

SOUTHWESTERN COMMUNITY COLLEGE	STUDENT SERVICES FINANCIAL AID SERVICES	Policy 6.01.03
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The purpose of the College's financial aid programs is to provide financial assistance, based on need, to students who normally could not attend college without aid. Financial aid is awarded without regard to age, race, creed, sex, gender, national origin or disability. The programs are based on the guiding principle that the student or student's family has the primary responsibility for educational costs and the purpose of financial aid programs is to supplement the student or family contributions.

The College provides the opportunity for all students to apply for federal, state and local financial aid programs.

The College participates in federal financial aid programs authorized under Title IV of the most recent United States Higher Education Act as amended, and participate in state financial aid programs authorized by the North Carolina Legislature.

The College's Financial Aid Office operates its financial aid programs in compliance with federal and state regulations and maintains a set of operating procedures, commonly known as the Financial Aid Office Operations Manual ("Manual"), which is updated as the Department of Education changes requirements.

The College's Financial Aid Office communicates information to students about available aid programs and eligibility requirements via the College's catalog, website and student handbook, and through the Self-Service portal on mySCC.

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