

Dear Student,

Please read all Financial Aid documents, materials, and notifications. Financial Aid follows Federal regulations through guidelines and procedures. Financial Aid requires students to maintain satisfactory academic progress by maintaining a minimum 2.0 GPA and completing no less than 67% of all courses attempted.

✓	DATE COMPLETE	FINANCIAL AID PROCESS
		If you do not have a Personal Identification Number (PIN), register now. You may request a PIN by accessing www.pin.ed.gov . You will need a PIN in order to electronically sign the Department of Education's Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you are a dependent student, a parent is also required to apply for a PIN. Note: You are considered independent if at the time you complete the FAFSA you are 24 years of age, married, orphan or ward of the court, a veteran of the armed forces, on active duty, or have children/dependents you provide more than half of your support to.
		Apply online by accessing the FAFSA on or after January 1 ST for the academic year that begins in August. Access the application website, www.fafsa.ed.gov . Students are advised to complete a FAFSA application online once the required Federal Tax Returns are completed (for those who are required to file). In order for HCC to receive your FAFSA results, please provide HCC's school code: 007870 . Note: The FAFSA should be completed no later than 8 weeks prior to the date classes begin.
		Follow up with your campus Financial Aid Office within 7 to 10 business days after submission of your FAFSA in order to check 1) Federal Pell Grant and other aid eligibility, 2) check academic progress, and 3) determine what documents are required to be submitted. You can also check requested documents by logging in to Hawk net WebAdvisor at www.hccfl.edu/hawknet . Search under <i>Communication</i> and click "My Documents". Please note that correspondence from District Financial Aid Office will be sent to students through their respective HCC Hawknet email accounts.
		Complete, sign, and submit all required institutional financial aid documents. Forms may be downloaded at www.hccfl.edu/aid/Forms.html . Select the academic year you are seeking financial aid assistance. Please submit all documents to your home campus Financial Aid Office to ensure efficient processing.
		Provide transcripts required for financial aid purposes to your home campus Admissions and Records Office. Acceptable forms of transcripts/scores: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official copy of high school transcript of Standard High School Diploma • Official GED scores • 48 college credit hours from another institution that have been evaluated • Ability to Benefit (ATB) - <i>See home campus Financial Aid Office for eligibility</i>
		If you are interested in applying for a Federal Stafford Loan, complete loan request statement. You can download the form at www.hccfl.edu/aid/Forms.html . Select the academic year you are seeking financial aid assistance. You must be registered in at least 6 credit hours. Returning students must complete at least 67% of all courses attempted and maintain a 2.0 GPA in order to have the loan processed.
		If you are submitting a Federal Stafford Loan Request Statement and you are a borrowing for the first time at HCC or reentering HCC after two years of non-attendance, you need to complete the Entrance Counseling at www.hccfl.edu/aid/counseling.html and print the quiz results.
		If you are submitting a Federal Stafford Loan Request Statement and transferring to HCC, in the process of choosing a new lender, or are a past borrower and want to change the lender, then a new Master Promissory Note (MPN) has to be completed at www.hccfl.edu/aid/counseling.html . Make sure you read and understand all of your rights and responsibilities before you sign the MPN.
		Check status of financial aid award by logging in to Hawknet WebAdvisor at www.hccfl.edu/hawknet . Search under <i>Financial Aid</i> and click "Financial Aid Award Letter" or "Financial aid status by term."
		Activate your HCC One Card at www.hcconecard.com and choose a refund preference in order to receive your financial aid refund. Tuition and any book charges will be deducted from your financial aid award for the term after the drop/add period is over and if any funds remain, a refund will be disbursed to you based on your refund preference 1) HCC One Card, 2) check mailed to student, 3) electronic deposit into student's checking account.

OPTIONS TO PREVENT CLASSES FROM BEING PURGED FOR NONPAYMENT:

- **Apply on time:** Submit FAFSA **at least two months** before classes begin to determine eligibility.
- **Deferment:** See home campus Financial Aid Office to determine eligibility for a deferment.
- **TIPS:** Interest free monthly payment plan; enroll online www.hccfl.edu/tips/.

Thank you,
Financial Aid Office