

IMPORTANT – READ AND KEEP FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

SAMPSON COMMUNITY COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID POLICIES 2009-2010

YOU MUST SIGN AND RETURN ONE COPY OF YOUR AWARD LETTER TO THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE. IF YOU DO NOT, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO CHARGE YOUR TUITION, FEES, BOOKS, AND SUPPLIES WHEN YOU REGISTER!

Financial Aid Questions and Answers Online at: <http://www.sampsoncc.edu/fa-faq2.htm>

Federal Pell Grant – The Financial Aid Office awards Pell Grant funds for Fall and Spring semesters. Eligible students will receive an award letter before registration if you completed your file before registration. If your Pell Grant award is insufficient to pay your total registration cost, you will be required to make payment of the balance owed on registration day. (The college does not participate in loans.) **Students on Academic Warning are not allowed to charge to Pell Grant during Early Registration. (Students on Academic Probation are not eligible for financial aid.) Full-time enrollment is 12 or more credit hours; three-fourths time is 9 to 11 hours; one-half time is 6 to 8 hours; less than half-time is 1 to 5 hours. Students that audit or never attend a class are not eligible for Pell Grant for that class(es).** The financial aid office will deduct tuition, fees, books, and supplies from your award for each semester. After the 30% of the semester, the financial aid office will verify each student's attendance and will authorize an excess check of the balance of these to be written. Checks will be issued at the Business Office on the following dates, and students are required to present their picture identification.

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| FALL SEMESTER | September 22, 2009 |
| SPRING SEMESTER | February 23, 2010 |
| SUMMER SEMESTER | June 15, 2010 |

Summer Pell Grant - Students enrolling for Summer Semester must complete a Summer Pell Grant Application to determine eligibility.

2009-2010 Budget Information: Independent Student \$13,417 Dependent Student \$10,069

Academic Competitiveness Grant -- To be considered for the ACG, you must be a US Citizen, enrolled at least 6 credit hours, receive the Pell Grant, have successfully completed rigorous high school program, as determined by the State of NC, the local education agency, and recognized by the Secretary of Education, and have maintained a cumulative GPA of at least 3.0 if you are a second-year student.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunities Grant (SEOG) – The College's Financial Aid Office awards SEOG funds to students who are eligible for the maximum Pell Grant (0 EFC) and who apply early. If you are awarded SEOG funds, the award will be on your award letter. These funds will be included in your excess check and will be available for pickup in the Business Office on the above dates.

NC Student Incentive Grant (SSIG) – To be considered for the NCSIG, your FAFSA must be processed before March 15; you must be a NC resident, be enrolled for 12 or more credit hours in an eligible program, not have a bachelor's degree and be making satisfactory academic progress. NCSIG awards are \$700 per year (\$350 for Fall and Spring Semesters). These funds will be included in your excess check and will be available for pickup in the Business Office on the above dates. **These funds are contingent upon NC Legislature.**

NC Community College Grant (NCCG) – Students must be a North Carolina Resident and enrolled at least half-time (6-8 credit hours) in an eligible curriculum and maintain satisfactory academic progress standards as stated in the college catalog. Students may charge tuition, fees, and books to the grant during registration. The balance of these funds will be included in your excess check and will be available for pickup in the Business Office on the dates specified on the first page. **These funds are contingent upon NC Legislature.**

NC Education Lottery (NCELS) – Students must be a North Carolina Resident for tuition purposes, enrolled at least half-time in a curriculum, meet satisfactory academic progress as stated in the college catalog. Students may charge tuition, fees, and books to the grant during registration. The balance of these funds will be included in your excess check and will be available for pickup in the Business Office on the dates specified on the first page. **These funds are contingent upon NC Legislature.**

NC Education Access Rewards Fund (EARN) - Students must be a North Carolina Resident for tuition purposes, enrolled full-time in a curriculum, meet satisfactory academic progress as stated in the college catalog, and be a dependent on the parent(s) federal tax return, and be within the 200% of the federal poverty level as listed with EARN. Students must also have received their GED/Diploma within the previous seven months of the first disbursement. The balance of these funds will be included in your excess check and will be available for pickup in the Business Office on the dates specified on the first page. **These funds are contingent upon NC Legislature.**

Federal College Work-Study and SCC Foundation Work-Study – The College Financial Aid Office awards work-student funds to students who apply, have financial need and possess the skills to meet job requirements. The rate of pay is determined by the College and must be at least the Federal minimum hourly wage. If awarded a work-study position, you will be paid monthly. Your amount of pay is based on the number of hours you worked the previous month. The business office will disburse work-study checks on the last working day of each month.

Sampson Community College Scholarship Program – SCC Scholarship applications are available to all students and prospective students around the beginning of the Fall Semester of each year. The deadline for submitting completed applications is March 15. Scholarships are awarded for the Fall and Spring Semesters of the following academic year. If you are awarded a scholarship, you may charge tuition, fees, books and supplies at registration. The balance of your scholarship will be included in your excess check and will be available for pickup in the Business Office on the dates specified on the first page.

Refund Policy

Federal Pell Grant, NC State Incentive Grant and Federal Supplemental Educational Grant – You may be required to repay a percentage of these funds if you withdraw from all classes prior to completing 60% of the semester. **The 60% point of Fall Semester is October 26, 2009; the 60% point of the Spring semester is March 18, 2010; and the 60% point of the Summer semester is June 28, 2010.**

If you charge tuition, fees, books or other materials in the bookstore to the above programs or receive a check for funds from these programs, you will be required to repay a portion of those funds if you quit attending classes on or before the 60% point.

A copy of this Refund of Title IV Funds policy is available in the financial aid office. If you have questions concerning this policy or other financial aid matters, contact the Financial Aid Office.

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