

HILLSBOROUGH

Community College

FINANCIAL AID DISTRIBUTION INFORMATION SPRING 2010

FOR STUDENTS WHO ARE NOT ON FINANCIAL AID SUSPENSION

TUITION:

For students that qualify for the Federal Pell Grant award, the grant funds will first be applied toward your outstanding tuition cost for the SPRING 2010 Term beginning January 1, 2010. If you do not qualify for the Federal Pell Grant and processed a Federal Stafford Loan, the loan funds will be used to pay your SPRING 2010 tuition. **The available Pell & Stafford Loan balances are contingent upon you not being placed on Financial Aid Suspension at the end of the Fall 2009 Term or your last enrollment at HCC.** The amount on your Award Notice for the Pell Grant will decrease if you will not enroll for 12 or more credit hours. Visit your Financial Aid Office to inquire about your actual Pell Grant Award.

BOOK CHARGES:

If Federal Pell Grant or Stafford Loan funds are available after tuition and fees are paid for the SPRING term, and the funds are available, you may qualify to charge the purchase of your books from your Pell Grant or Stafford Loan accounts. For those who qualify, you may ***purchase books at HCC campus Bookstore beginning on January 5th after twelve noon.*** **THE LAST DATE YOU MAY CHARGE BOOKS IS FRIDAY, JANUARY 15, 2010.**

The maximum amount you may charge if funds are available is contingent upon your enrollment status:

- Up to \$650.00 with 12 or more credit hours, or
- Up to \$500.00 with 9 to 11 credit hours, or
- Up to \$325.00 with 6 to 8 credit hours.

If you are ***enrolled for less than 6 credit hours***, contact your campus Financial Aid Office to determine your eligibility to charge books. **IF YOUR ENROLLMENT CHANGES AFTER BOOKS ARE CHARGED, YOU MAY OWE A BALANCE BACK TO THE COLLEGE. PLEASE CONTACT YOUR FINANCIAL AID OFFICE FOR ASSISTANCE.**

BALANCE CHECKS:

- ✓ **Students will receive financial aid refunds from their HCC OneCard. The HCC OneCard is your debit card which will be credited with the available credit balance from your student account. To receive your refund you must activate your HCC OneCard online at www.HCCOneCard.com.**

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- ✓ **The HCC One Card was mailed to all registered students. If you did not receive a HCC OneCard, please contact your campus Bursar Office.**
- ✓ *If funds are remaining from your Federal Pell Grant & Stafford Loans after the payment of tuition and book charges, the college will forward your refund to your HCC OneCard by January 25, 2010.*
- ✓ If your Financial Aid Award letter is dated after January 15, 2010, your balance will be sent to your HCC OneCard 14 days from the date the College credits your account.
- ✓ Students awarded *Institutional Need-based scholarships, and/or the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)*, will also receive the balance from these awards (if available) by *January 25, 2010*.
- ✓ *Florida Student Assistance Grant refund date is scheduled for February 26, 2010.*
- ✓ *Awarding of the Florida Bright Futures Scholarships begins January 19, 2010.* If students paid for classes prior to awarding of the scholarship, refunds will be issued beginning January 29, 2010
- ✓ *Academic Competitive Grant and the First Generation Scholarship* awards will be issued to students' Higher One cards 14 days from the date awarded.

PELL GRANT AWARDS

For the Pell grant program, the college is able to pay for all classes enrolled for the term. **However, if the student drops a course or the class is cancelled and the Pell Grant or Stafford Loan is used to pay for the class, the student will have to return any excess funds distributed.**

STAFFORD LOAN AWARDS

For the Stafford Loan program, students are allowed to use their Stafford Loan funds on 1/5/10 as long as 6 credit hours of classes start on 1/11/10. Otherwise, students' **Stafford Loan checks will be distributed on the start date for which 6 credit hours of classes begins.**

COLLEGE WORK STUDY AWARDS

As long as the student has unmet financial aid need eligibility, enrolled for 6 credit hours in the Spring 2010 term and not on financial aid suspension, the student should qualify to work under the Federal Work Study program. Students may begin working on 1/4/10. The students start date for working is not tied to the beginning date of the 6 credit hours. However, if the student drops below 6 credit hours, the student is no longer eligible to work under the Federal Work Study program

If you have any questions, please contact your campus Financial Aid Office.

Thank you.

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