

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Last First

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
Street City State Zip

**MARITAL STATUS: Please check ONE:**  
 Single;  Married;  Divorced;  Separated;  Widowed;  RDP (registered domestic partner)

**RESIDENCY STATUS:** (Determined by the Cuesta College Admissions Office)  
**Please check ONE:**  
 I am a California resident.  
 I am an AB540 student.  
 I am an AB1899 student.  
 I am eligible for a Non-Resident Tuition Exemption under Section 1101 (a)(15)(T)(i) or (ii), or Section 1101 (a)(15)(U)(i) or (ii) of Title 8 of the United States Code.

DEPENDENCY STATUS – Please check YES or NO.		YES	NO
1	Were you born before January 1, 1994?		
2	As of today, are you married or in an RDP? (Answer YES, if you are separated, but not divorced <b>OR</b> if you have not filed a termination notice to dissolve your RDP.)		
3	Are you a veteran in the US Armed Forces or currently serving on active duty for purposes other than training?		
4	Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you from July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 <b>OR</b> other dependents <u>who live with you</u> (other than your children or spouse/RDP) who receive more than half of their support from you between July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018?		
5	At any time since you turned age 13, were both your parents deceased, were you in foster care, or were you a dependent or ward of the court?		
6	a. Are you or were you an emancipated minor?		
	b. Are you in legal guardianship as determined by a court in your state of legal residence?		
7	At any time on or after July 1, 2016, did your high school, school district homeless liaison, or the director of an emergency shelter or transitional housing program funded by the U.S. Department of Education determine that you were an unaccompanied youth who was homeless?		
<b>If you answered YES to any of the questions 1-7, you are an INDEPENDENT student. GO TO QUESTIONS 10-16.</b>		YES	NO
<b>If you answered NO to all questions 1-7, COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS 8-16.</b>			
8	Did your parent(s) or his/her RDP file a 2015 U.S. Income Tax Return <b>AND</b> claim you as an exemption <b>OR</b> will they file and claim you?		
9	Do you live with one or both of your parent(s) or his/her RDP?		
10	Are <b>YOU</b> currently receiving monthly cash assistance for yourself or your dependents from TANF/Cal Works, SSI/SSP, or General Assistance? (Submit proof of current benefits.)		
11	<b>If you are a Dependent Student</b> , are <b>YOUR PARENT(S)/RDP</b> receiving monthly cash assistance from TANF/Cal Works or SSI/SSP as a primary source of income? (Submit proof of current benefits.)		
12	Does the California Department of Veteran's Affairs certify that you are eligible for a dependent's fee waiver? (Submit certification.)		
13	Does the National Guard Adjunct General certify that you are eligible for a dependent's fee waiver? (Submit certification.)		
14	Are you eligible as a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor or as a child of a recipient? (Submit documentation from Dept. of Veterans Affairs.)		
15	Are you eligible as a dependent of a victim of the September 11, 2001, terrorist attack? (Submit documentation from the CA Victim Compensation and Government Claims Board.)		
16	Are you eligible as a dependent of a deceased law enforcement/fire suppression personnel killed in the line of duty? (Submit documentation from the public agency employer of record.)		
<b>If you answered YES to any question 10-16, SKIP QUESTIONS 17 AND 18. READ/SIGN CERTIFICATION <u>and</u> provide the documentation requested.</b>			
<b>If you answered NO to questions 1-7 and 10-16 but YES to 8 and/or 9, you are a DEPENDENT student. GO TO QUESTION 18. Then READ/SIGN CERTIFICATION.</b>			
<b>If you answered YES to any question 1-7 and NO to questions 10-16, you are an INDEPENDENT student. GO TO QUESTION 17. Then READ/SIGN CERTIFICATION.</b>			
<b>If you answered NO to ALL questions 1-16, you are an INDEPENDENT student for the BOGW only. GO TO QUESTION 17. Then READ/SIGN CERTIFICATION.</b>			

**17. INDEPENDENT STUDENT:**  
 How many people in your household? (Include yourself, your spouse/RDP, and anyone who lives with you and receives more than 50% of their support from you now through June 30, 2018.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete income information for you (and your spouse/RDP).**

1. **Adjusted Gross Income in 2015** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(IRS form 1040 line 37, 1040A line 21, 1040EZ line 4)

2. **All Other Income in 2015** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include disability, child support, military living allowance, workman's compensation, and/or untaxed pensions.)

3. **TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**18. DEPENDENT STUDENT:**  
 How many people in your parent(s)/RDPs household? (Include yourself, your parent(s)/RDP, and anyone who lives with your parent(s)/RDP and receives more than 50% of their support from your parent(s)/RDP now through June 30, 2018.) \_\_\_\_\_

**Complete income information for your parent(s)/RDP.**

1. **Adjusted Gross Income in 2015** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(IRS form 1040 line 37, 1040A line 21, 1040EZ line 4)

2. **All Other Income in 2015** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(Include disability, child support, military living allowance, workman's compensation, and/or untaxed pensions.)

3. **TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**CERTIFICATION:** I hereby swear or affirm, under penalty of perjury, that all information on this form is true and complete to the best of my knowledge. **If asked by an authorized official, I agree to provide proof of this information, which may include a copy of 2015 U.S. Income Tax Return(s).** I also realize that any false statement or failure to give proof when asked may be cause for the denial, reduction, withdrawal, and/or repayment of my waiver. I authorize release of information regarding this application between the college, the college district, and the Chancellor's Office of the California Community Colleges.

**I understand the following information (please check each line):**  
 By completing the FAFSA or California Dream Application, additional financial assistance may be available to me.  
 I may apply for and receive assistance if I am enrolled, either full time or part time, in an eligible program of study.  
 Financial aid program information and application assistance is available in Cuesta college financial aid office.

**BOGW Method:**  
 **A (receives assistance)**  
 **B (meets income limit)**  
 **C (meets ISIR "need")**  
 **D (homeless youth)**  
 **F (special method)**

Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_ Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_  
(Dependent students only)

# Important Information!

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**CHANGES to BOGW Fee Waiver:** Starting Fall 2016, you must meet “Academic & Progress Standards” to remain eligible for BOGW!

- **Academic Standard – Sustain a 2.0 GPA or higher:** If your cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 for two consecutive primary terms (fall/spring semesters or fall/winter/spring quarters), you may lose BOGW eligibility.
- **Progress Standard – Complete more than 50% of your course work:** If the cumulative number of units you complete is not more than 50% in two consecutive primary terms, you may lose BOGW eligibility.
- **Combination of Academic and Progress Standard:** Any combination of two consecutive terms of cumulative GPA below 2.0, and/or cumulative unit completion of not more than 50% may result in loss of BOGW eligibility.

**How Do I Know If I May Lose Eligibility?** You will be notified within 30 days of the end of each term if you are being placed on either Academic (GPA) and/or Progress (Course Completion) Probation. Your notification will include the information that a second term of probation will result in loss of fee waiver eligibility. After the second consecutive term of probation, you may lose eligibility for the fee waiver at your next registration opportunity.

## How Do I Regain Eligibility?

1. Improve your GPA or Course Completion rate to meet the “Academic and Progress Standard.”
2. Successful appeal regarding “Extenuating Circumstances:”
  - a. Verified accidents, illness or other circumstances beyond your control
  - b. Changes in economic situation
  - c. Evidence of inability to obtain essential support services
  - d. Special consideration factors for CalWORKS, EOPS, DSPS and veteran students
  - e. Disability accommodations not received in a timely manner
3. Not attending your school district for two consecutive primary terms (fall/spring semesters, or fall/winter/spring quarters)

**FOSTER YOUTH:** Foster youth & former foster youth (age 24 or younger) are not subject to loss BOGW under these regulations.

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**Board of Governor’s Waiver** waives enrollment fees only. You may qualify for additional money to help with books, supplies, food, rent, transportation, and other costs by completing the application that applies to you:

1. **For US citizens and eligible non-citizens (i.e. permanent residents)**, complete the **FAFSA** (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) application at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).
2. **For AB540 students (as determined by Cuesta)**, complete the **CAL DREAM** Application at [www.dream.csac.ca.gov](http://www.dream.csac.ca.gov).

**AB 1899**, chaptered in September of 2012, provides for a non-resident enrollment fee exemption for “Victims of trafficking, domestic violence and other serious crimes”. In addition, the legislation allows these students to apply for and, if eligible, receive financial aid from programs administered by public postsecondary institutions or the state of California. Finally, the legislation provides that enrollment fees shall be waived for these students who apply for and are eligible to receive Board of Governor enrollment fee waivers.

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**AB 801** provides assistance to homeless youth by reducing barriers to college attendance.

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**California Domestic Partner Rights and Responsibilities Act** extends rights, benefits, responsibilities and obligations to individuals in domestic partnerships registered with the California Secretary of State under Section 297 of the Family Code. If **you** are in a Registered Domestic Partnership (RDP), you will be treated as an Independent married student to determine eligibility for this Enrollment Fee Waiver and will need to provide income and household information for you and your domestic partner. If you are a dependent student and your parent is in a Registered Domestic Partnership, you will be treated the same as a student with married parents and income and household information will be required for your parent and his/her domestic partner.

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**BOGW Methods** (i.e. ways to qualify):

- A. Receiving assistance** from government programs such as TANF/Cal Works, SSI, SSP, and/or General Assistance.
- B. Meeting the income standards**
- C. Meeting “need” standard on FAFSA or Cal Dream application.**
- D. Homeless**
- F. Meeting requirements of Special Classification** such as veteran, medal of honor, dependent of deceased law enforcement/fire personnel, National Guard dependent, 9/11 Dependent

**NOTE:** If you do not qualify using Method A or Method B, you should file a FAFSA or the California Dream Application.

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## CALIFORNIA INFORMATION PRIVACY ACT

State and federal laws protect an individual’s right to privacy regarding information pertaining to oneself. The California Information Practices Act of 1977 requires the following information be provided to financial aid applicants who are asked to supply information about themselves. The principal purpose for requesting information on this form is to determine your eligibility for financial aid. The Chancellor’s Office policy and the policy of the community college to which you are applying for aid authorize maintenance of this information. Failure to provide such information will delay and may even prevent your receipt of financial assistance. This form’s information may be transmitted to other state agencies and the federal government if required by law. Individuals have the right of access to records established from information furnished on this form as it pertains to them.

The officials responsible for maintaining the information contained on this form are the financial aid administrators at the institutions to which you are applying for financial aid. The SSN may be used to verify your identity under record keeping systems established prior to January 1, 1975. If your college requires you to provide an SSN and you have questions, you should ask the financial aid officer at your college for further information. The Chancellor’s Office and the California community colleges, in compliance with federal and state laws, do not discriminate on the basis of race, religion, color, national origin, gender, age, disability, medical condition, sexual orientation, domestic partnership or any other legally protected basis. Inquiries regarding these policies may be directed to the financial aid office of the college to which you are applying.