



**Department of State Hospitals-
Atascadero/Cuesta College
Psychiatric Technician Program**

2018-2019 Psychiatric Technician Program Students

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS STARTING THE MAY TRIMESTER:

- ✓ You must file the **2018-2019 & 2019-2020 FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) applications in order to be considered for the CCPG, Federal and State Grants and Stafford Student Loans for the entire program. Apply on-line @ www.fafsa.gov. You will need a FSA ID and can apply for one at <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>. This has replaced the PIN#.

CUESTA'S FEDERAL SCHOOL CODE: 001192

OR

- ✓ The **2018-2019 & 2019-2020 Dream Act applications** to apply for state aid if you do not qualify to file the FAFSA.

You will be considered for federal/state grants, loans and the CCPG, when you complete the FAFSA application.

Below is information regarding each program:

- ✓ **California College Promise Grant (CCPG)** for California Residents
 - This waives the \$46 unit fee (including any future fee increases!)
- ✓ **The Federal Pell Grant**
 - The Pell Grant is disbursed in two equal disbursements each trimester according to Pell Grant eligibility.
- ✓ **California State Cal Grant (for the 18/19 yr.)**
 - Students must submit an additional GPA Verification form by the state deadline. For more information and to print the GPA Verification visit their website; www.csac.ca.gov
(Cal Grants are **not** available during the Summer Trimester)
- ✓ **Direct Loans**
 - In addition to other required documents, Loans are disbursed in two equal payments at the beginning of each trimester. Please visit our web site for loan information. As a Psytech student you are only eligible for a first year loan (\$3500 subsidized and up to \$6000 unsubsidized for independent students and \$2000 for dependent students) because it is a one year vocational program.
http://www.cuesta.edu/student/aboutmoney/finaid/types_of_aid/index.html#studentloans

Cuesta College Student Loan Process	
First-time Borrowers	Continuing Borrowers
(You have never taken out a Direct Loan before)	(You have already taken out a Direct Loan at Cuesta or another institution)
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Do entrance counseling at studentloans.gov • Print the "Budget" • Attend the online loan workshop at cuesta.edu to receive and complete a loan request form. www.atschoolorientation.net • Sign a "Master Promissory Note" at studentloans.gov AFTER we award your loan. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact the Financial Aid Office to ask for a loan request form. • Submit the form to the Financial Aid Office

✓ **Scholarship Programs**

- Visit our website for available scholarships throughout the year.
http://www.cuesta.edu/student/aboutmoney/finaid/types_of_aid/Scholarship_institutional_source.html

For awarding purposes:

Financial aid will be disbursed in two payments each trimester according to eligibility. The first payment for each trimester will be authorized on the first week of class, (if the file has been awarded) or as soon as students have all their required documents turned in and the file has been reviewed and awarded. This is to allow Records/Admissions time to receive the new registration and grades process from the previous trimester. Grades are necessary to monitor Satisfactory Academic Progress for the next trimester.

If a student's file is not completed in time for the first payment date of the trimester, or registration for that trimester has not been posted, the payment will be generated on the next available date on the regular Disbursement Schedule after the file is reviewed and awarded. Please check your status on myCuesta to see if any more documentation is needed or if corrections are made to your file.

✓ **FERPA Authorization Form**

- Need to speak with us over the phone? Complete the form located on your myCuesta account (go to student tab, "Student Quicklinks", click on forms, and then FERPA Release Form).

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