

Wayne Community College

Important Information Concerning Your Financial Aid Award

DETERMINING ELIGIBILITY

- ♦ The financial aid listed on the award letter is based on eligibility and anticipated federal and state funding and student enrollment. Financial aid eligibility is determined by the U.S. Department of Education and is based on a number of factors including, but not limited to, income, assets, family size, and number of household members in college (excluding parents).
 - ♦ The financial aid amounts listed on the award letter are estimated amounts based on full-time (12 credit hours or more) enrollment.
 - ♦ All financial aid listed is available for the semester(s) indicated. The amount listed for Work-Study is the total amount a student may earn during the academic year (Fall and Spring semesters). Students participating in the work-study program may receive additional information regarding student employment at WCC.
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FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

FEDERAL AID: Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), and Federal Work-study

STATE AID: NC Student Incentive Grant (NCSIG), NC Community College Grant (NCCCG), and NC Education Lottery Scholarship (NCELS)

Your financial aid award offer may include a combination of federal and/or state grants, scholarships and/or work-study. WCC usually lists financial aid in the following order: grants, scholarships, work-study and outside assistance (including VA Benefits, civic organizations and church scholarships, merit aid, etc.).

Financial Aid pays only for courses that are within the degree program or major. **NOTE: CHM 090 IS NOT APPROVED IN A DEGREE PROGRAM OFFERED AT WAYNE COMMUNITY COLLEGE, THEREFORE FINANCIAL AID CANNOT BE USED TO PAY FOR THIS COURSE.**

SCHOLARSHIPS: Funds from outside sources may be listed on the financial aid award letter.

HOW YOUR FINANCIAL AID IS CREDITED TO YOUR STUDENT ACCOUNT

After you have signed and returned a copy of your award letter, your financial aid will appear on the Business Office records.

Class attendance is verified with each of your instructors to make sure you are attending classes. **NOTE: Class attendance is not verified for 8 week or other mini-term courses until the classes begin. Financial aid is not credited to the student's account until the 8 week or mini-term classes begin.**

FINANCIAL AID REFUNDS, OVERPAYMENTS AND WITHDRAWALS

- ♦ If you reduce your course load during the semester, you may not be eligible for the entire award offered to you. **All financial aid types are awarded based on the number of hours a student is enrolled in class.**
- ♦ If you drop all classes before the 60% period of the semester, you may be required to pay a portion or all of your student financial aid back to the school or to the U.S. Dept. of Education.
- ♦ Failure to repay a student financial aid overpayment may result in a hold being placed on your account prohibiting you from registering for future classes at WCC or from obtaining an academic transcript.
- ♦ Financial aid may be awarded to students who do not receive funds for both semesters. Contact the financial aid office for a detailed explanation.
- ♦ Credit balances or refunds are mailed each semester once enrollment has been confirmed and tuition, fees, books and other applicable charges have been applied to your student account.
- ♦ **NOTE:** Any delay in the receipt of financial aid award letters or other communication to students because of an incorrect address is not the responsibility of the Financial Aid Office. **The student is responsible for ensuring the Office of Admission and Records has correct address information on file.**

WHAT YOU MUST DO TO KEEP YOUR FINANCIAL AID - Satisfactory Academic Progress

- ♦ All financial aid recipients must maintain satisfactory academic progress to be considered for financial aid. Financial aid includes the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) and Federal Work-Study. In addition, student academic progress standards must be met in order to receive assistance from the NC Student Incentive Grant, NC Community College Grant, and NC Educational Lottery Scholarship programs.
- ♦ Academic records are reviewed at the end of each semester. Students must maintain the required minimum cumulative GPA of 2.0 in order to receive assistance. The cumulative number of hours completed will also be evaluated at the end of each semester. Students must show progress toward completion of their degree requirements to maintain financial aid eligibility. Students must pass at least 67% of all credit hours attempted by the end of each semester and may not exceed 150% of the timeframe required to complete a degree program. For example, if your degree requires 64 credit hours to graduate, you are eligible to receive financial aid until you have attempted 98 credit hours. Additional time needed to complete the program will be at the student's expense.
- ♦ Course withdrawals, incompletes, and course failures count as hours attempted but not completed. Repeated courses and transfer credit hours received from another college will be counted in hours attempted.
- ♦ Students receiving financial aid are granted a two-semester probationary period following their first semester of failure to make satisfactory progress. During the first probationary period, students may continue to receive financial aid provided they have applied and been determined eligible. Students have this period to re-establish satisfactory academic progress. If at the end of the first probationary period, the grade requirement and/or hours of completion rate have been met, the probationary status is lifted.
- ♦ If a student fails to make progress at the end of the second semester, aid will be terminated. A student who has become ineligible for aid has an opportunity to appeal. Appeals may be considered for circumstances including, but not limited to, (a) an extended illness or hospitalization of the student, (b) an accident which incapacitates the student for an extended period of time, and (c) death of immediate family member. All appeals must be in writing, include supporting documentation, and be submitted to the Financial Aid Office for review following the completion of all other requirements.

CLOCK HOUR CONVERSION PROGRAMS

- ♦ Wayne Community College offers six programs that are considered clock-hour conversion programs. These programs fall under this regulation because all of the credit hours are not accepted in an AAS program. Financial aid for students enrolled in these programs may be prorated based on the conversion. These programs include: Air Conditioning, Heating and Refrigeration (D35100), Autobody Repair (D60100), Dental Assisting (D45240), Practical Nursing (D45660), Welding Technology (D50420) and Certificate in Cosmetology (C55140).

OTHER FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

If you have questions about your financial aid or any information contained in this notice, please contact the office by calling 919-735-5151 ext. 6735.

Wayne Community College is an Equal Opportunity/Affirmative Action College and accommodates the needs of individuals with disabilities. It is WCC's intent to make reasonable accommodations for persons with disabilities. If special assistance is needed, please let the college know by calling 919-735-5151 ext. 6729.

Wayne Community College is accredited by the Commission on Colleges of the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools to award associate degrees. Contact the Commission at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call 404-679-4500 for information about the college's accreditation.