

Feather River College Promise Scholarship Program FAQ

As of March 29, 2023. Information is subject to change without notice.

- 1. What is the Feather River College (FRC) Promise Scholarship Program? Through Assembly Bill 19, funds are available to community college districts to "advance the goals of the legislation" i.e. student success and completion. The law allows districts to decide the best use of the funding for their student population. Feather River College chose to use the funds for the FRC Promise Scholarship, with the overall goal of providing free tuition to all first-time, full-time California resident students. The FRC Promise Scholarship waives California Enrollment Fees (\$46 per unit) for new, first-time, full-time Feather River College students who are not eligible for the California College Promise Grant and/or the Federal Pell Grant.
- 2. Who is eligible? All first-time students, second-year students, or students who earned college units while participating in concurrent enrollment and/or dual enrollment while in high school, who also:
 - a. are California residents or AB540 eligible
 - b. complete a <u>FAFSA</u> or CA <u>Dream Act</u> application
 - c. enroll in 12 or more units per semester
 - d. meet with an academic Advisor/Counselor to develop a Student Education Plan (SEP) and complete new student orientation
- 3. Is the second year of the FRC Promise Scholarship for any full-time students? No. Second-year fees can only be paid for students who were first-time students the year before and who were full-time during one or more primary terms (fall, spring) of the prior year.
- 4. Must students who are in their second year have been attending FRC in the prior year to have their fees waived using FRC Promise funds? No. Any second-year student who was a first-time student the year before and was full-time may have the fees waived using FRC Promise funds. The student may have attended another college or multiple colleges totaling 12 or more units per primary term and participate for their second college year. See #2 a-d for additional requirements.
- 5. Does the FRC Promise Scholarship replace the California College Promise Grant or CCPG, (formerly known as the BOG fee waiver)? No, the FRC Promise Scholarship is a separate program, which pays enrollment fees for first-time, full-time students who do not qualify for a CCPG and/or the Federal Pell Grant and meet the other requirements.



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- **6. Is this program really for all first-time students?** Yes! The FRC Promise Scholarship is not awarded on the basis of financial need. See "Who is Eligible, #2".
- 7. How do I maintain eligibility? A student must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.00, enroll in and complete 12 or more units on average per semester and meet with their advisor/counselor *prior to* the spring or the following consecutive semester of enrollment for each semester they wish to receive funding.
- **8.** What is covered exactly? The FRC Promise Scholarship covers California enrollment fees (\$46 per unit); it does not cover a student's health (\$18/fall & spring; \$15/summer) and transit (\$1.50/unit) fees.
- **9.** Are books, supplies, and other course materials covered? No, only tuition. However, students may inquire with <u>CalWorks</u>, <u>EOPS</u>, <u>TRiO</u>, and <u>Student Equity</u> as these programs can provide assistance with books/supplies.
- **10.** Does the FRC Promise Scholarship cover other required fees? No, students will still be responsible for the health (\$18/fall & spring; \$15/summer) and transit fees (\$1.50/unit).
- 11. How will enrollment fees be paid? Students' fees will be <u>waived</u> /automatically applied to their student account balance once their eligibility has been determined. No cash disbursements will be made. However, if your enrollment fees were paid prior to eligibility determination, your enrollment fees will be reimbursed.
- 12. Can students get their tuition (CA Enrollment Fees) waived if they take more than 12 units? Yes! 12 units is the minimum.
- **13.** How long is the FRC Promise Scholarship good for? For two academic years. For example, if a student begins in:
 - Fall 2022 receives for fall 2022, spring 2023, summer 2023, fall 2023, and spring 2024 semesters
 - Spring 2023 receives for spring 2023, summer 2023, fall 2023, and spring 2024 semesters
 - Summer 2023 receives for summer 2023, fall 2023, spring 2024, summer 2024, fall 2024, and spring 2025 semesters
- **14.** Can a student begin in spring 2023 and receive the FRC Promise Scholarship? Yes, for spring 2023, summer 2023, fall 2023, and spring 2024 semesters.



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 15. How are mid-year high school graduates, who begin college enrollment in the spring handled, with regard to free tuition? The student may receive an FRC Promise Scholarship only during two award years. Therefore, the student could attend for the spring of the first award year, and then only for summer, fall and spring of the second award year.
- 16. What if a student drops below or does not complete 12 units? Students who do not complete 12 units may become ineligible for the next term. If a student fails to enroll in or complete 12 units in one term, the student could still be eligible for a Promise Scholarship in the subsequent term as long as they enroll in 12 or more units in that subsequent term and explain in writing why they did not enroll or successfully complete 12 or more units.
- 17. How do students get started? First-time students should complete the following steps:
 - a. Complete the FRC Admissions Application at: frc.edu click on "Apply Now"
 - b. Complete the <u>Free Application for Federal Student Aid</u> (FAFSA) at https://fafsa.gov/ (for CA residents) or California Dream Act Application (for students with an AB540 residency status) at https://dream.csac.ca.gov/
 - c. Meet with an Academic Advisor/Counselor to discuss course options, develop (update) Student Education Plan (SEP) and new students complete new student orientation <u>Schedule your advising appointment</u> now!
 - d. Enroll in at least 12 units.
 - e. Second year students should complete b, c, and d.