



CollegeTrack

2019-2020 DOOR Award Policy

A student's guide to everything that you need to know about the DOOR Award for the 2019-2020 academic year.

What is DOOR?

The Dreams Overcoming Obstacles to Reality (DOOR) Award is designed to help College Track (CT) students reduce their financial gap during college. Awards are designed to help reduce your financial need for college and help cover part of the following costs:

- Tuition, registration, and additional fees
- Room and board (housing and meal plans)
- Books and supplies
- Student health insurance fees
- Transportation/travel expenses

DOOR awards are determined annually, and students must apply each year to be considered for the award. Funding decisions will be based on specific criteria and there is no guarantee of receiving an award.

Who Should Apply?

- Students who have successfully completed the CT High School Program
- High school seniors or college students enrolled full-time in a two or four-year accredited college or university

How to Apply?

When submitting the online application, students must include the following:

1. A copy of their 2019-2020 Financial Aid Letter from their college or a screenshot of their Award (with full name and year visible).
 - (a) If the 2019-2020 Financial Aid Letter is not available at the time of the DOOR application submission, students must send it afterwards to their

advisor as soon as they receive it. No Fall DOOR awards can be processed until the Financial Aid Letter is received by CT.

2. A copy of their FAFSA Confirmation, Student Aid Report, or California DREAM Act Application.
3. A signed College Track and University FERPA Student Release Form (this form can be signed online using a link provided in the application).

All documents should be uploaded to the online application in PDF format, if possible. Screenshots are acceptable as JPEGs. If students are unable to attach any of the requested documents at the time of submission, they must submit them to their advisor ASAP. These documents are essential for College Track to come to a funding decision.

When to Apply?

The DOOR application will be available April 15th, 2019 – May 31st (11:59pm) 2019. This deadline is to ensure that schools receive awards by the start of the Fall semester/quarter.

How Will Decisions Be Made?

DOOR Awards are designed to help students reduce their remaining financial gap after all financial aid options have been considered. All applications will be reviewed at the close of the application period.

For Determining Financial Gap: Financial Need Calculation (GAP) =

Cost of Attendance – Revenues

Cost of attendance = Tuition & Fees + Room & Board + Transportation + Books & Supplies (as reported by Collegeboard) + Healthcare (if applicable)

Revenues= [State, federal, & institutional grants/scholarships + student Federal subsidized/unsubsidized loans if offered, up to max available for student's current year in college] + [California Dream loans, if offered] + [Outside scholarships (including Dream.Us)] + Bank Book + EFC (capped at 1/5 of disposable income)

Award amounts will depend on several factors, including but not limited to:

- Documented financial need (GAP)
- Demonstrated commitment to obtaining a college degree
- Student investment in the cost of their education

In all cases we will consider:

- Total number of DOOR applicants & amount of funding available
- Expected Family Contribution (we will consider the circumstances of each family)

How Will Recipients Receive Their DOOR Award?

Awards will be divided into equal installments based on the number of terms in the academic year (i.e. two installments for semester students and three installments for quarter students) and will be made payable to the college or university. DOOR is intended to be used during the regular academic year.

What Do Recipients Need To Do To Maintain Their Award?

- Remain enrolled as a full-time student
- Submit updated financial aid information to College Track when requested
- Maintain contact with College Track (such as CT Advisor check-ins)
- Notify CT if their enrollment or financial status changes (awards are subject to change)

Please note that College Track will be closed and there will be no payments during the following dates:

Friday, June 28th - Sunday, July 7th, 2019 (Summer Break)

Friday, November 22nd - Sunday, December 1st, 2019 (Thanksgiving Break)

Friday, December 21st 2018 - Sunday, January 6th, 2020 (Winter Break)

If you have any questions, please email money@collegetrack.org.