



CollegeTrack

## 2022-2023 DOOR Award Policy

### What is DOOR?

The Dreams of Overcoming Obstacles into Reality (DOOR) is designed to help College Track (CT) students graduate from college. Awards are designed to make college more affordable by helping cover part of the following costs:

- Tuition, registration, and additional fees
- Room and board (housing & meal plan)
- 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. Award decisions will be based on specific eligibility criteria in the next section and there is no guarantee of receiving an award.

### Who Should Apply?

- Students who have successfully completed the CT High School Program and maintain good standing with the program.
  - *Includes, but is not limited to: staying in regular contact, completing financial aid forms, applying to scholarships and fulfilling CT program expectations*
- College students (enrolled) or high school seniors planning to enroll full-time in a four-year accredited college or university.
  - *Two year colleges may be considered if this is the only affordable pathway that will lead to a Bachelors degree – such exceptions will mostly apply to Dreamers.*
- Students attending a college with a graduation rate above 57% and an annual financial gap below \$7000 after loans and EFC. These colleges are:
  - Best fit Public colleges in your state, as indicated in your CT site DOOR poster;
  - Other public colleges in your state where your chosen academic department has a graduation rate above 57% though the overall college may not.
    - *Individual departments may not publish graduation rates; however the student must make a case that the college is nationally recognized for this subject matter, e.g. Engineering at San Jose State; eg musical drama at Cal State Fullerton.*
  - Private or out-of-state public colleges with a graduation rate above 57%.
- Families whose income exceeds \$135,000 are not be eligible for DOOR.
  - *Please note that this income threshold comes from the intention to align to college practices when they set thresholds on family income for their need based scholarships. [This list](#) shows that colleges rarely guarantee full need met past \$100,000 income, so CT set a higher limit to have some flexibility, yet stay within our mission of serving low-income students.*

- TIPS :
  - If you are unsure of a college's eligibility for DOOR, please search for your student's college on [collegeresults.org](http://collegeresults.org) to determine graduation rate eligibility (*Note: Always refer to the 6 year graduation rate*).
  - Students attending the local affordable college (as defined by your CT site) and an annual financial gap below \$7000 after loans and EFC.
  - In states where Dream.us has a partner college, Dream.us eligible students must have applied to both Dream.us and 1+ Dream.us partner colleges to be eligible for CT DOOR. If eligible students applied & have a financial gap that exceeds \$7000, they may still apply to DOOR.

## How to Apply?

When submitting the online application, students will need the following:

1. A copy of their upcoming year Financial Aid Letter from their college or a Screenshot from the Financial Aid award portal.
  1. *For subsequent award years if the upcoming academic year financial award letter is not available, include the most recent prior year letter; the updated letter should be provided to your Advisor ASAP, no DOOR award can be granted until we have a copy of financial aid letter for the upcoming academic year.*
2. A copy of the student's Student Aid Report, or California DREAM Act Application, including information on Family Income.
3. Your student ID.
4. Sign an acknowledgment that they:
  1. Will meet with their CCA at regularly scheduled times, as agreed upon by the student and their CCA, as a condition of receiving scholarship funds from College Track.
  2. Will reach out to their CCA immediately if their enrollment status changes.
  3. May become ineligible for DOOR if they fail to meet requirements (1) and (2).

## What's the Timeline for Application & Awards?

- The DOOR application will be available from April 26th - June 30th at 11:59pm (PDT).
- Awards will be announced in late July through early September.

## How will Decisions be Made?

College Track will first determine whether the student is eligible (see who should apply above). If the student is eligible, College Track will then compute financial gap (see the formula below) and determine the student's award as the smaller of these three numbers:

- the financial gap
- 125% of bank-book earned as of the end of 1st semester 12th grade;
- \$7000

Another way to say it is: College Track won't award you more than your college financial gap, however the more you earn in Bank Book, the bigger your potential award, up to \$7000.

Students who have already received 4 DOOR awards will be lower priority than those who have not yet received 4 awards, so it's not impossible that you get a 5th or 6th year award, but it's not as likely as the first four years in college.

## Financial Need Calculation (GAP) = Cost of Attendance - Revenues (Support/Aid)

Cost of attendance = Tuition & Fees + Room & Board\* + Transportation + Books & Supplies (as reported by your college or the College Board\*\*) + Healthcare (if applicable)

*\*If a student attends the local affordable college we will assume Room and Board to be \$0; this is also true for any student electing to live at home and attending another college.*

*\*\*First refer to your college website to find information for the upcoming academic year; if you cannot find the information you may also refer to this [big futures website](#), though it may have information for the past academic year only.*

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.U.s)] + Bank Book + EFC (capped at 1/3 of disposable income\*)

*\*EFC number is defined as 20% of income above 70% of the median income for your city (this is a College Track definition intended to be lower than the Federal EFC for most cities in which CT operates). In the case where this CT here than the federal/Dream Act EFC, we will ignore it and take instead the Federal/Dream Act EFC.*

## 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, three installments for quarter students, etc.), and will be made payable to the student's college or university and sent directly to the institution. DOOR is intended to be used during the regular academic year.

## What do recipients need to do to accept the Award?

In order to release checks for Fall, it is mandatory for all students to:

1. Check in with their College Track Advisor upon receipt of their DOOR Award Notification.
2. Provide CT with any updated financial aid documents, or requested information, including updated Financial Aid Letters/Packages.

## What do recipients need to maintain their award?

- Remain enrolled as a full-time student
- Maintain contact with College Track (such as CT Advisor check-ins)
- Submit updated financial aid information to College Track when requested
- If a student's financial need changes with the updated financial information provided, the student's award may also be subject to change.

# How Can Students Determine New DOOR Eligibility (If They Should Apply)?

New DOOR Scholarship Eligibility: A Pre-application Eligibility Checklist			
Use this checklist below to determine eligibility for DOOR (whether the student has met the scholarship eligibility requirements & should apply for DOOR for the 2022-23 academic year).			
POLICY / TYPE:	NEW DOOR		
WHO IT APPLIES TO:	Class of 2018 & Younger (Class of 2017 & Younger for SF & BH).		
POLICY PARAMETER:	<input type="checkbox"/> Income	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment	<input type="checkbox"/> College
REQUIREMENT(S) TO SATISFY PARAMETER :	<p><u>REQUIREMENT:</u></p> <p>Income Limit / Maximum - \$135,000*</p> <p>* Note: San Francisco has a higher income threshold of \$165,000.</p>	<p><u>REQUIREMENT:</u></p> <p>Enrollment is BOTH -</p> <p>A. Full-time</p> <p><u>AND</u></p> <p>B. At a 4-year, bachelor's degree granting institution.</p>	<p><u>REQUIREMENT:</u></p> <p>College has EITHER -</p> <p>A. 6-year Graduation Rate above 57%</p> <p>a. Use : <a href="http://Collegeresults.org">Collegeresults.org</a></p> <p><u>OR</u></p> <p>B. A Fit Type of Best, Good, or Situational Best Fit.</p> <p>a. Use : <a href="#">College Accounts &amp; Fit Type on Salesforce</a></p>

New vs. Legacy DOOR Policies: Pre-application Eligibility Checklists			
Use this slide to determine eligibility for DOOR (meaning whether students have met the scholarship eligibility requirements & should apply for DOOR in FY23 (the 2022-23 academic year)).			
POLICY / TYPE :	NEW DOOR		LEGACY DOOR
WHO IT APPLIES TO :	Class of 2018 & Younger (Class of 2017 & Younger for SF & BH).		Class of 2017 & Older (Class of 2016 & Older for SF & BH).
POLICY PARAMETER:	<input type="checkbox"/> Income	<input type="checkbox"/> Enrollment	<input type="checkbox"/> None , N/A

REQUIREMENT(S) TO SATISFY PARAMETER :	__May NOT Exceed \$135,000.*  * Note : San Francisco has a higher income threshold of \$165,000.	__is BOTH : Full-time  <u>AND</u>  At a 4-year, bachelor's degree granting institution.	__ has EITHER : A 6-year Graduation Rate above 57% ;  <u>OR</u>  A Fit Type of Best, Good, or Situational Best Fit.	N/A
<b>ADDITIONAL NOTES :</b>	* Legacy policy DOES NOT apply to: Denver, Watts, Sacramento, Prince George’s County, Ward 8 and Crenshaw students.			

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

Monday, July 4th - Friday, July 8th, 2022 (Summer Break)

Monday, November 21st - Friday, November 25th (Thanksgiving Break)

Monday, December 19th, 2022 - Monday, January 2nd, 2023 (Winter Break)

## Questions?

Please email Financial Programs & Scholarships at : [scholarships@collegetrack.org](mailto:scholarships@collegetrack.org).