

## Federal Pell Grant

### Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The Federal Pell Grant program is a federally funded program which provides funds for educational expenses to adult students enrolled in financial aid approved, post-secondary education career programs. Pell Grant awards are dependent on the following:

- Student's expected family contribution (EFC) as determined by the U.S. Department of Education using a standard formula to evaluate financial information (including income, assets, and family size)
- School's cost of attendance
- Student's enrollment status (full-time or part-time)
- Students' actual number of clock hours attended by the student.
- All adult and graduating high school students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA by applying online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

CV Tech school code is 009965.

**Application information is provided on the back of this form.**

**\*CV Tech does not participate in any student loan program.**

## Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG)

OTAG is administered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education (OSRHE). The application for OTAG is the same application as for the Federal Pell Grant (FAFSA). To qualify you must be an Oklahoma resident attending an Oklahoma approved school. The priority deadline for OTAG is to file a FAFSA by December 1<sup>st</sup>.

## Next Step Scholarship (NSS)

Next Step Scholarship is for individuals under age 24 who have a high school diploma or GED and are living in one of our partner school districts. Students who turn 24 during the academic year will be allowed to finish that year tuition-free. Applications are available in the counselor's office.

## Oklahoma's Promise

This scholarship is administered by the Oklahoma State Regents of Higher Education (OSRHE). Students apply at their high school while enrolled in the 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, or 10<sup>th</sup> grade. Student eligibility is determined by the OSRHE and is dependent upon enrollment in an approved CV Tech program. Contact the Financial Aid Office to ensure that proper procedures are taken to receive this scholarship.

## Oklahoma National Guard Tuition Waiver

Tuition waivers are available for active members of the **Oklahoma National Guard**. Eligibility is determined upon continued active status in the guard, along with good standing in their unit and satisfactory performance in all required training. Applications are available in the Financial Aid office.

## Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)

BIA provides assistance to qualifying individuals on tribal rolls. Each tribe handles assistance through their tribal area offices. Grants may be available for tuition, supplies, and living expenses. Contact the Tribal Agency Educational Office for application information.

## Workforce Innovation Opportunity Act (WIOA)

WIOA is a federal program which provides financial aid, employment information, job search support, training, and educational programs to applicants that meet economic, employment, and geographical guidelines as determined by a WIOA counselor.

## CV Tech Foundation

Each year a portion of the monies raised by the CV Tech Foundation go to support scholarships for deserving students. This financial assistance may include books, tuition, and other educational costs. The number of scholarships and the dollar amounts may vary with the availability of foundation funds and with the special needs reflected among the applicants. A scholarship committee will make the selections.

## Otha Grimes Scholarship/OK CareerTech Foundation

This scholarship is administered by the **Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education Foundation** and offered to students who might not qualify for other financial aid. Scholarships are to be used for expenses that directly relate to a student attending a technology center. Allowable expenses include: tuition, gasoline, books, uniforms, conference registration fees, school supplies, and childcare. Applications are accepted after the start of classes in the Fall and Spring.

## Practical Nursing Assistance

**Physician's Manpower** is a nursing student scholarship assistance program that is forgiven/repaid by a work obligation. Applications must be made by June 30<sup>th</sup> at [www.pmtc.ok.gov/nsap.html](http://www.pmtc.ok.gov/nsap.html)

## Department of Rehabilitative Services (DRS VOC REHAB)

Vocational Rehabilitation assists individuals who have barriers to employment. In some cases DRS pays tuition, fees, books, and supply costs. Eligibility, application, and funding are determined by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. Contact local Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor for more information.

## Veteran's Administration Educational Assistance/VA Vocational Rehabilitation

VA assistance is available for veterans, or in some cases family members, who meet eligibility requirements and attend limited VA approved programs at CV Tech. Benefits information, a list of approved training options, along with application procedures can be found at [www.gibill.va.gov](http://www.gibill.va.gov). Contact the Veteran's Administration at 1-888-GI-BILL-1 or the financial aid officer for more information.

## Redlands Chapter 4, Donald C. Douglas Veterans Education Grant

Applicant must be a veteran or relative as defined and recognized by the Federal Veterans Administration. Application must be made by April 1<sup>st</sup>. See Financial Aid Officer or Counselor for more information.

## Folds of Honor Scholarship

Folds of Honor provides educational scholarships to the children and spouses of those killed or disabled while in service to our nation. For more information [www.foldsofhonor.org/scholarships](http://www.foldsofhonor.org/scholarships).

## Contact your Financial Aid Officer at:

Chickasha:

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El Reno/Cowan:

Carmen Garcia | 405.422.2208 | [lgarcia@cvtech.edu](mailto:lgarcia@cvtech.edu)

#### Criteria to Qualify for a Pell Grant

- You must be enrolled as a regular student in an eligible career program of 600 clock hours or more for the purpose of obtaining a certificate. Contact the Financial Aid Office for a list of eligible career majors.
- You must be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen with a valid social security number.
- You must demonstrate financial need as determined by the U.S. Department of Education upon FAFSA completion.
- You must have a high school diploma, GED, or home school equivalency, but not a bachelor's degree.
- You must be registered with the Selective Service (males only, 18 - 25 years of age).
- You must not have a disqualifying drug conviction (contact the Financial Aid Office for more information).
- You must sign the certification statement on the FAFSA stating that
  - You are not in default on a federal student loan and do not owe money on a federal student grant.
  - You will use federal student aid only for educational purposes.
  - You will not receive a Federal Pell Grant from more than one educational institution for the same period of time.

#### Steps to Apply for a Pell Grant - [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)

All adult and graduating high school students are encouraged to complete the "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA) online at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov).

1. Begin by logging onto <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm> website to create an FSA ID to serve as your legal, electronic signature.
2. Write down your user name and password – you will use them for all FAFSA's you complete while in school.
3. PARENTAL INFORMATION: You will be asked questions to determine if you will need to provide parental information.
4. Wait approximately 24 hours after getting your FSA ID, then log onto [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) to complete your application.
5. If this is your first FAFSA for this school year choose the box that says "Start Here". If you are making corrections or additions choose "Login"
6. Answer all questions on the application. Please note that HELP BOXES are available on the right side of the application.
7. Identify CV Tech as your school choice. **CV Tech's Federal Code is 009965.**
8. TAX INFORMATION: When you come to the tax information section of the FAFSA, please use the "LINK TO IRS" IRS Data Retrieval Tool to automatically fill in your tax information. This will save time and the effort of providing extra tax documentation to the Financial Aid Office by automatically verifying your tax information. Be sure your address is EXACTLY as it appears on your taxes!
9. After completing your FAFSA, sign it with your FSA ID (and your parent's, if applicable) and then "Submit" it.
10. You will receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) in a few days by e-mail from the U.S. Department of Education. CV Tech should receive it in 3-7 days.



#### Verification Documents Required

Your FAFSA may be selected for review by the U.S. Department of Education for verification of the information you reported. You may be asked to provide additional documentation for verification purposes. Failure to comply with verification requirements will result in forfeiture of aid.

These documents may include, but are not limited to:

- Proof of all income reported on the FAFSA (i.e. copy of federal income tax return transcripts or W2's and a non-filer document) UNLESS you use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool – using the IRS DRT makes verification easy!
- Completed and signed verification worksheets
- Proof of child support paid and/or proof of food stamps (SNAP) received

#### Disbursement of Pell Grants

Federal Pell Grants will typically be disbursed twice a year dependent upon enrollment date. Pell Grant funds will be applied directly to your tuition. Remaining financial aid funds less any student authorized charges will be disbursed by check through the Business Office.

**\*Lifetime Eligibility Used (LEU):** Amount of Federal Pell Grant funds a student may receive is limited to the equivalent of six years (600%) of Pell Grant funding.

Please keep in mind that in order to be eligible for your Pell Grant disbursements, you must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress - SAP (maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 "C" or greater, meet adult attendance requirements, and keep a 150% pace of progression) and successfully complete all the clock hours and curriculum associated with the hours in each corresponding payment period. Please see the Financial Aid Officer for more information.