



FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

FINANCIAL AID

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 \$250 to \$5815
(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.

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.

REGISTRATION POLICIES AND DEFINITIONS

Note: All forms are available online at www.swccd.edu: Under Admissions click "Printable Forms." Assistance and processing are available at the Chula Vista campus and Higher Education Centers at National City, Otay Mesa, and San Ysidro.

ADDING CLOSED CLASSES

Once classes start, students need to attend the first class meeting to obtain instructor approval to enroll. If space permits, the instructor will issue an add code. Students can use add codes on WebAdvisor or go to any of the Admissions Offices for assistance with WebAdvisor. Students taking online classes need to contact their faculty and request an add code for enrollment. If there is space, the instructor will issue the add code via email. After the student has acquired the add code, then follow the WebAdvisor instructions noted above. **Note:** Students on the waitlist will be given first priority if space becomes available.

CANCELLED CLASS

A cancelled class means that the College is unable to offer the class. The College reserves the right to cancel any class after the schedule goes to print.

CLOSED CLASS

A class closes when the maximum seat capacity has been reached. During registration a waitlist is created. Students wishing to register for a closed class after class begins must go to the class or contact their faculty for online classes. See entry above, "Adding Closed Classes," for additional information.

COREQUISITES

A corequisite is a course which must be taken during the same semester as another course. In other words, when a course has a corequisite listed, you must register for those courses (often a lecture and lab) concurrently. Knowing the information being presented in the corequisite course is deemed necessary for successful completion of the other course(s). When dropping or withdrawing from a course that has a corequisite, both courses must be dropped concurrently. Corequisites are enforced at Southwestern College. Students may challenge corequisites; see College Catalog for challenge policy and procedures.

COURSE REPETITION

A student may not register for a class in which a passing grade has previously been received, or the maximum number of repetitions allowed have been completed.

A student may receive any combination of three (3) substandard academic work (D, F or NP grade) and/or "W" withdrawal symbol on his or her official record for enrollment in the same course. If the student can demonstrate extenuating circumstances requiring one additional repetition, the student may petition and attach the supporting documentation. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illnesses or other circumstances beyond the control of the student.

See "Academic/College Policies" in this class schedule for additional information.