

**Nursing Student Loans.** Under this program, a student who can show that a loan is needed to enter or continue in the nursing program may borrow up to \$2,500 an academic year or its equivalent, with an aggregate maximum of \$10,000. Preference will be given to licensed practical nurses in selecting loan recipients. No interest is charged while the borrower pursues at least a half-time course of study, or for a period of 9 months after leaving school. Interest then starts at 6 percent simple interest and the loan is repaid at not less than \$15 per month. Interest and payments are deferred for a period of time while the borrower is a member of the uniformed service or is a volunteer under the Peace Corps Act.

**Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA) Grants.** If you are at least one-fourth American Indian, Eskimo, or Aleut, as recognized by a tribal group served by the Bureau of Indian Affairs, you may apply for a BIA grant. The amount is based on financial need and availability of funds from your area agency. You must first submit an application for financial aid and supportive documents. Obtain an application from your area agency, or the Financial Aid Office, then see the BIA adviser in the Financial Aid Office to complete the BIA application.

**California Graduate Equity Fellowship Program for Underrepresented Students.** In an effort to overcome underrepresentation, some funds are available to students in a master's degree program providing these students satisfy all required criteria. Recipients are 1) required to maintain a grade point average of 3.0 or better, 2) belong to one of the following underrepresented groups: Black, Chicano/Mexican American, other Hispanic, American Indian, Filipino, Pacific

Islander, or women in a master's program in which men predominate; disabled students may also qualify, 3) qualify as a resident of the State of California for payment of fees at the university, 4) be prepared to demonstrate financial need.

**California State Educational Opportunity Grant Program (State EOP).** Educational Opportunity Program Grants are provided by the State of California for students admitted to any one of the 19 campuses of The California State University under the Educational Opportunity Program. Eligibility for this grant is determined by criteria similar to that which governs federal financial aid programs. Admission to the university through the EOP does not automatically mean that the student will be awarded a State EOP Grant. Grants provide aid to undergraduate students who, for lack of such assistance, would be unable to enter or remain in an institution of higher education. Funds are limited and range from \$200 to \$1,000 for the academic year.

**California State University Grant.** This is a need-based program for California residents, providing financial support to students equal to the assessed State University Fee. Eligibility for this grant is determined by criteria similar but not limited to that which governs federal financial aid programs.

**Pell.** The Pell Grant Program, formerly known as Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Program (Basic Grants), is a program of student financial aid that was authorized by Title IV, Part A, of the Education Amendments of 1972. This program provides grants for all eligible students to assist them in meeting educational costs. Program regulations change from year to year. Check with the Financial Aid Office for the regulations now in effect.

