Student Rights and Responsibilities

Student Rights

As a financial aid recipient, you have the right to:

- Accept, reject, or seek adjustment to your financial aid award without prejudice.
- Know how much aid you will receive per semester and when it will be disbursed.
- Know the terms of any work study eligibility you are offered.
- Know the interest rate of any loan offered to you, the amount you must repay, the repayment procedures, the length of time you have to repay the loan, and when repayment begins.
- Access your financial aid file in accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA).
- Seek financial aid counseling.
- Privacy of information regarding your financial aid information.
- Receive financial aid as long as you are eligible based on federal regulations and provided funds are available.
- Request an appeal on award decisions based on your circumstance, situation, or emergency, that you feel warrants consideration.

Student Responsibilities

As a financial aid recipient, you have the responsibility to:

- Be prepared to provide the expected yearly student and parent resources to cover academic expenses.
- Check your semester financial aid awards against your award notification.
- If necessary, to know the prescribed withdrawal/drop process for courses and to contact the Registrar’s office accordingly.
- Know that if you are in default on any loans and/or owe aid repayments, you will be denied additional aid.
- Know that if you receive aid that exceeds your calculated need, you must repay the excess.
- Notify your work study supervisor if you withdraw from classes.
- Provide accurate factual information on all financial aid forms requested and within the timeframe allowed by the college.
- Notify the Registrar’s Office of any change in name or address.
- Notify the Student Financial Services Office of any additional financial aid/scholarships that you receive.
- Reapply for financial aid on an annual basis.
- Check your college email account regularly to stay informed and avoid delays and missed deadlines that could affect your aid.