

Student Rights and Responsibilities for Financial Aid

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Students who are completing a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) have certain rights and responsibilities. If you receive Federal Student Aid, you also have certain rights and responsibilities.

Your Responsibilities

- Submit an accurate FAFSA every year.
- Login to your MineOnline to review your financial aid status.
- Regularly check your student email, OCCC's main source of communication.
- Submit all requested documents to the Financial Aid Office.
- Report any financial aid you receive from other sources to prevent over-awards.
- Attend all courses you enroll in.
- Officially withdraw from courses rather than stop attending.
- Maintain Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress.
- Repay any federal funds received in excess of your eligibility.
- Do not default on a Federal Student loan.
- Pursue an eligible OCCC degree or certificate program.
- Abide by College policies of drug and alcohol use.
- Abide by College policies of unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material and peer-to-peer file sharing.

Right to Know

- Requirements to complete the Verification process if your FAFSA is selected for verification.
- Cost of Attending OCCC.
- About the awards you have been offered and how to access your award offer letter.
- How the Financial Aid Office disburses funds by specific program requirements.
- The schedule of disbursement for Federal Student Aid. Disbursement.
- How to cancel your student loan and return your loan funds returned to the Direct Loan Program
- Information about eligibility for Federal Student Aid to participate in a Study Abroad Program.
- How to accept and apply for Federal Work Study student employment.
- How and when you will be paid Federal Work Study.
- Satisfactory Academic Progress criteria and your right to appeal for a review of your circumstances if you do not meet criteria.
- How to properly withdraw from your courses.
- Requirements of the financial aid office to calculate a return of Federal Student Aid funds if you fail to begin attendance in a course or courses, totally withdraw from all your courses, or failure to successfully complete your courses in a semester.
- You may request the Financial Aid Office to review changes in your family circumstances impacting your ability to pay for college.
- You may request the Financial Aid Office review your dependency status.
- General information about the College, academic programs, your privacy rights, graduation rates, etc.
- A Consortium Agreement allows you to take courses that apply to your OCCC degree at another college and receive financial aid for the approved courses.