



TO: Chief Executive Officers
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RE: 2020-21 California College Promise Allocations

This guidance memo provides information about the California College Promise (Promise) allocation funding formula and updated guidance on Promise tuition fee waiver eligibility.

2020-21 Allocation Funding Formula

The [2020-21 California budget](#) appropriates \$81.3 million to fund the California College Promise.

The 2020-21 allocation is affected by four factors:

1. A \$3,766,000 decrease in total allocation funding.
2. The number of first-time, full-time students not eligible for a California College Promise Grant (CCPG) for academic years 2017-18 and 2018-19.
3. One additional college (College of the Desert) entering the Promise program.
4. Emergency conditions allowance for Butte College and Santa Rosa Junior College effective for academic year 2018-19.

2020-21 Spending Guidelines

Promise allocations are one-year allocations and are expected to be fully expended before June 30, 2021.

Colleges may use the funds to waive some or all of the tuition fees for first-time, full-time students for their first and or second years. Colleges may also use their Promise allocation for other forms of direct or indirect aid to students as long as such usage is aligned with the [California College Promise goals](#).

Updated Guidance on Fee Waiver Eligibility

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To be eligible to receive a California College Promise tuition fee waiver, students are required to enroll in and maintain full-time status (or the full-time equivalent in the case of students with a certified disability status). After further review of the bill language, the Chancellor's Office has determined that colleges are not restricted from establishing policies to accommodate students receiving Promise tuition fee waivers if a student fails to maintain term-by-term full-time status. If a student fails to enroll in or complete 12 units for the current term, the student could still be eligible in a subsequent term as long as they enroll in 12 or more units. This guidance maintains the intent of the California College Promise to reduce and eliminate achievement gaps for students from groups that are underrepresented and supersedes previous guidance on maintaining eligibility.

If you have questions regarding this memo, please contact Gina Browne at gbrowne@cccco.edu.

Attachments: 2020-21 California College Promise Allocation Amounts

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