

Financial Aid Campus Based Programs (FSEOG & FWS) Policy

Each academic award year San Bernardino Valley College is allocated a certain amount of campus based funding intended to assist students who are attending institutions of higher education to help pay for educational costs. Students must meet general eligibility criteria and be enrolled in at least half time status. To ensure compliance with federal regulations, this policy outlines the criteria for each campus based program to ensure students are awarded consistently over the entire award year.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

The Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) is a federal grant program designed to assist undergraduate students who have demonstrated the greatest financial need, with priority for those who are Pell Grant eligible. Students who apply early have the greatest opportunity for this award as these funds are limited.

Eligible Students

All financial aid applications for the 2015-2016 award year will be categorized within the following sub-groupings for prioritizing the FSEOG awards. If funds are still available after all students in Group One have been awarded, then students in Group Two will be awarded next and then Group Three.

Priority Group One – Students who:

- Have the lowest Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) calculation; and
- Are Pell recipients; and
- Submitted a FAFSA by the priority deadline date (March 2, 2015)

Priority Group Two – Students who:

- Have the lowest Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) calculation; and
- Are Pell recipients; and
- Submit a FAFSA after the priority deadline date (March 2, 2015)

Priority Group Three – Students who:

- Have the lowest Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) calculation; and
- Are not Pell recipients

Within each group, awards will be prioritized by the date the student submitted their FAFSA application, and the file was processed, and Pell was awarded. San Bernardino Valley College will make FSEOG funds reasonably available (to the extent that funds remain) to all eligible students, including those whose classes start later in the academic term. Professional Judgement cannot override the FSEOG selection criteria.

Maximum Annual Academic Year Award

The maximum annual award for FSEOG is \$750.

Federal Work Study Program (FWS)

The Federal Work Study Program (FWS) is federally subsidized employment available to students who demonstrate financial need. Priority is given to those students who have completed the necessary paperwork by the appropriate deadlines. The length of a student's employment under FWS funding is based on the student's FWS award, hourly pay rate and hours worked per week.

Each school that participates in the FWS Program is required to expend at least seven percent of its total FWS federal allocation to compensate students employed in community service activities. Also, in meeting that seven percent community service expenditure requirement, one or more of the schools' FWS students must be employed as a reading tutor for children in a reading tutoring project or performing family literacy activities in a family literacy project. [34 CFR 675.18(g)(1)]

San Bernardino Valley College meets this requirement by offering employment off campus at community agencies. Additionally, students working on campus at offices whose services are open to the general public are considered in the seven percent requirement. San Bernardino Valley College meets this requirement by offering employment at the SBVC Child Development Center.

Eligible Students

To be eligible for employment, FWS students must meet the following criteria:

- Meeting general federal financial aid eligibility criteria;
- Maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress standards;
- Be enrolled in a minimum of 6 units;
- Have at least \$1,500 remaining in financial aid need

After a student's file has been processed, students must come to the Financial Aid Office and request Federal Work Study if interested in the program.

Maximum Hours

While attending classes, FWS students may work a maximum of 15 hours per week. During non-class sessions (holidays, scheduled semester breaks), students may work a maximum of 40 hours per week/8hours per day.

In general, students are awarded \$3,000 per award year (\$1500 for Fall and \$1500 for Spring). However, this amount may be adjusted depending on availability of FWS funds and student remaining need.

Wages

Wage rates are established according to the District and are based on minimum wage guidelines. Effective July 1st, 2015 the hourly pay rate for FWS students is \$10/hour. This rate is subject to change without notice. All students are required to complete and sign a timesheet at the end of each pay period, which will be reviewed and verified by the FWS student's supervisor.

Paychecks are available on the 11th of each month for the hours worked during the previous month.

Terminations

Students who are terminated and not rehired will have their FWS award canceled and funds may be made available to other eligible students. Students hired through FWS cannot work past the last day of the semester without approval from the Financial Aid Office.