



# IMPORTANT

## Requirements for Receiving

# Financial Aid



- In order to receive federal financial aid, the student **must be enrolled in a degree or eligible certificate program**.
- A student **cannot receive federal aid for any courses not required in their declared major**. Questions about course qualifications should be directed to the student's Academic Advisor before enrolling.
- The student **must stay enrolled and attending** at least 60% of the term to earn their federal financial aid. If a student stops attending or withdraws before 60%, they will be required to return the unearned portion of federal financial aid (See Return of Title IV regulations in the College Catalog).
- The student must keep the required cumulative grade point average of **1.75 as a freshman** (earned 1-29 semester hours) or a **2.00 as a sophomore** (earned 30 or more semester hours).
- The student **must have passing grades** ("D" or above) in at least 67% of attempted hours each term (See Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy in the College Catalog).
- The student **may only repeat a course** for which they have received a passing grade ("D" or above) **ONE TIME**.
- The student **can retake a failed or withdrawn course** until a passing grade ("D" or above) is obtained. Once a grade of "D" or above is obtained, financial aid will not pay for further retakes even if their academic program requires a higher grade for admissions.
- The student must complete their degree **within 150% of the required number of hours** for the declared major. For example, if a program requires 60 semester hours, the student can receive financial aid for up to 90 semester hours (See Maximum Time Frame regulations in the College Catalog).
- A student **may appeal** the Maximum Time Frame regulation if the student has a change of major or extenuating circumstances that caused the student not to finish their degree within the 150% requirement.
- **All semester/quarter credit hours attempted**, including transfer hours, count toward the number of hours that **are counted** toward the 150% Maximum Time Frame regulation.
- Pell Grants have a **lifetime limit of 12 full-time semesters**.
- The combination of federal financial aid, Southern State scholarships and other outside scholarship dollars **cannot exceed the cost of attendance** and may be reduced accordingly.
- Financial aid cannot be received to attend **two or more colleges during the same term**.

Failure to abide by these regulations will adversely affect the student's federal financial aid eligibility.

All Financial Aid policies are listed in the **College Catalog** and online at [www.sccc.edu/financialaid/financial-policies.shtml](http://www.sccc.edu/financialaid/financial-policies.shtml)