

EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY PROGRAM

The Educational Opportunity Program at Fresno State is designed to assist capable young people from minority or low income groups who wish to acquire a college education but cannot because of a variety of financial or academic reasons. Acceptance into EOP is based upon an evaluation of the student's past educational experience, letters of reference, and an autobiographical sketch. The program offers such assistance as tutoring, counseling, housing, and financial aid to insure that students admitted to the program will succeed. (See also *Financial Aids*).

FINANCIAL AIDS

Scholarships and Grants

About 300 scholarships and grants totaling approximately \$68,000 will be available for the 1972-73 academic year. About half of these scholarships, ranging from \$50 to \$1,000, are open to new students. The average scholarship is for \$200 for the year and covers the cost of material and service fees, student body fees, and a partial cost of books. Generally, upper division and specialized scholarships are in larger amounts. The scholarship program is designed to provide deserving students with educational opportunities not otherwise possible. Scholarships are awarded on a competitive basis, consideration being given to scholastic attainment, academic potential, financial need, and character; some are available on the basis of outstanding accomplishment in specialized fields.

Scholarship awards are announced late in May of each year. Students, both entering and enrolled, should file applications with the Director of Financial Aids prior to March 1st. New students must include transcripts of high school and all college work completed to date. Entering students who wish to be considered for awards of over \$100 must also submit a Parents' Confidential Statement through the College Scholarship Service or a Family Financial Statement through the American College Testing Organization. These forms may be obtained from the high school counselor or from the Fresno State College Financial Aids Office. One application is sufficient for all available scholarships. A brochure giving information on financial aids for graduate students may be obtained from the Dean, School of Graduate Studies.

Waivers of Nonresident Fees

With verification by the Executive Vice President, *children or spouses of California State University and College employees*, who are not yet legal residents of California, may be exempted from the nonresident fee.

With verification by the Dean of the School of Education, *certificated California school district employees* who are not yet legal residents of California, may be exempted from the nonresident fee if they are provisionally credentialed and working toward regular credentials, completing postponed requirements, or completing the fifth year required under the *Licensing of Certificated Personnel Law of 1961*.

Surviving children, natural or adopted, of California peace officers or firemen killed in the line of duty are not charged fees or tuition of any kind while enrolled at any California State University or College, according to the *Alan Pattee Scholarship Act* and the *Education Code*, Section 23762. Students qualifying for these benefits are known as Alan Pattee scholars.

College Association and Foundation Loan Funds

The college maintains a number of loan funds providing financial aid to students. Loans are granted on the basis of the student's financial need, his educational program and his ability to repay his obligation to the loan fund. Most of the loan funds provide limited aid to students on an emergency basis. However, larger loans are available to senior and graduate students. These loans may be repaid after completion of the degree or credential work. The Fresno State College Association Loan Fund is administered by the Fresno State Business Office. The other loan funds are held in trust by the Fresno State College Foundation. These loan funds, in general, are not available to entering students.

Applications for loans are processed through the Director of Financial Aids, California State University, Fresno, Fresno, California 93710. For detailed information, see the *Financial Aids Bulletin*.