telephone, which immediately summons an on-duty officer, is located at the front door of the Police Department Office (Marysville campus). The on-duty officer carries a cellular telephone which may be reached by dialing 530-870-1158.

Children in Class

Attendance in a class is limited to those students who are officially registered in accordance with State and District regulations. This includes high school students enrolled concurrently in the class. Children are prohibited from attending classes. Classes are limited in size, and no disruptions will be allowed in the classroom. In addition, the District assumes no liability for injuries that may occur to the child.

Clubs and Organizations

Clubs and organizations cater to and meet the academic, social, and political needs of a wide variety of students; they provide participation in extracurricular activities both on- and off-campus. Information concerning clubs and organizations can be obtained from either the Student Council 530-741-6808 or Campus Life 530-741-6992. Certain clubs listed below may not be active during the 2006/07 Academic Year (depends largely on student participation).

Associated Students of Yuba College
Associated Students— Clear Lake Campus
Associated Students—Woodland Community College
Auto Club Students' Association
C.A.R.E. Club
Christians in Action
E.O.P.S. Club
Inter-Club Council
Latter-Day Saints Students' Association
Mass Communication Production Group
MECHA (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan)
Native Americans Students' Association
Psychiatric Tech. Students' Association
Punjabi Heritage Students' Association
Residence Hall Association
Veterinary Technician's Association

Colors and Nickname

The College colors are Navy blue and gold. The nickname of the College teams is the "49'ers."

Conduct and Discipline

If a student's conduct violates District rules or regulations, the *Code of Conduct for Students*, or public laws, the student will be subject to one of the forms of "sanctions" included in the Code, which are:

- **Admonition.** An oral statement to a student that he or she is violating or has violated District rules or legal statutes.



A student in the Auto Shop

- **Warning.** Notice, orally or in writing, that continuation or repetition of conduct found wrongful, within a period of time stated in the Warning, may be cause for more severe disciplinary action.
- **Censure.** A written reprimand for violation of specified regulations, including the possibility of more severe disciplinary sanctions in the event of the finding in a violation of any District regulation or legal statute within a stated period of time.
- **Disciplinary Probation.** Exclusion from participation in the Financial Aid Program and/or in privileged or extracurricular District activities as set forth in the notice for a period of time not exceeding one school year; withholding of grades and/or transcripts, if on *Disciplinary Probation* due to refusal to meet financial obligation to the College, including a parking fine.
- **Restitution.** Reimbursement for damage to or misappropriation of property. This may take the form of requiring appropriate service or other compensation.
- **Suspension.** Exclusion from classes and other privileges or activities, including Financial Aid, as set forth in the notice for a definite period of time not to exceed two years; may include "Withdrawal of Consent for Student to Remain on Campus."
- **Expulsion.** Termination of student status for an indefinite period. The conditions of readmission, if any, shall be stated in the *Order of Expulsion*. A copy of the Yuba College *Code of Conduct for Students* may be obtained from the Office of the Vice President of Students.

Drama

The Theatre Arts Department aims to provide its students with basic knowledge of the theater. Courses are integrated around the central idea of learning and producing. Work in acting technique, design, costuming, makeup, lighting, technical production, and other crafts are all taught in theory and practice in the production of a variety of plays.

Dress Regulations

Yuba College students are expected to demonstrate maturity by exercising good judgment and taste in everyday attire. Whatever the student's judgment, however, every individual is required to wear shoes or bona fide street sandals in all campus buildings. (Except when covered, the competition floors of the Gymnasium require gym shoes.) Instructors in charge of field trips and/or social events have authority to enforce additional dress regulations which they deem are required for the occasion.

Drug Free School Policy

The District recognizes that substance abuse is a major health problem throughout the United States. Therefore, in order to eliminate abuse, the entire college community must be involved. The single consistent message is that substance abuse is wrong, dangerous, and will not be tolerated. **The Yuba District has a “zero tolerance” policy ; all campuses and centers are to be alcohol and drug free.**

It is the stated policy of the Yuba District to implement a comprehensive substance abuse strategy that will work more effectively in combating potential drug use and use of drugs by students. The policy sets forth procedures that not only expose students to awareness of the dangers of drugs and alcohol, but also encourages each individual to act to prevent the sale and use of drugs.

The following program principles have been adopted to implement this policy:

- The *Student Code of Conduct*, supported by *Education Code* Section 60041, prohibits the unlawful possession, use, or distribution of illicit drugs and/or alcohol by students on its property or as part of any of its activities.
- Information regarding applicable legal sanctions under local, State, and Federal law for the unlawful possession or distribution of illicit drugs and/or alcohol is available to all students through the Yuba College Campus Police Department, the Yuba College Campus Student Health Office, and the Executive Dean's office for other campuses/centers.
- Educational materials regarding health risks associated with the use of illicit drugs and the abuse of alcohol are made available to all students through the Student Health Office. More in depth information is available through the Chemical Dependency Program courses.
- Information regarding resources for drug or alcohol counseling and treatment are available through the Student Health Office.
- The Vice President of Student Services' Office will keep records of all disciplinary actions and evaluate consistency of all enforcement.

Music

The department of Music provides a stimulating environment nurturing discovery, development, and recognition of the creative spirit. Offering a core curriculum of music history, music theory, applied music, piano, both vocal and instrumental performing ensembles, the Music major or minor may fulfill all necessary course work for transfer. Also available are music education classes, class piano, voice, and instrumental classes for all students who are interested.

Selective Service Registration - MEN

By law, virtually ALL MEN must register at age 18. The *Selective Service Registration Program* allows the government to keep an accurate list of names and addresses for young men, 18 through 25 years old. In a national emergency requiring expansion of our Armed Forces, the list would be used to call men for possible military service. By registering all young men, the *Selective Service System* makes sure a future draft will be fair. If you do not register, you could be prosecuted and fined up to \$250,000 and/or be put in jail for up to five years. Registration is also required to qualify for Federal student financial aid, job training benefits, and most Federal employment. The *Selective Service Registration Form* may be obtained from the Yuba College Registration Office or from your local post office.

Smoking Policy

Smoking, or *other use of tobacco*, is prohibited within all Yuba Community College District buildings, including restrooms, dining areas, classrooms, laboratories, library, gymnasium, offices, and the College Theatre, along with any other interior building area, including quads. Smoking is permitted on the Campuses in outside open areas and designated areas in the residence halls. Smokers are encouraged to deposit cigarettes, ashes, and matches in receptacles to maintain a refuse-free Campus.

In the interest of public health, Woodland Community College is a tobacco-free campus effective August 18, 2003. Use of any form of tobacco is prohibited at all times in the following areas:

- 1.1 On all grounds and in all buildings of the Woodland Community College Campus.
 - 1.2 In or on any space, building, or classroom leased or rented by the college.
 - 1.3 In all vehicles owned or leased by the college.
- This policy and these regulations apply to employees, students, visitors, and other persons who enter any Woodland Community College facility as described in paragraph one.



The 2005/06 YCCD Board of Trustees

Student Activities

Believing that a variety of outside-of-class activities will give students an opportunity to develop their personalities and broaden their social lives under wholesome conditions, Yuba College conducts a carefully planned, faculty-sponsored activities program. Clubs, Associated Students of Yuba College, class and departmental organizations, publications, music and drama activities, and traditional events offer a wide and interesting field for student participation. Those opportunities for enjoyable participation in a program which stimulate social and individual development comprise one of the advantages of campus life at Yuba College. Every student is urged to engage in activities insofar as academic responsibilities permit.

STUDENT COMPLAINTS

The Board of Trustees authorizes the administration to develop regulations and procedures to equitably resolve a student's complaint that his/her status or privileges as a student have been adversely affected by a College decision or action.

The regulations and procedures developed by the administration will follow these general principles:

1. A complaint cannot be anonymous, and the complaint must be filed within 30 days of the incident addressed in the complaint.
2. This procedure has no jurisdiction over complaints for which separate legal processes are in existence as provided by law.
3. The procedures should ensure that all participants shall respect the rights of all other parties, maintain confidentiality of the participants and nature of the complaint, and refrain from indiscriminate or inappropriate discussion of the case. Such discussion might endanger due process as well as the integrity of all participants by fostering rumor and prejudice.

It is not the intent of this policy to infringe upon the academic freedom or legal right of the faculty, staff, or the student.

Student Complaints Involving Faculty or other Staff Members

A student who feels that he or she has been treated wrongly by faculty or other staff member (while performing his or her duties on or off-campus during an official college activity) and who seeks to remedy the situation, is advised to follow the procedures below. These procedures are to provide for due process and a remedy for the basis of the complaint:

1. Complaints Pertaining to Academic Matters

- If the basis for the complaint is an academic matter, such as: grading standards, scores on assignments, laboratory procedures, skills performance, or other areas directly related to course content and requirements, the student SHOULD meet informally with staff member and attempt to resolve the complaint.
- If the basis for the complaint is an academic matter as described above, and the student has met informally with the staff member in an attempt to resolve the complaint and the student is not satisfied with the results and wishes to pursue the complaint further, he or she then MUST meet with the immediate supervisor of the staff member (usually the Associate Dean of a Division) and advise this person of the complaint. The immediate supervisor will further pursue an informal remedy to the complaint.
- In the event that informal attempts to resolve the complaint through the supervisor of the staff person are unsuccessful, the student may file a formal written complaint. The supervisor must respond to the formal complaint in writing within 30 working days.
- If the remedy stated in the reply to the written formal complaint is objectionable to the student, he or she may send objections in written form to the Superintendent/ President



2. Complaints Pertaining to Alleged Mistreatment

- If the basis for the complaint is mistreatment by a staff member, but is not “ALLEGED UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION OR SEXUAL HARASSMENT”, the student SHOULD meet with the staff member and try to resolve the complaint informally. If the student has deep concerns and does not wish to meet informally with the staff member, he or she must meet with the supervisor of the staff member and pursue an informal remedy to the complaint.
- If the complaint is not resolved informally through the supervisor, the student has the option to file a written complaint on Complaint Form A as described above. The written formal complaint will then be processed as described above.
- If the complaint is an “ALLEGED UNLAWFUL DISCRIMINATION COMPLAINT” in relation to ethnic group identification, religion, age, sex (INCLUDING SEXUAL HARASSMENT), marital status, color, or physical or mental ability, the Discrimination Form is to be used. These forms are available in the offices of the Vice President of Student Services and the Associate Dean of Student Activities, and the procedures described on that form will be followed.

STUDENT GOVERNMENT/A.S.Y.C.

The Associated Students of Yuba College is the title of the official organization which controls student affairs, under the guidance of the Assistant Superintendent/Vice President of Student Services. The Student Council, the governing body of the Associated Students of Yuba College, provides services and social activities for students and represents students' views and interests to the administration and Board of Trustees through participation on the Governing Board and District committees.

TAPE RECORDER USE

The use of tape recorders in classrooms requires the instructor's permission. If a tape recorder is required as a result of a disability, the student should contact the Disabled Student Programs and Services for details.



The Associated Students held a Valentines Day Bake Sale



Celebrating at graduation 2005