

2026 Career Education Grant Application Training

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Agenda

- SWP and Perkins overview
- Timeline: application deadline + expected funding timeline
 - Due Feb. 27th
- Prioritization scoring criteria
- Website overview - grant application guide
- Application walk through
- Submission Checklist
- Q & A

Strong Workforce (SWP) and Perkins Overview

- Strong Workforce (State funding) & Perkins (Federal funding) - Supports CTE programs by aligning curriculum with regional labor market needs and high-demand industries, funding activities such as curriculum development, equipment and technology, faculty support, work-based learning, and student services, while emphasizing student outcomes including completion, employment, and wage gains.
- Budget availability for faculty applications for FY27
 - SWP (R10): +/- \$400,000
 - Perkins: around \$700,000 (won't know actual amount until May)

Timeline

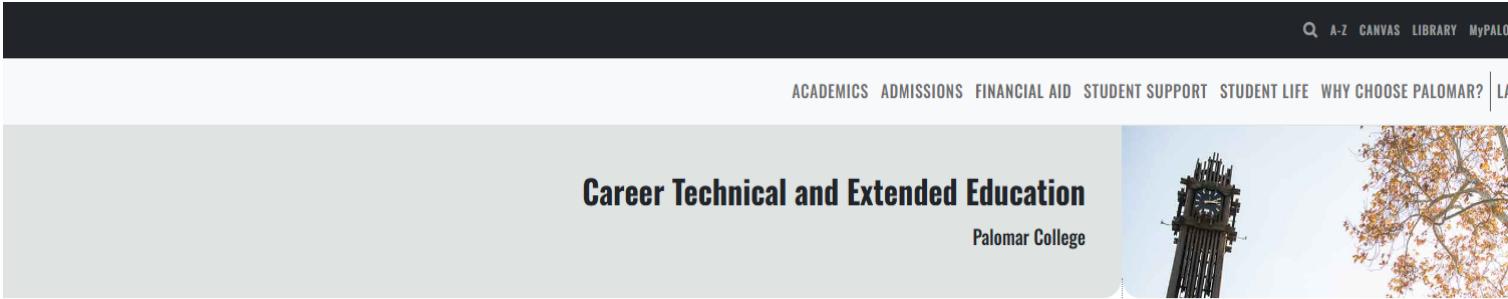


Prioritization Scoring Criteria

Career Education Committee will review applications in March 2026 and prioritize based on the following:

- **Contextual Clarity** – Clearly explains the proposed plan within the broader context of the program, institution, and industry/community.
- **Needs Assessment** – Identifies and addresses the relevant needs of the program/department, including potential challenges to the proposed solution (e.g., supply chain issues).
- **Objective Support** – Describes how the objectives (e.g., equipment purchases, consultant hiring, professional development) will advance the plan or program.
- **Alignment with Regional Priorities** – Shows how activities and objectives align with regional sectors and priorities.
- **Student Success Impact** – Details how objectives will improve one or more student success metrics.
- **Target Group Identification** – Clearly identifies the target groups and outlines how they will be supported.
- **Documentation of Need** – Provides documentation that justifies the investment (e.g., LMI report, Advisory Committee notes, employer support letters).

CTE Grant Application Guide Website



The screenshot shows the Palomar College website. At the top, there is a dark navigation bar with a search icon, links for 'A-Z', 'CANVAS', 'LIBRARY', and 'MyPALOMAR'. Below the bar, a horizontal menu includes 'ACADEMICS', 'ADMISSIONS', 'FINANCIAL AID', 'STUDENT SUPPORT', 'STUDENT LIFE', 'WHY CHOOSE PALOMAR?', and 'LAI'. The main content area features a large image of a tall, rustic wooden structure next to a tree with autumn leaves. The text 'Career Technical and Extended Education' and 'Palomar College' is displayed above the image. Below this, a breadcrumb navigation shows 'You are here: Palomar Home > Career Technical and Extended Education > CTE Grant Application Guide'. The main title 'CTE Grant Application Guide' is prominently displayed in a large, bold font. A subtext below it states: 'Strong Workforce and Perkins V funds support Career and Technical Education (CTE) programs at Palomar College with a focus on:'. A bulleted list follows: 'Developing new programs and enhancing existing ones', 'Increasing student recruitment and improving completion rates for certificates and degrees', and 'Aligning curriculum with industry standards to strengthen student readiness and support underserved populations.' A note below the list says: 'Note: If awarded Perkins funding, applicants will be required to provide additional program information for approval.' A red banner at the bottom of the section states 'Applications are due Friday, February 27, 2026'.

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Application Guideline

Before Submitting an Application:

- Faculty should review & discuss the applications with the departmental dean.
- Applicants **must** schedule an appointment with the Grants Administration Team (ctegrants@palomar.edu) to ensure the application budget is complete and accurate.

Applicants **Can** Apply For:

- CTE Program Development** – Developing, expanding, or updating CTE programs to improve career training, meet industry standards, or assist underserved students
- Equipment & Supplies** – Purchasing new equipment and supplies
- Professional Development** – Funding for faculty/staff to attend relevant training events
- Marketing & Outreach** – Promoting CTE programs
- Temporary Staffing/Consultants** – Hiring temporary staff/consultants for marketing or specialized expertise

Applicants **Cannot** Apply For:

- General Fund Expenses** – Items typically covered by the college's general fund

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CTEE Departments and Programs

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- [Emergency Medical Education](#)
- [Occupational & Noncredit Programs](#)
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Application Walk Through

Example of a good application

CTE Grant Application

Contact Name: Division: **MSE**
Date: 3/3/2025 Department/Program: **ESES**
Phone: 7607441150 x3652 Email:
Project Name: **Innovations in GIS**
Amount requested (total from the budget sheet): **\$35,074.18**
Location where supplies / equipment will be delivered and stored: NS 128
Has this application been discussed with the dean for approval? Yes No
Project duration: 1 year or less More than 1 year
Has the program received Local Strong Workforce/Perkins funding in the past? Yes No
If yes, was the awarded amount fully spent? How did the funding help meet the program's goals and objectives?
Yes, the GIS program received Perkins funding in the past academic year. The funding enabled us to:

- 1) purchase new equipment (Lidar sensor) that led to the creation of new student internships with the San Diego Natural History Museum,**
- 2) send faculty to professional development conferences where discussions with vendors led to the creation of new student scholarship to help cover their FAA Part 107 exam fees,**
- 3) produce bilingual brochures for the GIS program,**
- 4) upgrade software licenses to align with industry standards, and**
- 5) hire a student worker who not only helped at our college and high school outreach events, but also acted as a peer mentor for GIS students.**

Has an application for this same project been submitted in the past? Yes No
If yes, was the previous application funded? Yes No
What will the requested funds accomplish in broad terms?
Please provide details on how the funds will be used to achieve these goals. Examples include creating a new program, strengthening an existing one, providing outreach to K-12 students, engaging employers, or supporting underserved populations.
Increasingly, we are seeing more students enroll in our GIS classes through the California Virtual Campus (CVC). This means that our partially online class which typically requires 2 or 3 on campus meetings per semester (GEOG 132) need to develop innovative alternatives for CVC students who may live nowhere near Palomar College (e.g. Northern CA).

Submission Checklist

- Application
- Budget Worksheet – must meet with Grants Team
- Quotes
- LMI
- Current Advisory Committee Minutes
- Documentation of IS/Facilities consultation (if required)

All submissions need to be emailed to
cteegrants@palomar.edu

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