## **Financial Aid**

### **Canadian Valley Technology Center**

#### 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:

- The Student Aid Index (SAI) 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 <a href="mailto:studentaid.gov">studentaid.gov</a>

CV Tech school code is 009965. Detailed application instructions are provided in this document. \*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 and receiving a Pell grant. The priority deadline for OTAG is to file a FAFSA by February 1<sup>st</sup>.

#### **Next Step Tuition Waiver**

Next Step Waiver 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 may be allowed to finish that year tuition-free. Applications are available in the counselor's office. A FAFSA application must be completed to be considered for eligibility.

#### 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>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<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.

#### **Military Tuition Waiver**

Individuals who are currently a member of the armed forces or have received a discharge from the armed forces other than a dishonorable discharge may receive a 100% tuition waiver. The individual may also receive a 100% tuition waiver on one full-time program. See counselor for more information.

#### **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.

For more information, please visit cvtech.edu/students/financial-aid

#### **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 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. 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 July 15<sup>th</sup> at Nursing Student Assistance Program (oklahoma.gov)

#### **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 <a href="mailto:benefits.va.gov/gibill/">benefits.va.gov/gibill/</a>Contact the Veteran's Administration at 1-888-GI-BILL-1 or the financial aid officer

#### 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. 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 **foldsofhonor.org/scholarships/** 

#### **Contact your Financial Aid Officer at:**

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# FREE APPLICATION for FEDERAL STUDENT AID YOUR FIRST STEP TO FINANCIAL AID 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 programs.
- 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 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 - studentaid.gov

All adult and graduating high school students are encouraged to complete the "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA) .

- 1. Begin by logging onto <u>studentaid.gov/fsa-id/sign-in/landing</u> website to create an FSA ID to serve as your legal, electronic signature.
- Write down your user name and password you will use them for all FAFSA's you complete while in school.
- 3. Wait approximately 24-48 hours after getting your FSA ID, then log back onto studentaid.gov to complete your application.
- 4. IF this is your first FAFSA for this school year choose the box that says "Start New Form". If you are making additions or corrections choose "access Existing Form"
- 5. CONTRIBUTOR INFORMATION: You will be asked questions to determine who needs to be a contributor on your FAFSA and invite them to complete their section. A contributor refers to anyone (you, your spouse, your biological or adoptive parents or your parent's spouse )required to provide information on your FASFA
- 6. Every contributor will need to create an FSA ID.
- 7. If you or your parents don't provide consent and approval to have federal tax information transferred into the FAFSA form, you will not be eligible for federal student aid.
- 8. Identify CV Tech as your school choice. CV Tech's Federal Code is 009965.
- 9. After completing your FAFSA, sign it with your FSA ID (and your parent's, if applicable) and then "Submit" it.
- 10. Your FAFSA will not be considered complete until all required contributors provided their consent and approval to transfer federal tax information into the form and provide their signature

You and/or your contributor will be asked questions about your untaxed income such as child support and interest income. Make sure to have that information from 2022. The FAFSA form will ask about your assets. Make sure you have records of your savings and checking account balances, as well as the value of any investments, such as and stocks, bonds, and real estate (excluding your primary residence. Report the current amounts of our assets as of the date you sign the FAFSA from rather than reporting the amounts for the 2022 year.

#### **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)
- Completed and signed verification worksheets

#### **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 (unless program requirements differ), 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 refer to Canadian Valley Technology Center (Cvtech.Edu) for more information.

#### **Nondiscrimination Statement**

Canadian Valley Technology Center does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, sex, pregnancy, gender, gender expression or identity, national origin, religion, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, age, or genetic information in its programs, services, activities and employment. The following persons have been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Title IX Coordinator: brent.casey@cvtech.edu; 504 Coordinators: 504@cvtech.edu; 405-262-2629, 6505 E Hwy 66, El Reno, OK 73036.