

# FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY AND APPLICATION

Although the student and the student's family have the primary responsibility for financing the costs of education, there is some aid available through TMCC for those families who cannot meet the total costs. This aid is available in the form of grants, loans, scholarships, student employment or a combination of these. These programs are regulated by federal (Title IV), state and campus guidelines.

## Eligibility

Most of the financial aid guidelines specify eligibility requirements, which include, but are not limited to the following:

- Be a citizen, permanent resident or other eligible non-citizen of the United States, as documented by the Department of Homeland Security.
- Have earned a high school diploma or passed a state-approved high school equivalency exam.
- Be accepted to or registered in a financial aid-eligible degree, emphasis, or certificate program at the TMCC Admissions and Records Office.
- Not be in default or owe a repayment on any Title IV loans or grants.
- Be enrolled in classes that will apply to the declared degree, emphasis, or certificate requirements (not to include Workforce Development and Community Education classes).
- Certify that you have not been convicted of violating any federal or state drug possession or sale laws, while receiving Title IV funding.
- Provide any other documents, as required.

**Note:** Adjusted Diplomas and Certificates of Attendance are not considered equivalent and students are advised to take a high school equivalency exam.

Students who do not specifically meet any of the eligibility requirements may still be eligible for some types of aid and should see a financial aid coordinator to discuss their special circumstances.

## Financial Aid Application Priority Deadlines

### Financial Aid

To receive consideration for all Title IV and other financial aid funds students should apply as soon as possible beginning October 1 of the year prior to the year in which they plan to attend. Most awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Students must have a completed file and be eligible by July 1 for Fall, December 1 for Spring, or April 15 for Summer, in order for financial aid to disburse in time to pay fees.

Otherwise, financial aid awards may arrive after classes begin and students will be responsible for paying their own fees and buying their own books and supplies. If payment is not made by the date fees are due, the student will be dropped from all their classes. If a student is determined to be eligible after these dates and is enrolled, they will receive their financial aid award as a reimbursement.

### Scholarships

Many scholarships (<http://www.tmcc.edu/financialaid/types/scholarships>) are available to students. The TMCC Foundation General

scholarship application (<https://tmcc.academicworks.com>) has an annual due date of March 1.

### Student Employment

Student employment and work-study positions are posted all year at [studentjobs.tmcc.edu](http://studentjobs.tmcc.edu) (<http://studentjobs.tmcc.edu>), but are filled according to job and fund availability and the qualifications of the applicant.

## Financial Aid Application Process

Please refer to the Applying for Financial Aid (<http://www.tmcc.edu/financialaid/applying/steps-to-apply>) webpage.

## Types of Financial Aid, Scholarships, and Student Employment

Please refer to the Financial Aid Website for more information on:

**Grants** (<http://www.tmcc.edu/financialaid/types/grants>)

**Loans** (<http://www.tmcc.edu/financialaid/types/loans>)

**Work Study** (<http://www.tmcc.edu/financialaid/types/workstudy>)

**Scholarships** (<http://www.tmcc.edu/financialaid/types/scholarships>)

**Student Employment** (<http://www.tmcc.edu/financialaid/student-employment/types-of-student-employment>)

## Academic Progress Standards for Financial Aid Students

Federal and State regulations require all financial aid recipients to meet established progress standards. For complete details, please review the Financial Aid Academic Progress Policy (<http://www.tmcc.edu/financialaid/eligibility/academic-progress-policy>).

## Financial Aid Refund Policy

Students receiving aid may have their financial aid adjusted if they withdraw, stop attending or receive outside financial assistance. This can result in an overpayment and may require students to repay all or a portion of their financial aid funds. For more information, please visit the Financial Aid website (<http://www.tmcc.edu/financialaid>).