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Financial Aid, CalWORKs, and EOPS

Student Financial Resources are the offices of Financial Aid, CalWORKs, and EOPS Office. Together they serve students who need assistance in meeting the basic cost of their education. This section outlines the application procedures and how student need and eligibility are determined. Because funds are limited, federal and state regulations require that Financial Aid and CalWORKs funds go to students who demonstrate financial need. Funds available through the Scholarship Office are competitively awarded and based on the criteria specified by the donor.

Financial Aid Services

College Policy on Financial Aid

All financial aid at CCSF is administered in accordance with policies and procedures which have been established nationally. The basis of such programs is the understanding that students and their parents have the primary responsibility to meet educational costs and that financial aid is available to fill the gap between the family's and/or student's contribution and allowable educational expenses. The amount of expected student or family contribution is determined by a careful analysis of financial strength: income and net assets which the family may have versus the allowable expenses.

Educational expenses which are considered a basis for establishing student need include nonresident tuition, fees, books and supplies, room, board, transportation, and personal expenses. The CCSF Financial Aid Office has an established student budget to reflect the costs of each of these items based on a statewide cost survey.

Financial Aid Federal Programs

City College of San Francisco (CCSF) participates in a variety of federal and state financial aid programs. These programs are designed to assist students with tuition, fees, books, supplies, transportation and room and board.

Most financial aid programs require a student to be enrolled at least half-time in a degree, certificate, or transfer program. Federal aid eligibility is also limited to students who are U.S. citizens, permanent residents, or other eligible non-citizens. Additional eligibility requirements apply to each program and may be obtained from the Financial Aid Office. Students with bachelor's degrees are not eligible for grants. Financial aid consists of programs which are funded and regulated by the federal and state governments.

To apply, students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. CCSF Federal School Code is 012874. The priority deadline to apply is March 2 to be eligible for all available aid. However, you may still apply after March 2, although funding may be limited. Visit the Financial Aid Office for further information located in Cloud Hall, Room 324 or visit Financial Aid the web page. The federal government offers a variety of grants for students.

Federal Pell Grant - This grant is available to all eligible applicants. Limited eligibility may also be available to less than half time students.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant - A limited number of grants are available through this program. Priority is given to students who apply by the priority deadline and have exceptional need.

Federal Work Study - This program allows students to seek employment for on and off-campus jobs. Students generally work up to 20 hours per week. The program encourages community service work and work related to the student's course of study. If the student works off campus, the employer will usually be a private non-profit organization or a public agency, and the work performed must be in the public interest.

Financial Aid State Programs

The state of California offers a variety of grants for students. The California Dream Act of 2011 is the result of two assembly bills (AB130 and AB131). Together these bills allow undocumented and documented students who meet certain provisions of AB540 law to apply for and receive private scholarships funneled through public universities, state-administered financial aid, university grants and community college fee waivers. To apply, students must complete a free California Dream Act application with the California Student Aid Commission each year by March 2nd for priority filing.

Cal Grants - The California Student Aid Commission awards Cal grants. Students must be legal residents of California and have financial need. To be considered, students must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov, and submit a GPA Verification form by March 2 or September 2.

- **Cal Grant B** - This grant helps disadvantaged students attending a community college with living expenses, books, supplies, transportation and other non-direct educational expenses.
- **Cal Grant C** - These awards help vocational program students with tuition and supplies.

Board of Governors Fee Waiver - The Board of Governors Waiver (BOGW) helps to pay the per unit enrollment fee for all eligible applicants. If you request a fee waiver, you will be asked to sign a Fee Waiver Application under the penalty of perjury that all statements and information are correct. You must be a California resident in order to apply for these waivers.

- **BOGW A** - If you or your family receives Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF), Supplemental Security Income (SSI), or General Assistance/General Relief, you may qualify for BOGW A. You may be eligible for a fee waiver if you have certification from the appropriate agency that you are a dependent of a deceased or disabled veteran or a recipient or a dependent of a recipient of the Congressional Medal of Honor or a dependent of an individual killed in September 11th terrorist attacks or a dependent of a deceased law enforcement officer or fire protection personnel.
- **BOGW B** - The student (or their parents, if dependent) must meet the maximum income guidelines.
- **BOGW C** - You have qualified for federal or state financial aid, such as a Federal Pell Grant or Cal Grant based on the FAFSA application results.

Satisfactory Academic Progress

Federal regulations require that all students receiving financial aid comply with the financial aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy

established by the College. To receive financial aid, students must maintain the standards described below.

- Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0.
- Must complete 67% of all units attempted
- Complete a financial aid eligible educational program within 150% maximum time frame (MTF)

Return to Title IV Funds

In accordance with the Federal Regulations HEA, Section 4848, 34 CFR 668.22, CCSF will apply a refund policy to all eligible students under the Return to Title IV funds requirements. Students who receive federal financial aid and withdraw from all classes prior to completing at least 60% of the semester will have their financial aid eligibility recalculated and may have to repay any “unearned” portion of financial aid received.

Financial Aid Payment of Nonresident Tuition and Enrollment Fee Charges

After the Office of Tuition and Fees determines student nonresident tuition and enrollment fee charges, payment will be deducted from the student financial aid award. Charges which are not met with financial aid are the responsibility of the student.

Withholding of Services to Students in Default on Loans or Owing Refunds

If a student or former student is in default on a Title IV loan or on a Federal Perkins Loan or owes a refund on a grant (Pell, FSEOG), the District shall withhold the following services: provision of grades, provision of transcripts, and provision of diploma. The term “default” is defined by the U.S. Department of Education as the failure of a borrower to make an installment payment when due or to meet other terms of the promissory note. The services withheld may be provided in certain circumstances which will be addressed on an individual basis by the administration.

CalWORKs

CalWORKs (California Work Opportunity and Responsibility to Kids) is designed to assist individuals moving from welfare to work. The CalWORKs program at City College of San Francisco provides education, training and support services. It also links students to employment opportunities related to the student’s employment goal. Through this program students receive assessment, counseling services, assistance with textbook purchases, transportation, and child-care. For additional information, please visit the website at www.ccsf.edu/info/CalWORKs.