



## **AP 5130 Financial Aid**

Reference:

Education Code Sections 66021.3, 66021.6, 66025.9, 69514, 76300, and 94912.5;

Title 5 Sections 55031 and 58600 et seq.;

20 U.S. Code Sections 1070 et seq.;

34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 668 (U.S. Department of Education regulations on the Integrity of Federal Student Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended);

ACCJC Accreditation Standard III.D.15

1. College of the Canyons offers many financial aid to students to assist in the total cost of education. The types of financial aid programs and how to apply are listed below.
2. Financial Aid programs offered may include, as provided by federal, state, and local funding:
  - California College Promise Grant
  - Cal Grant
  - CalWORKs
  - EOPS
  - Federal Pell Grant
  - Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant
  - Federal Work Study
  - Federal Direct Student Loan Program
  - Scholarships
  - Student Success Completion Grant
3. Students can view their Financial Aid Shopping Sheet, which provides their financial aid award package, via the Self-Service menu on My Canyons.
4. A student financial aid handbook, pamphlet, or other orientation and educational material are available in each college Financial Aid Office, on the college websites, and in the college catalogs. The materials are reviewed and updated accordingly. Websites describing financial aid procedures are also made known to students. These materials address, at a minimum:

- a. Application procedures, including deadlines
- b. Student eligibility
- c. Payment procedures
- d. Overpayment recovery
- e. Accounting requirements
- f. Satisfactory progress standards

5. Financial Aid Misrepresentation

- a. Consistent with the applicable federal regulations for federal financial aid, Santa Clarita Community College District (SCCCD) shall not engage in "substantial misrepresentation" of:
  - i. the nature of its educational program
  - ii. the nature of its financial charges, or
  - iii. the employability of its graduates
  - iv. Misrepresentation is defined as any false, erroneous, or misleading statement that the District, a representative of the District, or a service provider with which the District has contracted to provide educational programs, marketing, advertising, recruiting, or admissions services, makes directly or indirectly to a student, prospective student, a member of the public, an accrediting agency, a state agency, or the United States Department of Education.
  - v. misleading statement includes any statement that has the likelihood or tendency to deceive or confuse. If a person to whom the misrepresentation was made could reasonably be expected to rely, or has reasonably relied, on the misrepresentation, the misrepresentation we be substantial.
  - vi. This procedure does not apply to statements by students through social media outlets or by vendors that are not providing covered services, as reflected herein.

6. SCCC Financial Aid Offices shall ensure all information pertaining to the SCCC's financial aid program available to the public is regularly reviewed for accuracy and completeness. To ensure compliance with this policy, SCCC shall establish procedures for SCCC employees involved in financial aid or admission services to receive appropriate information on educational programs, anticipated student financial expenses, and graduation employment rates.

7. Loss of Eligibility for California College Promise Grant

- a. A student shall become ineligible for a California College Promise Grant if the student is placed on academic or progress probation, or any combination thereof, for two consecutive primary terms. Loss of eligibility shall become effective at the first registration opportunity after such determination is made.

- b. The District shall notify students of their placement on academic or progress probation no later than thirty days following the end of the term that resulted in the student's placement on probation. The notification must clearly state that two consecutive primary terms of probation will lead to a loss of the California College Promise Grant until the student is no longer on probation. The notification must also advise students about the available student support services to assist them in maintaining eligibility.
- c. The District shall adopt, prominently display, and disseminate policies ensuring that students are advised about the student support services available to assist them in maintaining and reestablishing California College Promise Grant eligibility. Dissemination includes, but is not limited to, information provided in college catalogs and class schedules.
- d. The District shall establish written procedures by which a student may appeal the loss of a California College Promise Grant due to extenuating circumstances, or when a student with a disability applied for, but did not receive, a reasonable accommodation in a timely manner. Extenuating circumstances are verified cases of accidents, illnesses, or other circumstances that might include documented changes in the student's economic situation or evidence that the student was unable to obtain essential student support services. Extenuating circumstances also includes special consideration of the specific factors associated with Veterans, CalWORKs, EOPS, and DSPS student status. The petition for appeal is located on the Financial Aid and Admissions and Records webpages and in those offices.
- e. Foster Youth shall not be subject to loss of California College Promise Grant due to placement on academic or progress probation. This exemption for Foster Youth is effective until the date specified in Education Code Section 66025.9(c).

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