



FULLERTON
COLLEGE

Financial Aid Office

2009-2010 FINANCIAL AID POLICY STATEMENT

LAST NAME: _____ FIRST NAME: _____

ID@ _____ SSN: _____ DOB: _____

EMAIL: _____

Eligible Program: Students must be enrolled for the purpose of obtaining a degree or certificate offered by Fullerton College (FC), and must declare an approved program (major) at Admissions & Records. *Students with Undecided or Undeclared majors are not eligible for aid.* Students must not be receiving financial aid at any other institution, with the exception of a Board of Governors (Fee Waiver) Grant. **Financial aid can only be received from one institution at a time** (REMEMBER this includes Cypress College.)

Overpayments resulting from being paid at two schools are reported to the Federal government and will result in all future financial aid being canceled.

Remedial and High School Course work: Students may be awarded aid for a maximum of 30 semester units of remedial course work. *ESL courses do not count toward this limitation.* Students are not eligible for aid while simultaneously enrolled in high school.

Qualification to Receive Financial Aid at the Postsecondary Level: Students must have a high school diploma or its equivalent (i.e., a GED, CHSPE, etc.) or pass an approved Ability-To-Benefit (ATB) test, taken within the last 12 months, provided continuous enrollment is maintained. *Contact the Assessment Center to schedule an appointment to take the ATB test.*

Award Notification and Disbursement: We will award you once we have received this form, and all other required documents for the 2009-2010 school year and your file is complete. We award 50% of your total Pell Grant eligibility for the Fall 2009 term, and the remaining 50% for Spring 2010. Pell payment amounts are determined by enrollment. The student will receive the full payment in the Fall (for example) if he/she is a full time student, 75% for three-quarter time student, 50% Half time student, etc. Students, who are not full time, may opt to have their remaining Pell grant funds carried into the following Summer 2010 semester. Please contact the office for Summer payment arrangements. All awards may be viewed through MyGateway by accessing the Financial Aid link. The North Orange County Community College District (which includes Cypress College) will no longer be paying students by check. Beginning Fall 2009, all financial aid payments will be loaded to a new North Orange Card. More information about the card can be accessed by going to: www.LearnAboutOne.com. All financial aid students will be receiving information thru mail and email. PLEASE make sure all your address and email information is updated and accurate or your financial aid payments will be delayed. Failure to activate your card in a timely manner may also delay payments to you.

Award Requirements: Students must have unmet need in order to be awarded aid other than a Pell Grant, except for an Unsubsidized Loan. *Cost of Attendance (COA) minus Expected Family Contribution (EFC) equals Need. Need minus Estimated Financial Assistance (EFA) equals Unmet Need.* Students must be enrolled in at least half-time status at Fullerton College to be awarded a student loan, CalGrant, or Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG). Students must have a high unmet need, a low EFC (zero EFCs are given priority consideration), and be eligible for a Pell Grant to be awarded a SEOG. Students must complete and submit a separate form to request a student loan or work-study. *Pell Grants and Cal Grants are awarded based on enrollment status.*

Enrollment Status: Students are considered to be:

- C ... full-time status if enrolled in 12 or more units per semester.
- C ... three quarter-time status if enrolled in 9 to 11.5 units per semester.
- C ... half-time status if enrolled in 6 to 8.5 units per semester.
- C ... less than half-time status if enrolled in .5 to 5.5 units per semester.

Concurrent Enrollment: Students are not eligible to receive financial aid, except for a fee waiver, at more than one school simultaneously. If the student is concurrently enrolled at another postsecondary school and they are not already considered to be full-time status at Fullerton College, the student may request to be awarded aid, except for a student loan, for the units enrolled at the secondary school by submitting a completed Concurrent Enrollment Payment Request form. The secondary school must complete this form, certifying that the student was or is enrolled in units and that the student has not been and will not be awarded aid during the award payment period at that school. Students must submit their request during the award year. The request will be approved, provided the student is not on Probation and Fullerton College has a current consortium agreement with the secondary school. *Students will be placed on Probation if they do not submit a report card for the units from the secondary school.*

(SEE REVERSE SIDE – MUST HAVE SIGNATURE!)

Withdrawal and Repayment: If a student completely withdraws before the 60% point of the semester, they may have to repay all, or a portion thereof, of the aid already disbursed. Students will receive notification of the amount that is owed back to the school or to the federal government along with instructions on repayment options. If a student does NOT receive a disbursement and withdraws before the 60% point, they MAY still be eligible for Federal funds based on the number of days attended. Students will be notified by mail. Please contact the financial aid office with any questions.

Award Limitations: Students who have earned a BA/BS degree may be eligible to apply for one student loan IF enrolled in prerequisite courses for a graduate program. These classes must be indicated on the SEPP form. A petition/appeal must be submitted and approved by the Director of Financial Aid in order to apply for the loan. Beginning with the 2009-2010 school year, students will only be able to receive a maximum of 18 full time semesters of the Title IV Federal Pell grant. Students who have attempted over 90 units will also be limited to receiving 4 full time semesters of financial aid, once they have reached the 90 unit attempted mark. Beginning July, 2009 students will be limited to receiving 18 full time semesters of a Federal Pell Grant.

Drug Conviction: Students who have been convicted for possession or sale of illegal drugs while receiving Federal Student Aid will no longer be eligible to receive aid. A student who has been denied eligibility for this reason can regain financial aid only after completing a qualified drug rehabilitation program.

Citizenship Status: The student must be a U.S. citizen, U.S. national, U.S. permanent resident, a citizen of the Freely Associated States (ineligible for student loans), or an "other" eligible non-citizen. *Temporary residents, nonimmigrant visa holders, and those granted relief from deportation under the Family Unity Program are not eligible for aid.*

Student Loan Defaults and Overpayments: Students are not eligible for aid if they are in default on a student loan or owe an overpayment. The student may regain eligibility by repaying the overpayment or defaulted loan, in full (including via consolidation), or by making satisfactory repayment arrangements with the loan holder (six full consecutive, voluntary monthly payments on time.) If a student owes a repayment of a Federal grant, this must be repaid 100% before further aid can be awarded. Please contact the Federal Government at: 1-800-621-3115.

Social Security Number (SSN): Students must provide on the FAFSA: a correct Social Security Number (SSN), date of birth (DOB), and name as it appears on their Social Security Card, or obtain and submit a new card to our office.

Selective Service System (SSS): If students are required to register with the SSS, they must have done so in order to be eligible for aid. *Most men of ages 18 through 25 are required to register with the SSS. Men may register online or check their registration status at www.sss.gov or contact the SSS at (847) 688-6888.*

Fee Waivers – Begin each Summer, and cover the following Fall and Spring. They need to be re-applied for in May/June by either going on line and processing a new BOGG/Fee Waiver application (for the next year, 1011) , or by getting your 10-11FAFSA processed and on file with us prior to your Summer registration. Spring BOGG/Fee Waivers do NOT roll into the Summer! Remember this or you may be subject to being dropped for non-payment!

Signing this agreement authorizes Fullerton College to pay any outstanding student fees from your financial aid. If you do not agree to this please indicate here and initial:

I do not agree Student Initial: _____ **

** If you do not agree to this, you must make sure to pay your health fee and any outstanding student fees by check, cash or credit card.

I have read and I understand the Fullerton College Financial Aid Policy as stated, and know that failure to comply could affect payment of my financial aid.

Signature: _____ Date: _____