

Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS)

Extended Opportunity Programs and Services provides support to students experiencing economic, social and educational challenges. EOPS helps students to achieve their educational goals by increasing access, retention and transfer. To be eligible for EOPS, students must demonstrate a financial and educational need, and be enrolled in at least 12 units. AB 540 students are encouraged to apply.

Counselors provide academic advising and class scheduling, career and vocational counseling, personal problem-solving and crisis intervention. EOPS program services include orientation to college resources, book vouchers, a book lending library, priority registration, field trips to major four-year universities and student success workshops. Spanish-speaking staff are available.

Financial Aid

Gavilan College participates in several types of financial aid programs which are funded through federal, state and local agencies. The Financial Aid Office at Gavilan College administers the following financial aid programs, which include:

Grants: These awards are based on financial need and do not require repayment.

Tuition Waivers: Such awards provide eligible students with a waiver for tuition and certain fees. The Board of Governors Tuition Waiver ("BOG") is available to California residents, AB 540 students, and AB 1899 students who meet financial criteria, and demonstrate financial need.

Employment: This type of award is based on financial need and provides the student with an opportunity to earn money for school through employment. Awards through the Federal Work Study Program are limited so apply early.

Scholarships: Various community groups and organizations offer these awards based on academic achievement and/or financial need. Current scholarships are posted online at: www.gavilan.edu/finaid.

Loans: Such awards must be repaid after the student leaves school or drops below half-time enrollment. Information on interest rates may be found at our website: www.gavilan.edu/finaid.

Application Process & Deadlines

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA): The FAFSA may be filed online at www.fafsa.gov. Include Gavilan College school code of 001202 to ensure we receive copy of your processed application. California residents who file FAFSA are also considered for Board of Governors Tuition Waiver, and if eligible, are awarded.

California Dream Application: Effective 1/1/13, AB 540 students are eligible to apply for the BOG Tuition Waiver for Spring 2013 term and for Cal Grants for 2013/14 school year. The California Dream Application is available for AB 540 students who do not meet citizenship requirements of FAFSA. The California Dream Application may also be filed online at <https://dream.csac.ca.gov/>. Include Gavilan College school code of 001202 to ensure we receive copy of your processed application.

For assistance with the application process, visit the Gavilan College Financial Aid Office in Student Center 125. You may also call 408-848-4727 or 408-852-2812. Additional assistance for online applicants is offered at the Welcome Center in Student Center 107A.

Students should apply beginning in January for the following Fall semester. Priority for aid will be given to students who apply early. A complete application and all corresponding documentation must be received by Financial Aid Office. If you apply late or complete submit documents after semester document deadlines, you will be considered for late disbursement. To view Financial Aid deadlines, check the Financial Aid website for "Dates and Deadlines" at www.gavilan.edu/finaid.

Fall 2016 Changes to Board of Governors (BOG) Tuition Waiver

Community colleges are required to place students on probation, who after attempting at least 12 semester units, either have grade point average (GPA) below 2.0 or receive a "Withdrawal," "Incomplete," or "No Pass" mark on 50% or more of total attempted units. Students who are placed on academic probation for two consecutive semesters lose their priority registration status.

Beginning Fall 2016, students will also lose their BOG Tuition Waiver if they have been on college probation for two consecutive semesters.

Academic and progress standards which go into effective Fall 2016 for BOG eligibility include:

- **ACADEMIC STANDARD: OBTAIN GPA OF 2.0 or HIGHER**

If your cumulative GPA falls below 2.0 for two consecutive primary semesters (fall/spring semesters), you may lose eligibility for BOG. Grades which significantly decrease GPA include grades of F (Failing) and D (Passing, Less than Satisfactory).

- **PROGRESS STANDARD: COMPLETE MORE THAN 50% of COURSEWORK**

Receiving "Withdrawal," "Incomplete," or "No Pass" marks on 50% or more of total attempted units may result in loss of BOG eligibility. Any combination over two consecutive fall/spring semesters, of cumulative GPA below 2.0 and/or cumulative course completion less than 51% may result in loss of BOG as well.

NOTIFICATION OF BOG INELIGIBILITY

Gavilan College will notify affected students within 30 days of the end of each term if you placed on either academic (GPA) probation and/or progress (unit completion) probation. Notifications will include information that a second term of probation will result in loss of BOG eligibility. After the second consecutive term of probation, you may lose BOG award at your next registration opportunity.

REGAINING ELIGIBILITY:

Affected students will lose BOG eligibility beginning Fall 2016. There are few ways you can have BOG reinstated:

1. Improve your GPA and/or course completion
2. Successfully appeal regarding extenuating circumstances
3. Not attending Gavilan College for two consecutive fall/spring semesters

The appeals process for extenuating circumstances includes:

- a. Verified accidents, illness or other circumstances beyond your control
- b. Changes in financial situation
- c. Evidence of inability to obtain essential support services
- d. Special consideration factors for CalWORKs, EOPS, DRC and veteran students
- e. Disability accommodations not received in timely manner

AM I EXEMPT?

Please note that foster youth and former foster youth (age 24 years and younger) are not subject to loss of BOG Fee Waiver under these regulations.

Consumer Information

The Financial Aid website includes comprehensive information regarding disbursement schedules, Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy and Ability to Benefit.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy: Students who file FAFSA and Dream Application are required to demonstrate academic progress. The complete SAP Policy is available online at www.gavilan.edu/finaid.

Ability to Benefit: Federal regulations require financial aid students to have a high school diploma, general educational development certificate (GED), or California High School Proficiency (CHSPE) in order to qualify for Pell Grant, Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Federal Work Study, Federal Student Loans, and Cal Grants.

Students who do not have a high school diploma, GED or CHSPE AND are enrolling in a program of study after July 1, 2012, will not be eligible for federal aid under the ATB, CELSA or 6 units of college coursework provisions.

Students who enrolled in a Title IV school prior to 7/1/2012 and

who do not have a high school diploma, GED, or CHSPE will retain eligibility for Title IV programs with any of the following:

1. Receiving passing score on Ability to Benefit Assessment (ATB) or CELSA Assessment.
2. Earning 6 units of degree applicable coursework.

To confirm your eligibility, please contact the Financial Aid Office at (408) 848-4727.

Veterans' Affairs Education Benefits

Veterans enrolled at Gavilan College may be eligible for educational benefits under the Veterans Administration Educational Benefits Program. Depending on VA chapter, some benefits include a monthly housing allowance. Most, but not all, courses at Gavilan College are approved for payment of VA benefits. Interested veterans and/or eligible dependents are urged to contact the VA Certifying Official at 408-848-4734 or by visiting the Financial Aid Office in Student Center 125, in Administration building.

Registration Priority: The earliest period for course enrollment is offered each semester to any member or former member of U.S. armed forces who is within four years of leaving active duty. For more information, consult a counselor or the VA Certifying Official.

Gavilan College recognizes credit and grants credit to veterans and reservists for service and training completed in armed forces. Gavilan College reports as credit for prior training only those prior units which are applicable to current Gavilan educational goal.

Satisfactory Progress: Federal regulations require that students receiving VA educational benefits (veterans, reservists, dependents) maintain academic progress. Veterans who earn grade point averages below 2.0 for two consecutive semesters at Gavilan College are placed on unsatisfactory progress status and benefits are suspended. To reinstate benefits, students must complete one semester with a GPA of 2.0 or higher.

Health Services

Gavilan College provides a full-time College Health Nurse who provides health services, information and referrals in a quiet, confidential setting for adult students enrolled in credit classes.

Health Services is a comprehensive "one-stop" center for a variety of health services and is located in Student Center 118. Services are free and available Monday through Friday. Students receive confidential personal health counseling with a Master's prepared Registered Nurse for numerous health concerns, e.g., birth control, sexually transmitted diseases, wellness, lifestyle changes, etc. Health Services provides first aid treatment, blood pressure screening, tuberculin skin testing, HIV testing referrals, condoms, flu injections, smoking cessation, vision testing medical/dental referrals and over-the-counter medications.

Health education pamphlets are available on over 100 topics. Classes and workshops on nutrition, hepatitis, stress manage-