

FINANCIAL AID

I. PROGRAM

The Financial Aid Department will use the standardized Needs Analysis Procedures designed by the United States Department of Education and California Student Aid Commission to determine the eligibility of each student who applies for financial aid while attending the South Orange County Community College District.

A program of financial aid to students will be provided which may include, but is not limited to, fee waivers, scholarships, grants, loans, and work study or student employment programs.

All financial aid programs will adhere to guidelines, procedures, and standards issued by the funding agency, and will incorporate federal, state, and other applicable regulatory requirements.

The District shall establish, publicize, and apply satisfactory academic progress standards for participants in federal and state student aid programs.

II. MISREPRESENTATION

Consistent with the applicable federal regulations for federal financial aid, the District shall not engage in substantial misrepresentation of the nature of its educational program, the nature of its financial charges, or the employability of its graduates.

The college President shall establish procedures for regularly reviewing the college's website and other informational materials for accuracy and completeness and for training college employees and vendors providing educational programs, marketing, advertising, recruiting, or admission services concerning the college's educational programs, financial charges, and employment of graduates to ensure compliance with this policy.

The college President shall establish procedures wherein the college shall periodically monitor vendors' communications with prospective students and members of the public and take corrective action where needed.

This policy does not create a private cause of action against the District or any of its representatives or service providers. The District and its Board do not waive any defenses or governmental immunities by enacting this policy.

III. SCHOLARSHIP DISPLACEMENT

The college Financial Aid Offices shall not engage in scholarship displacement. The Chancellor shall establish regulations that provide that the colleges shall not reduce the institutional gift aid offer of a student who is eligible to receive a federal Pell Grant award, a Cal Grant award, or financial assistance under the California Dream Act for an academic year as a result of private scholarship awards designated for the student unless the student's gift aid exceeds the student's annual cost of attendance.

References:

California Education Code Sections 66021.6, 70045 et. seq., and 76300

20 United States Code Sections 1070 et seq.

34 Code of Regulations, Section 668

United States 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 Title 5, Sections 58600 et seq.

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