

College Enrollment and Scholarships

You can continue your education after high school in a 2-year community or technical college or a 4-year college or university. There are both public and private schools of higher education. Public schools cost less than private schools, especially if you are a resident of the state where you choose to study.

College can be expensive. Some schools provide scholarships to help with costs. The U.S. government also provides financial aid for students. Many students take out a loan or apply for financial aid and scholarships to pay for their education.

Financial Aid

Financial aid provided by the government can help cover many school expenses. You must qualify for this aid based on need, not your academic grades. There are three types of federal aid:

1. **Grants**- money that you don't have to pay back
2. **Work Study**- money that you earn while you are in school
3. **Loans** - money that you borrow that you must repay later with interest

For more information on federal financial aid programs, call 1-800-433-3243.

Community College Districts and Schools in San Diego County:

- Grossmount-Cuyamaca Community College District (East County)
- Miracosta College (North County Coastal)
- Palomar College (North County Inland)
- San Diego Community College District (Metro San Diego- City, Mesa, Miramar and Continuing Ed)
- Southwestern College (South County)

Four-Year Colleges and Universities in San Diego

- Alliant International University
- California State University at San Marcos
- Point Loma Nazarene University
- San Diego State University
- University of California at San Diego
- University of San Diego

