# **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

# Student Fees Enrollment Fees

All students enrolling in credit classes are required to pay enrollment fees. The current enrollment fee is \$46 per unit, but is subject to change without prior notice.

The California College Promise Grant (CCPG) Fee Waiver is available to qualified California residents and AB540 students. A \$5.00 processing fee will be charged for all refunds. NO processing fee will be charged for canceled classes or refund of optional fees if requested within the current semester by the deadline to receive a refund of fees.

Note: Students who receive General Assistance, TANF, SSI or who are low income may apply for a fee waiver. See the Financial Aid section of the catalog for more information.

#### **Accident Insurance Fee**

All students are required to pay an Accident Insurance Fee of \$1 per semester when they register for courses. The fee is applicable to students auditing a course. The policy provides secondary insurance coverage for injuries and accidents, not illnesses, sustained by a registered student while involved in a class or other college sponsored activity. This fee is non-refundable once the term begins. All accidents should be reported immediately to your instructor and the Risk Management Services office. A copy of the policy is available from the Facilities Services and Risk Management Services offices in Bldg. 4100, (707) 256-7584.

#### **Student Health Services Fee**

Students taking more than 3 units in Fall and Spring are required to pay a semester health services fee of \$23. Students taking 3 or fewer units in Fall and Spring are required to pay a semester health services fee of \$13. Students taking any number of units in Summer are required to pay a semester health services fee of \$12. Students taking only off-campus training classes which do not exceed a total of 40 hours of class time will be exempt from paying the fee.

Please note: Only students who depend exclusively upon prayer for healing may request a refund of the Student Health Services Fee. The refund form is available at the Student Health Center located in Building 2250.

This fee is non-refundable once the semester begins.

#### **Student Representation Fee**

All credit students are required to pay a \$2 Student Representation Fee to the Associated Students of Napa Valley College (ASNVC), the student governing body. ASNVC officers may represent students' views at city, county and district governments, as well as state legislative offices and other government agencies. This fee is non-refundable once the semester begins.

Students may refuse to pay this fee for religious, political, financial, or moral reasons. This fee will be used so that students may represent students' views and positions at city, county and district governments, as well as state legislative offices and other government agencies. For more details, contact ASNVC at (707) 256-7340.

#### **Materials Fee**

Specific courses may require a materials fee in addition to the course cost per unit to cover the cost of materials used in these courses. The course materials fee is listed in the information section of the class schedule and may be subject to change from term to term. Non-payment of materials fees may result in being dropped from the class.

Please note: Financial Aid does not cover the cost of materials fees.

#### **NON-RESIDENT & INTERNATIONAL TUITION FEES**

Students who are Non-residents of California (with the exception of AB540 students) and International Students are required by the state to pay both the non-resident fee of \$446.00 per unit and the Capital Outlay fee of \$28 per unit (totaling \$474 per unit) in addition to the enrollment fee. These fees are subject to change without prior notice.

The estimated costs for an academic year are as follows:

\$12,480	Tuition and fees based on 24 units minimum required for F1 visa student.
\$11,156	Food and housing (based on home stay)
\$1,200	Books and other educational expenses
\$1,751	Transportation
\$3,503	Miscellaneous and personal
\$1,000	Mandatory medical insurance (fall and spring/summer)
\$31,090	Total

### **Appealing Fees**

Students who wish to appeal Enrollment Fee decisions must file a Petition (https://www.napavalley.edu/admissions-and-aid/admissionsand-records/forms.html) for Late Add/Drop by the end of the term in which the fee is charged. Students who are unable to apply for a refund prior to the deadline due to personal illness or injury may petition for a drop date change. Petitions must include documentation of the circumstances which warrant approval of a late refund. Any petition without documentation attached will automatically be denied.

Forms for this petition can be obtained through the Admissions and Records Office located in Building 1300 or online on the Admissions and Records page under Admissions & Records Forms. More information concerning these appeals can be obtained through the Admissions and Records Office in Building 1300 or by calling (707) 256-7200.

### **Enrollment Fee Refunds**

It is the responsibility of the enrolled student to drop their class(es) online through Self-Service or by submitting a "Drop Card" at the Admissions and Records Office no later than the last day to drop a class without a "W", as specified in the Registration Calendar. For class cancellations and classes dropped by "Last Day to drop with a refund", a student's enrollment and tuition fees will be adjusted accordingly once the cancellation or drop has been processed. Refunds for students who have received a Credit Waiver or CA College Promise Grant Fee Waiver to help pay the enrollment fee will be returned to the appropriate district account. Please note that late-starting classes will have a different refund date. For more information, contact the Cashier's Office at (707) 256-7188.

#### **Processing of Refunds**

All refunds processed (excluding canceled classes and refunds of optional fees) are charged a \$5 processing fee per student per semester. Refunds are processed approximately six weeks after the last day to add and to the student whose name appears on the enrollment receipt, regardless of who paid the fees. Refund checks will be mailed to the student's address that appears in their student record. When applicable, credit card payments can only be refunded to the original credit card charged within 30 days of original payment. Address changes cannot be processed by the Cashier's Office. Please notify the Admissions and Records Office with any address changes to ensure that you receive your refund check in a timely manner.

#### **Non-Resident & International Student Refunds**

For processing of refunds, review the section above. To determine the amount of the tuition fees for non-resident and international students to be refunded, please refer to the following schedule:

Drop Date Request Submitted:	Regular Semester	Summer Session
During the first two weeks of instruction	100%	100%
Third week of instruction	50%	25%
Fourth week of instruction	25%	0%
After fourth week of instruction	0%	0%

For more information, please refer to the Tuition and Fees information (https://www.napavalley.edu/admissions-and-aid/tuition-and-fees.html) on the Napa Valley College website or use the Net Price Tuition Calculator (https://misweb.cccco.edu/npc/241/npcalc.htm).

Reference: BP/AP 5030 (http://go.boarddocs.com/ca/nvccd/Board.nsf/ goto/?open&id=BP4T93763811)

# **Financial Aid**

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### **Our Mission**

The mission of NVC Financial Aid programs is to promote student access and success by providing academic support and financial assistance to eligible students who want to pursue higher education.

As a result of participating in one or more of the Financial Aid, EOPS, or related programs, students will:

- Possess communication and social skills to success fully interact with family, friends and in the community;
- Integrate self-management skills that promote confidence, personal responsibility and active participation in any environment;
- Apply appropriate job seeking and employment retention skills in the ever-changing world of work;
- Develop collaborative relations that are respectful of diversity and individual differences;
- Discern, analyze, evaluate, and solve problems in all aspects of their lives; and

• Possess an esteemed sense of self and identity with confidence in one's heritage, upbringing, and personal characteristics.

Reference: BP/AP 5130 (http://go.boarddocs.com/ca/nvccd/Board.nsf/ goto/?open&id=BGGRRY6F52A5)

#### Eligibility

Financial aid eligibility begins with an assessment of a family's ability to contribute to the cost of education. Based on information provided on the FAFSA or CADAA, the Student Aid Index (SAI) is calculated. This amount determines eligibility for financial aid. The FAFSA is to be completed by students who are US Citizen or eligible non-citizens. The CADAA is to be completed by students who are AB540 Eligible Dreamer or DACA. AB540 Eligible Dreamer or DACA are not eligible for Federal Title IV financial aid; they will be considered for state financial aid.

The FAFSA is processed by the U.S. Department of Education. The CADAA is processed by the California Student Aid Commission. The FAFSA Processing System (FPS) uses data provided by the applicant and contributors on the FAFSA form to determine Max or Min Pell Gran eligibility and calculate the Student Aid Index (SAI). The SAI formulas use income, assets, and the number of persons in the family size for the award year.

If you and/or your family have special circumstances such as significant loss of income or expenses that may affect your financial aid eligibility, please contact the Financial Aid Office to inquire about the process to file a Special Circumstances for an Income Adjustment. If you are a dependent student but have unusual circumstances as to why you cannot provide your parental information on the FAFSA, please contact the Financial Aid office to inquire about the process to file an Unusual Circumstance for Dependency Override.

In determining eligibility, students may be asked to provide additional documents such as high school transcript, Federal Tax Return or IRS Tax Return transcripts, untaxed income verification, etc.

Students enrolling in a program of study abroad approved for credit at NVC may be eligible for financial aid. Students are encouraged to contact the Financial Aid Office early in their planning process.

In order to qualify for Federal financial aid, students must:

- Be a regular student enrolled in a financial aid eligible program leading to a degree or certificate;
- · Be in good academic standing;
- · Demonstrate financial need;
- · Be a U.S. citizen, or eligible non-citizen;
- Not be in default on any loan or owe a repayment on any grant made under any Title IV program;
- · Have a Social Security number; and
- · Have a high school diploma or recognized equivalent.

State financial aid including the CalGrant, Student Success Completion Grant, California College Promise Grant (CCPG) and the NVC Promise Program are available to students who meet the AB 540 criteria. More information is available in the Financial Aid web page.

#### **Expenses**

The following budget offers a guideline of expenses for a school year at NVC:

#### Estimated 9-Month Standard Budget - At home with parents

Tuition and Fees	\$1,340
Books and Supplies	\$1,089
Food and Housing	\$11,835
Transportation	\$1,818
Personal/Miscellaneous	\$4,140
Total	\$20,222

#### **ESTIMATED 9-MONTH STANDARD BUDGET - off campus**

Tuition and Fees	\$1,340
Books and Supplies	\$1,089
Food and Housing	\$22,752
Transportation	\$1,989
Personal/Miscellaneous	\$5,067
Total	\$32,237

Estimated 9-month standard budget - on campus			
Tuition and Fees	\$1,340		
Books and Supplies	\$1,089		
Food and Housing	\$20,295		
Transportation	\$1,251		
Personal/Miscellaneous	\$3,285		
Total	\$27,260		

Any student or parent who would like to discuss detailed expenses should contact the Financial Aid/EOPS Office, Building 1100, Room 1132 at (707) 256-7301.

# **Applying for Financial Aid**

Students must apply for financial aid each year. The priority application period is October 1st through March 2nd for the following academic year; however, applications are available throughout the year. It is a good idea to plan ahead as the process is lengthy.

#### Step 1: Apply for Financial Aid

- Complete the **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at StudentAid.gov (https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa/) if you are a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen; OR
- Complete the **CADAA** (CA Dream Act Application) if you are an AB540 eligible Dreamer or DACA at https://dream.csac.ca.gov/.

Links to these applications may also be found on the Financial Aid web page (http://www.napavalley.edu/admissions-and-aid/financial-aid/) by selecting "Financial Aid Applications."

#### Step 2: Apply for Admissions to NVC (if not yet completed)

Complete the CCCApply (https://www.opencccapply.net/gateway/apply/? cccMisCode=241) application for admission to college. Be sure to provide your social security number (if applicable), legal name, current mailing address, and email addresses. Your financial aid application will not be processed until you have completed the application for admissions to NVC.

#### Step 3: Check the Status of Your Application and Submit Missing Documents

NVC should receive your financial aid application about 1 week after you submit it to the online processing center. An email will be sent to your NVC Student Email Address from Financial Aid after we have received your application. Complete the financial aid application process:

- · Login to MyNVC and click on "Financial Aid Self Service".
- Click on "Complete required documents" to determine what additional information you (and your parents if applicable) must submit to complete your financial aid file. Click the link under the missing item to open the form or process you need to complete.
- Return any required documents to the Financial Aid Office electronically through DocuSign as soon as possible. Your financial aid application will not be processed for awards if you have missing or incomplete documents.
- Average processing time is 6-8 weeks after you have submitted all required documents. Peak processing time may be 8-12 weeks or longer.

Forms (http://www.napavalley.edu/admissions-and-aid/financial-aid/ forms.html) are also available online on the Financial Aid website.

#### Step 4: Choose Your Financial Aid Refund Option (Payment Options)

• Watch for <u>a bright green BankMobile envelope</u> in the mail or an email from Bank Mobile to your NVC Student Email Address after your financial aid file is complete. NVC has partnered with BankMobile to provide electronic options for financial aid refunds (disbursement) to students. You must use the personal access code provided in your green envelope or email to login to BankMobile and choose how you want to receive your money.

#### Step 5: Review Your Awards and Offer Letter

- When your file is complete, NVC will send you an offer notification email. You may view your awards and print your offer letter in MyNVC Financial Aid Self-Service at any time.
- CA College Promise Grants (CCPG) (formerly known as the Board of Governors Fee Waiver) is a waiver which pays the CA resident enrollment fees. The CCPG is awarded to eligible students before your file is complete. All other financial aid grants, work study, and loans are awarded AFTER you complete your financial aid file.
- Financial aid refunds are paid on regularly scheduled payment dates. See Important Payment Information (http://www.napavalley.edu/ admissions-and-aid/financial-aid/payment-info.html) for more information.

#### Awards

Priority for financial aid funding is given to students who demonstrate the highest need. Applications will be accepted throughout the academic year, and awards will be made throughout the year as long as funds are available.

# **Financial Aid Disbursement**

The Federal Pell Grant is disbursed twice each semester. Federal SEOG, EOPS Grant, CARE Grant, Cal Grant B, Cal Grant C, SSCG and other grants are disbursed once each semester. Federal Direct Loans are disbursed in two payments during the eligible loan enrollment period. Loan payment dates vary by individual borrower eligibility and may require supplemental documentation prior to each disbursement. Financial aid refunds are processed on regularly scheduled payment dates throughout the academic year. For more information see Important Payment Information (http://www.napavalley.edu/admissions-and-aid/financial-aid/paymentinfo.html) on the Financial Aid web page.

Students may choose one of two ways to receive their grant and loan funds:

- 1. Electronically deposited to a student's personal Bank account.
- 2. Electronically deposit to the Bank Mobile Vibe account.

Federal and District Work Study checks are issued at the end of each month, based on the number of hours worked during the pay period, and are direct deposited into the student's bank account (if applicable) or mailed to students.

#### **Repayment Regulations**

Students who receive financial aid payments are subject to repayment rules as outlined by the federal government. A student who withdraws, drops out, or receives all failing grades (F, NC, NP, W) at the end of the term may be required to repay all or part of any financial aid funds received

Students who owe a repayment of financial aid funds will be ineligible to receive additional aid at this or any college until the student makes satisfactory arrangements for repayment. Students may have their repayment reduced or canceled if they attend an academic related activity or re-enroll and complete at least 1.0 unit during the term from which they withdrew. Students who owe a repayment of federal financial aid will be referred to the Department of Education for collection. Contact the Financial Aid/EOPS Office for more information.

### **Financial Aid for Non-Standard or Clock Hour Programs**

A "non-standard program" for financial aid purposes is a program with courses that extend over more than one semester or programs that must be measured in clock hours for Federal/ State approval or licensure. If enrolled in a non-standard program, financial aid will be prorated based on the length of the program and the number of units or hours earned. Financial aid disbursements for non-standard programs may be paid at different intervals than payments for semester-based, credit programs. Students attending non-standard programs may be required to verify attendance and the number of hours and weeks completed in the program prior to receiving financial aid payments. Contact the Financial Aid/EOPS Office at (707) 256-7301 for more information.

The following financial aid eligible programs have been identified as "non-standard" at NVC:

• EMT-P. Paramedic

# **Financial Aid Programs and Grants** Grants

The California College Promise Grant (formerly Board of Governor's Enrollment Fee Waiver - BOGW) is available to students in need of enrollment fee assistance. To be eligible, a student must be a California resident or eligible under AB540 criteria (as of January 1, 2013), and:

- Complete the FAFSA and be determined eligible (most common method) or the California Dream Act application for AB540 students; or
- Be a recipient of Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income (SSI) or General Assistance, or
- · Meet special classification standards; or
- · Meet the following income standards.

2025-2026 California College Promise Grant (CCPG) Income Standards

Family Size	Total 2023 Family Income
1	\$22,590 or less
2	\$30,660 or less
3	\$38,730 or less
4	\$46,800 or less
5	\$54,870 or less
6	\$62,940 or less
7	\$71,010 or less
8	\$79,080 or less
	(Add \$8,070 for each additional family member)

**NVC PROMISE Program** -The Napa Valley College (NVC) Promise Scholarship is a 2-year program available to eligible full-time students, regardless of family income, who:

- Are or will be attending NVC who have never received the NVC Promise Scholarship; or
- Are or will be attending NVC who received the first year of the NVC Promise Scholarship the previous academic year, and are applying for a second year; and
- Are California residents (or AB540 eligible) for tuition purposes with Admissions & Records; and
- · Have not already earned an Associate Degree or higher.

Students who attended college as high school students (dual-enrollment) are considered to be first-time college freshmen after high school graduation and are eligible for this program

The NVC Promise provides the following benefits for the first and second year.

- · Grant and/or scholarship to pay enrollment and other covered fees.
- · Reduced cost of parking permits.
- Exemption from the Pay-to-Stay requirement.

The NVC Promise Scholarship Application (https://www.napavalley.edu/ admissions-and-aid/financial-aid/nvc-promise.html) and information is available online. Students must complete the FAFSA or CADAA and the NVC Promise Scholarship Application each academic year to apply or renew their application to determine eligibility.

**Federal Pell Grants** of up to \$7,395 per academic year are available to eligible students. This federal aid program is designed to provide assistance to those who demonstrate financial need while attending college. Students must submit the FAFSA each year to determine eligibility.

**Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)** of \$600 per academic year from federal funds may be available for Pell Grant eligible students who have financial need. Priority is given to students with a Student Aid Index (SAI) less than or equal to zero.

**Cal Grant Awards** are available to students who meet specific criteria and apply by March 2nd each year. Entitlement grants are awarded to high school seniors and students who graduated from high school the previous year. Competitive grants are awarded to students who are not eligible for an entitlement grant and who meet specific scoring criteria. California Community College students who missed the March 2nd deadline may apply for additional Cal Grant consideration. The deadline to apply is September 2nd. There are three types of awards available:

- Cal Grant A Awards are available to students who will attend a 4year California college or university, but will be held in reserve for a community college student until they transfer.
- Cal Grant B Awards are available to students from low-income households and average up to \$1,648 per year. This award may be used at both California Community Colleges and at four-year California colleges or universities.
- Cal Grant C Awards of up to \$1,094 per year for training related costs are available to students pursuing a vocationally-oriented course of study of no more than 2 years in length.

**Student Success Completion Grant (SSCG)** awards of up to \$8,000 annually are given to Cal Grant B and C recipients who are enrolled at least full time (12 or more units). Students enrolled between 12 units to 14.5 units of course work required for their declared program of study are eligible for up to \$1,298 per semester. Students enrolled in a minimum of 15 units of course work required for their declared program of study are eligible for up to \$4,000 per semester. The intent of the program is to support student persistence, retention and success by providing students with additional assistance in order to complete their program with "scheduled timeframes". Beginning Fall 2024, students in the DSPS program may be considered full-time for the SSCG if enrolled in 9 units , and are certified as full-time at 9 units by their DSPS Counselor.

**CHAFEE Grants** of up to \$5,000 are available to current or former foster youth who have not reached their 26th birthday as of July 1 of the award year. Contact the Financial Aid Office at (707) 256-7301 for additional information.

**Bureau of Indian Affairs Grants** are available to students who are at least one-quarter Native American. These grants provide supplemental funds for educational expenses. Contact the Bureau of Indian Affairs at (916) 978-4329 or the local tribal council for application information.

**CARE Grants** are available for single parent EOPS students receiving CalWORKs/TANF to help pay for books, transportation, and child care. Support services to assist students in meeting their goals are part of the program.

**Extended Opportunity Programs and Services Grants (EOPS)** are available to eligible EOPS students with financial need. Additional support services are available through the EOPS program.

### Work Study Program

The Work Study Program at Napa Valley College allows eligible students to gain valuable work experience and earn money while attending school. A work study award is a form of "self-help" financial aid that provides employment opportunities for students who need financial assistance in order to meet college expenses. Work study jobs are limited to a maximum of 20 hours per week but usually have flexible hours to accommodate a student's academic schedule. Jobs are not guaranteed and eligibility to work must be renewed each academic year. Students interested in the Work Study Program need to register for the Work Study Waitlist (https://www.napavalley.edu/admissions-and-aid/financial-aid/work-study.html) each academic year. As positions become available, students who registered for the Waitlist will be contacted.

#### **Student Eligibility**

- Enroll at Napa Valley College in an eligible program leading to a degree or certificate.
- Be a U.S. Citizen or eligible non-citizen

- Meet and maintain Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (https://www.napavalley.edu/admissions-and-aid/financial-aid/ policies.html) standards.
- Must enroll and maintain at least 6 units per semester.

<u>International students</u> may work in a district work study job on campus, if a job is available, and may work a maximum of 20 hours per week. Students must present a F1 visa passport, I-94, Social Security Card, and approval from the International Student Advisor (I-20) prior to employment. To be eligible, an international student must:

- · Maintain their F-1 visa status.
- · Be enrolled in at least 12 units each semester.
- Meet and maintain Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (https://www.napavalley.edu/admissions-and-aid/financial-aid/ policies.html) standards.

Federal Work Study (FWS)—Federal Work Study is a federally funded program available to students who submit the FAFSA or CADAA and demonstrate financial need. FWS funding is limited, so not all students who receive a work study award will be able to work.

*District Work Study* - Napa Valley College (NVC) provides a limited amount of District funding for the work study program and is designed to extend part-time employment opportunities to students who need financial assistance in order to meet college expenses.

*CalWORKs Work Study* funds are allocated to provide paid work opportunities that will enable CalWORKs students to meet CalWORKs work requirements while pursuing an educational program, to provide students with work experience that will make them more marketable when they finish their educational program, and to provide them with an additional source of income within the requirements of the CalWORKs program. If you are a participant in the CalWORKs program, please contact your CalWORKs Counselor or Advisor in the Financial Aid/EOPS Office for assistance. Must set up an intake appointment with the NVC CalWORKs counselor to determine eligibility.

More information is available online at Financial Aid (napavalley.edu) (https://www.napavalley.edu/admissions-and-aid/financial-aid/).

#### Loans

Federal Direct Loans are available to eligible students who have completed the financial aid application process. These loans have a low interest rate and are repayable six months after the borrower ceases to be a half-time student. Loan applications are available in September of the fall semester with an application deadline in April. Additional Direct Loan information is available at the Financial Aid/EOPS Office or online (https://www.napavalley.edu/admissions-and-aid/financial-aid/ federal-direct-loans.html). (http://www.napavalley.edu/studentaffairs/ FinancialAid/Pages/default.aspx)

### **Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress**

The complete Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy is available in the Financial Aid/EOPS Office and on their website (https:// www.napavalley.edu/admissions-and-aid/financial-aid/policies.html). (http://www.napavalley.edu/studentaffairs/FinancialAid/Pages/ default.aspx)

Each recipient of Financial Aid at Napa Valley College (NVC) must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress in order to remain eligible for aid. Financial Aid refers to all federal, state, and local funds administered by the Financial Aid/EOPS Office. Satisfactory Academic Progress means the completion of the minimum number of units required by federal, state, and local guidelines, a 2.0 GPA, and progress towards completing an eligible degree or certificate.

It is the responsibility of all financial aid recipients to understand the terms and conditions of the NVC Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy in order to maintain their eligibility to receive aid.

Three standards are used for the assessment of Satisfactory Academic Progress:

- GPA, or required minimum grade point average. Students are required to maintain a 2.0 minimum cumulative GPA. The GPA will include all aided and unaided terms at NVC.
- 2. Pace, or required minimum completion rate. The minimum pace rate is 67% of all cumulative units attempted. Pace is the rate at which a student completes requirements for their educational goal and is calculated by dividing the number of cumulative units completed by the number of cumulative units attempted. Remedial and ESL units do count when calculating Pace for SAP.
- 3. Timeframe, or maximum number of attempted units the student is allowed to reach his/her educational objective. The maximum timeframe is 150% of the published length of the student's declared program. Timeframe includes transfer units and all aided and unaided terms of attendance. Students pursuing an AA/AS degree or transfer program are expected to complete their academic program at the end of 90 units. Students enrolled in a Certificate program are expected to complete their academic program in the equivalent of 150% of the published units required for completion.

A recipient may be required to repay all or part of the funds received if he/she withdraws from all units during a semester or completes all units with "F," "NP," "I," and/or "W" grades. If this occurs, the student may be required to repay all or part of the funds received. Students who have a cumulative GPA of less than a 2.0, pace rate below 67%, or who have exceeded the allowable timeframe may be disqualified from Financial Aid.

Students experiencing academic difficulties are encouraged to use the college's support services to maintain satisfactory academic progress and to remain in good standing. Students who fail to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress standards may have their aid disqualified. Documented extenuating circumstances that adversely affect academic performance (e.g., illness, family problems) will be considered through an appeal process.

Financial aid may be denied for any one of the following reasons:

- 1. Student fails to meet SAP standards.
- 2. Student has already completed an AA/AS degree, vocational certificate, BA/BS degree or higher, or 90 semester units.
- Student cannot mathematically finish the declared program of study with the required cumulative GPA and pace within the allotted timeframe.
- 4. Student has already received 6 or more full-time equivalent years of Federal Pell Grant.
- 5. Student changes major multiple times.
- 6. Students on NVC dismissal (no appeal while on dismissal).

Students in the above categories will be required to submit a financial aid appeal to be considered for financial aid at NVC. The appeal process requires that academic transcripts from all prior schools be on file in

the Admissions and Records Office and evaluated for educational plan development. All appeal decisions are final and incontestable.

## **VETERANS BENEFITS**

Veterans Services provides student support services to all NVC veteran students and veterans dependents. Program services are organized around two key areas:

- 1. One-on-one academic counseling for veterans that includes academic and university transfer advisement, career and goal planning, and guidance on balancing academic and personal life.
- Benefits advising for veterans, reservists, guard, and dependents
  of veterans on completing and filing VA claim forms for federal and
  state education assistance programs, including assistance with
  special procedures for veterans' priority registration and dependents'
  CalVet College Fee Waiver program.

Various federal and state agencies determine eligibility for veterans benefits for both student veterans and veterans' dependents. Students who intend to use VA educational benefits must contact the Veterans Services Office each semester to complete all necessary forms. It may take the VA four to eight weeks to process the documents for benefits, and students should plan accordingly. Those seeking four-year degrees are advised to keep track of their entitlement and anticipate any funding limitations.

Attendance - Federal regulation states that students using Veterans Affairs (VA) education benefits must follow the certifying institution's attendance policy. See sections of the catalog regarding NVC attendance requirements for details. Students not following the set attendance policy will become ineligible to receive full or partial VA benefits for the semester in question.

*Verification of Continued Enrollment* – Students who are using their Veterans Education benefits may be required to verify attendance with the Veterans Administration each month for continuation of benefits throughout the semester. Contact Veterans Services for more information.

Veterans Satisfactory Academic Progress - Federal regulations state that NVC is required to report a termination of Veterans Affairs benefits for any veteran or eligible person who is subject to dismissal. See sections of the catalog regarding college probation and dismissal for details. Payment of educational assistance allowance to a student terminated for unsatisfactory progress may resume at NVC once the student has been reinstated after dismissal.

# OTHER AID AND BENEFITS Scholarships

Scholarships ranging from \$500 to \$5,000, are awarded each year to students through an online application process overseen by the NVC Office of Financial Aid in partnership with the Napa Valley College Foundation. Annual workshops, along with individual assistance are provided to help students with the application process. All students are encouraged to apply. Applications are accepted from November through February for the following academic year. For more information contact the Financial Aid/EOPS Office at (707) 256-7301.