

Cabrillo College Promise Program

FAQ's

When will the Promise Scholarship reflect on my bill?

Because the program works through a verification process, the college will remove your tuition charge from your student bill in the fourth week of classes each semester. This allows the college enough time to process all students who are eligible. If you have questions about your bill, don't hesitate to contact us. 831-479-6100 or welcomecenter@cabrillo.edu.

What does Full-Time enrollment mean?

Full-time enrollment means you are taking at least 12 units a semester and at least 9 units in the summer term. The Cabrillo Promise covers tuition for 12-15 units each semester. Students will be responsible for covering any units over 15 each semester.

How soon must I enroll after graduation?

You must enroll at Cabrillo in the semester immediately following high school graduation or the equivalent. Exception: If you entered military service directly out of high school, you must enroll within 12 months of completion of military service.

Is summer school included?

Yes, the Promise includes an entire year. It will include one summer, a fall, and a spring term. Summer is not required, but is an option for students who wish to include it. To be considered full-time in the summer, students must be enrolled in a minimum of 9 units.

I was homeschooled. Do I still qualify?

Yes, you qualify! You are eligible if you completed high school within the district in 2018 or later and completed your Cabrillo application within twelve (12) months of completion.

I am not considered a California resident. Am I eligible?

The Cabrillo Promise is only available to students who are California residents or determined AB540 by Admissions and Records after completing the AB540 exemption request.

I am not a US Citizen. Am I eligible?

All students are eligible regardless of their citizenship status. Citizens, eligible non-citizens, and undocumented students are eligible for the Cabrillo Promise. Please note, students on a student F1 visa are not eligible for the Cabrillo Promise.

I graduated early before my class. Do I still qualify?

Yes, you qualify! You are eligible if you completed high school within the district in 2018 or later and completed your Cabrillo application within twelve (12) months of completion.

I didn't graduate with my class. Instead, I went to adult high school, have my GED, and/or completed the CHSPE in the Cabrillo district. Do I still qualify?

Yes, you qualify! You are eligible if you completed high school within the district in 2018 or later and completed your Cabrillo application within twelve (12) months of completion.

What if I attended high school in the Cabrillo district but transferred out due to a foster care placement. Do I still qualify?

Yes, you qualify! Contact the Guardian Scholar Program at 831-479-6115

Is there a Grade Point Average and/or other requirement?

Yes, to be eligible, you must continue to meet grade point and completion requirements each semester and be enrolled in at least 12 units a semester. This means you must maintain a 2.0 grade point average as well as complete over 50% of the courses you attempt. To continue the Promise, you must also remain in "good standing" with the college which means you have had no reported violations of the student code of conduct at Cabrillo.

Why do students have to enroll full-time?

Research shows that college students who enroll full-time, taking even 12 credits' worth of course work in a single semester, are much more likely stick with college, save money and eventually graduate. We want our students to achieve their goals and the Promise will help you do that. This allows you to transfer sooner, save your use of financial aid, and allow you to begin earning in your career sooner.

Do my other scholarships and Financial Aid affect my ability to receive the Cabrillo Promise?

Your Pell grant and/or California Promise Grant (formerly called the BOG waiver) or any other scholarship designated for "tuition" will be used first, and then the Cabrillo Promise will fulfill the rest of your tuition costs. The Cabrillo Promise is a scholarship which pays for any tuition that is not already covered by federal or state aid.

What if I joined the military right out of high school? Am I able to use the Promise?

Anyone who served in the military and who meets the residency requirements, is eligible for the Promise as long as they enroll at Cabrillo full-time within twelve months of their completion of service.

What High Schools are Included in the Promise?

Aptos, Coast Redwood, Harbor, Pajaro Valley, Santa Cruz, Scotts Valley, San Lorenzo Valley, Soquel, Watsonville, Oasis and Delta. Several other private, charter and alternative schools are also included. If you don't see your school listed, please contact our office at promise@cabrillo.edu.