2015 - 2016
FINANCIAL AID
TERMS OF OFFER

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The “Terms of Financial Aid Offer” will help you understand and manage your financial aid. Read this brochure carefully to educate yourself about your responsibilities and to understand how the SBCC Financial Aid Office can help you. Read SBCC’s Financial Aid Policies and Procedures online at www.sbcc.edu/financialaid for more information.

WHAT DO I HAVE TO DO TO GET FINANCIAL AID?

Students become eligible for financial aid when they meet all of the following requirements:
1. File a FAFSA
2. Complete their financial aid file
3. Meet SBCC’s Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy
4. Receive notification of financial aid awards
5. Enroll in classes
6. Stay enrolled in classes!

HOW DO I GET MY MONEY?

You may choose one of two methods to receive your financial aid:

1. Direct Deposit into your checking or savings account. You can set up Direct Deposit by logging in to your Pipeline Account, click on Financial Aid under Registration and Student Records, then click on Direct Deposit. Follow the directions to set up Direct Deposit. Once you have set up Direct Deposit any monies you receive from Financial Aid will be deposited to the bank account you have selected.

   OR

2. A paper check that will be mailed to you. Your check will be mailed to the most recent address you have on your Pipeline Account. If you do not set up Direct Deposit, a paper check will be mailed to you.

   Hint: Keep your address current by updating it on Pipeline.

   Checks may not be picked up.

   • Most students receive two financial aid disbursements per semester—one at the beginning of the semester and one at the semester’s second disbursement. See below for established dates.

   • After the dates listed below, disbursements are done once a week throughout each semester.

Dates for 2015-2016 Financial Aid Disbursements

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WHAT ARE THE ENROLLMENT CLASSIFICATIONS AT SBCC?

For payment of financial aid, the following enrollment levels are applied to all programs and all students:
• Full-time students carry 12 or more units
• 3/4-time students carry 9 to less than 12 units
• 1/2-time student carry 6 to less than 9 units
• < 1/2-time student carry less than 6 units

IF I ADD CLASSES, DO I GET PAID FOR THEM?

YES! If you increase your enrollment classification, e.g., go from half-time to three-quarter time, you will receive money for some types of aid.

Pell Grant:
• Eligibility increases as a student adds classes.
• After first payout, additional Pell Grant disbursements are made if enrollment classification increases, up to a maximum of 12 units.
• After 12 units, or full time, there is no more increase in the grant.

Cal Grant: Similar to Pell Grant, increases up to a limit of 12 units, with additional funds disbursed as units are added.

Other aid may increase depending on the unit level requirements. Once the appropriate unit enrollment is reached, the student becomes eligible for that award type. Example: A student is originally enrolled in 7 units. By the last day of the semester to add classes, the student has increased enrollment to 12 units (full-time), so he may now be paid his scholarship which has a full-time enrollment requirement.

I CAN ONLY TAKE ONE CLASS, WILL I GET ANY MONEY?

MAYBE! The Pell Grant award is negatively affected by less-than-half-time enrollment.

A student enrolled in 5 units may be eligible for Pell Grant if he or she has a “0” EFC (Expected Family Contribution). In most cases, students enrolled in less than 6 units will either lose their Pell Grant, or the amount will be drastically reduced.

Our Recommendation: If you are eligible for a Pell Grant and plan to enroll in, or reduce your enrollment to less than half-time (below 6 units), contact your Financial Aid Advisor to discuss what will happen to your financial aid.
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CAN I RECEIVE FINANCIAL AID FOR REPEATING THE SAME COURSE?
Yes, under the following circumstances.

1. A student may repeat a failed course until it is passed, and remain eligible to receive financial aid for that course until it is passed. Per SBCC’s Course Repetition Policy, a student is limited to a maximum of three enrollments per class.
2. A student may repeat a previously passed course once and be paid for it. A grade of “D” is considered to be passing.

WHAT KINDS OF AID CAN I GET AT SBCC?
Your financial aid awards will be displayed on your Pipeline account, and may include any combination of the following types of aid. If aid is added during the semester, it will be updated on your Pipeline account.

Award Types and Descriptions

Pell Grant Funds
Grants that are awarded based on need to those working on their first undergraduate degree. Pell Grants are entitlement grants and anyone who is eligible will receive them, assuming the individual has not reached his/her lifetime Pell limit. Details about lifetime Pell limits are on our website at www.sbcc.edu/financialaid, and at www.studentaid.ed.gov/pell-limit.

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
Grants that are awarded to students who qualify for Pell Grants. Funds are limited and are awarded on a first come basis until exhausted.

Federal Work Study
Eligibility for student employment for a certain number of hours. Funds and job are limited so not everyone receives this award.

Board of Governor’s Fee Waiver
This is a waiver of the enrollment fee (transportation fee in some cases) for qualifying California residents. If you are awarded a waiver after you have registered and paid, you are eligible for a refund. Your fees will automatically be refunded to you. Check the "What’s New" section on our website for program eligibility changes, effective Fall 2016.

Cal Grant B Funds or Cal Grant C Funds
Grants that are awarded by the California Student Aid Commission based on need and academic achievement to those working on their first undergraduate degree.

Subsidized or Unsubsidized Direct Loans
Loans that require repayment by the student. Information on SBCC’s Direct Loan process and online request form, visit: www.sbcc.edu/financialaid, then select “Loans for Students.” Check the “What’s New” section on our website for important information regarding recent changes to Direct Subsidized Loan eligibility and Direct Loan Fees.

Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students
Loans that require repayment by the parent. For information of SBCC’s PLUS Loan process and online application, visit: www.sbcc.edu/financialaid, then select “Loans for Parents.”

WHAT DOES THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE CONSIDER TO BE A “RESOURCE,” AND HOW DOES IT AFFECT MY AID?
Some students receive EOPS Book Grants or other financial support, which are reported as a financial resource. A student’s total financial aid award and resources combined, cannot exceed his or her financial need, as determined by FAFSA. A student’s financial aid awards may be adjusted to accommodate additional resources.

DO I GET MORE MONEY IF I CARRY MORE UNITS?
As a rule, YES!

- Enrolling in 12 or more units ensures eligibility for the maximum aid available (see chart below).
- Enrolling in less than 12 units may cause your awards to be reduced, or you may lose eligibility for them. Example: Scholarships often contain full-time enrollment requirements.
- An enrollment status of less than half-time is not tolerated by most forms of aid. Review the following minimum enrollment requirements.

Unit Requirement by award type

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<td>Scholarships</td>
<td>12 units unless otherwise specified</td>
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I HAVE TO WITHDRAW FROM ALL MY CLASSES, WILL I OWE MONEY BACK?
MAYBE! There are two possible consequences for students who withdraw from all classes AFTER receiving financial aid:

1. Students may owe money back to SBCC for Grant overpayment. Unpaid debts to SBCC mean registration can be blocked and a hold is placed on the student’s transcript requests.
2. Students will be disqualified from further financial aid and will have to Appeal to continue receiving financial aid.

Our recommendation: Find out what applies to you by speaking to your Financial Aid Advisor BEFORE withdrawing from all of a semester’s classes.

DOES THE START DATE OF MY CLASSES AFFECT WHEN I WILL RECEIVE MY FINANCIAL AID?
Yes. Refer to your registration or the Schedule of Classes to determine the start date of your classes. Financial aid will not pay for classes until instruction actually begins.
WHAT DO MY GRADES HAVE TO DO WITH MY FINANCIAL AID?
- To remain eligible for financial aid, students are expected to stay in good academic standing.
- Students who do not meet the minimum academic standards may be placed on warning or disqualification.

Disqualified students are not eligible for financial aid.
- Financial aid students must meet the following academic standards, as defined by SBCC’s Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAPP):
  1. Students must maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA each semester; and,
  2. For Students pursuing Associates Degrees or Certificates at SBCC, their pace of progression cannot be less than 67%. Pace of progression is calculated by dividing cumulative units completed by cumulative units attempted. Basic Skills and ESL units are excluded from this calculation.
- SBCC’s SAP was adopted by the Board of Trustees and is referenced in all student award notifications. The complete policy is available online and may be downloaded by going to: www.sbcc.edu/financialaid, select Downloadable Forms, then select Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy, to read or print the document.

BOGW, alternative loans and certain scholarships are exempt from SAP.

IF I FAIL ALL OF MY CLASSES, WHAT HAPPENS TO MY FINANCIAL AID?
Students are disqualified from receiving financial aid if they fail, withdraw from, or receive grades of NP (No Pass), NC (No Credit), IP (In Progress), F, FW or W for all of their classes in one semester.

If this occurs, you’ll be notified of your disqualification status and an Appeal for reinstatement of your financial aid can be made. If your Appeal is approved, you will receive an award notification and will be issued the financial aid for which you are eligible. If your Appeal is denied, you will not receive any financial aid.

IF I REDUCE MY UNITS, DO I GET LESS MONEY?
YES in most cases! If you drop to a lower enrollment classification, you can expect less money.

Review “Unit Requirement by Award Type,” to determine the minimum enrollment level for your aid.

Here’s what could happen:

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<td>1/2 time</td>
<td>Pell and Cal Grants reduced to 1/2 time for entire semester. No second disbursement. Remains eligible for all loans.</td>
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<td>Full-time</td>
<td>&lt;1/2 time</td>
<td>Pell and Cal Grants are overpaid. No second disbursement. May have a Pell Grant and a Cal Grant overpayment. No longer eligible for Loans, Student or PLUS.</td>
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<td>Full-time</td>
<td>Withdraws from all classes</td>
<td>No second disbursement. Not eligible for any aid programs. May be “Return of Title IV Funds” candidate. May owe money back, disqualified from financial aid until any money owed is paid back and will have to appeal for continued financial aid.</td>
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<td>3/4 time</td>
<td>1/2 time</td>
<td>Pell and Cal Grants reduced to ½ time for entire semester. Very small second disbursement. Remains eligible for all loans.</td>
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<td>3/4 time</td>
<td>&lt;1/2 time</td>
<td>No longer eligible for Cal Grants and no second Cal Grant disbursement. Students with “0” EFC’s may remain Pell Grant eligible but will not receive a second disbursement and may have incurred a Pell Grant and a Cal Grant overpayment. Not eligible for any loan programs.</td>
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WATCH FOR THESE IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID DATES AND DEADLINES

Last day to add classes and be paid for them:
Fall 2015: September 21, 2015
Spring 2016: February 11, 2016

Last day to apply for student / parent loans for 2015-2016:
Fall 2015 Only: November 20, 2015
Fall 2015/Spring 2016: April 20, 2016
Spring 2016 Only: April 20, 2016

Satisfactory academic progress appeals due:
Fall 2015: September 18, 2015
Spring 2016: February 11, 2016

Preferred Deadline for SBCC to receive processed FAFSA with valid EFC:
Fall 2015 Only: December 11, 2015
Fall 2015/Spring 2016: April 15, 2016
Spring 2016 Only: April 15, 2016

Preferred Deadline for SBCC to receive documents requested from applying for FAFSA:
Fall 2015/Spring 2016: April 22, 2016
Spring 2016 Only: April 22, 2016

Summer 2016 Deadlines
To be Announced

For a complete list of 2015 – 2016 Financial Aid Important Dates and Deadlines, please see our website at www.sbcc.edu/financialaid, select “Deadlines.”

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For answers to financial aid questions, go to Financial Aid TV at: http://sbcc.financialaidtv.com

Financial Aid Office Hours
Monday and Thursday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.
Tuesday and Wednesday: 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.