FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

There are frequent changes to federal and state regulations that may affect students' eligibility. The latest information about these and other changes is posted on the Financial Aid page of the College website: **www.swccd.edu/financialaid**.

The Financial Aid Office helps students who might otherwise be unable to continue their education because of financial challenges. Students who need financial assistance to attend Southwestern College are urged to contact the Financial Aid Office located in the Cesar E. Chavez Building.

Financial Aid means assistance for eligible students in the form of:

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FEE WAIVER
• Covers enrollment fees

FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS
• Grants range from $609 to $5,550 (Pending final federal allotment)

FEDERAL WORK STUDY
• Work on campus, 15 hours per week employment

LOANS
• Direct loans and emergency loans

These funds can help students who qualify for financial aid to meet their educational expenses such as fees, books, transportation, and room and board.

PLEASE APPLY EARLY
The Financial Aid staff will be happy to serve you and answer any questions you may have. For more information, come to Student Services Center in the Cesar E. Chavez Building or any of our Higher Education Centers at National City, Otay Mesa, or San Ysidro. You can call Financial Aid at 619-482-6357, Monday -Thursday, 8 a.m.–6:30 p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.–3 p.m.

ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL AID
Conditions to be met by all students applying for financial aid are citizenship or permanent U.S. residency status, Selective Service, high school graduate or equivalency, and established financial need. In addition, all students must declare an educational objective at the time they begin receiving financial aid.

PELL GRANT
As of Fall 2012, the lifetime of the Pell Grant eligibility is six (6) full-time years (600%) at any college. The latest information about these and other changes is posted on the Financial Aid page of the College website: **www.swccd.edu/financialaid**.

The Federal Pell Grant Program provides need-based grants to low-income undergraduate and postbaccalaureate students to promote access to post-secondary education. Grant amounts are dependent on: the students expected family contribution; the cost of attendance; the student's enrollment status; and whether the student attends for the full academic year or less.

SCHOLARSHIPS
Scholarships are available at Southwestern College based on various factors, including: majors, career goals, grade point average, and club involvement. On-campus scholarships for continuing and transferring students are available each spring semester. Contact the Financial Aid Office for the Scholarship Application deadline. Scholarships are also available from outside sources. These scholarships are updated by the Financial Aid Office on a monthly basis. Selection criteria, award amounts, and application deadlines are determined by the donors.

Students are encouraged to stop by the Cesar E. Chavez Student Services Building, first floor, for more information. You may also find additional scholarship sources in the reference section of any library or at **www.finaid.org** or **www.fastweb.com**.

BOARD OF GOVERNORS FEE WAIVER (BOGFW)
The Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW) program is designed to ensure that the cost of registration fees at California community colleges is not a financial barrier to education for any qualifying California resident. Eligibility is determined based on the information given in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or BOGFW application.

At Southwestern College the BOGFW program waives enrollment fees throughout an academic year—summer, fall, and spring sessions. Eligibility may be obtained by one of the following:
• **Method A**—Recipient of public assistance. Provide current proof of receipt of benefits (dated same month of application or month prior).
• **Method B**—Eligibility based on income and household size.
• **Method C**—Based on information provided on the FAFSA.

To apply go to **www.swccd.edu** and click on "Financial Aid" then click on "BOGFW Application." Log on or create an account, or apply through **www.cccapply.org**.

Please note the processing time of the BOGFW application will take approximately three (3) to five (5) working days. We recommend that you apply at least five (5) days prior to your registration date.
* Pending California State Legislative changes, BOGFW eligibility and qualification may be changed.

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