

BLADEN COMMUNITY COLLEGE OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID

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2024-2025 Award Information Sheet

Below is
a summary of important financial aid award information.

How award amounts are determined

Award amounts are determined based on the information provided by the student on the FAFSA. The award(s) listed on the award letter is a projected amount based on full-time attendance (12 or more credit hours per semester). A student's actual grant amount is based on their enrollment status at the 10% point of each semester. The calculation of total credit hours does not include audits, proficiency/credit by exam, never attends, continuing education classes, or developmental classes in excess of 30 attempted credit hours.

If students are registered for fewer than 12 total credit hours per semester, which includes Fall, Spring, and Summer, the award amount is generally prorated as follows:

- 9 to 11 credit hours = $\frac{3}{4}$ time or 75 % of the award
- 6 to 8 credit hours = $\frac{1}{2}$ time or 50% of the award
- Less than 6 credit hours = 25% of the award or less – see below

Exceptions to proration scale:

- Students receiving Federal Pell Grant with an expected family contributions (EFC) greater than 3400 who plan to enroll less than full time should consult with the Financial Aid Office.
- North Carolina Need Based Grant (NCNBG) prorate, but requires at least half-time enrollment.
- FSEOG is awarded to students who are Pell grant eligible and who show exceptional financial need. Students must be enrolled in 12 or more hours to receive FSEOG.

How payments are made toward tuition/fees, books and supplies

All student award packages are electronically applied to their student account and, if applicable, each student receives a net disbursement check. A student's tuition/fees will be charged automatically against their awarded funds. Students may purchase their books and supplies from the BCC bookstore remaining awarded funds up to ten days prior to classes beginning each term. A student choosing to do so will be able to identify the books and supplies they need and then access their award funds through the college's linked computer system. Please contact the BCC Financial Aid Office for specific dates and times. If a student's financial aid award is not enough to cover their tuition/fees, they are responsible for paying the difference by the tuition payment due date.

How remaining funds are disbursed

If a student is eligible to receive any remaining funds after all charges for tuition/fees and books/supplies are deducted, they will be issued a net disbursement check bases on a disbursement schedule. This schedule is available each semester in the Financial Aid Office and also posted Bladen Community College website: <http://www.bladenc.edu>.

Additional Information

Late Start Classes: If a student registers for classes that have a later start date during the term than the first day of the term (i.e. Fall semester begins 8/16, class starts 10/14), award funds will not be available for those classes until the student's class attendance/participation has been confirmed for those classes. Therefore, if the student is not attending classes full-time, for example, at the beginning of the term, but will be once the late start class begins, their award will be prorated to match class attendance/participation at the beginning of the term and then increased to full-time once their class attendance/participation has been confirmed for the class.

Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy for Financial Aid: All financial aid recipients are required to meet satisfactory academic progress (SAP) according to Federal regulations and policies set by Bladen Community College (BCC). The intent of these policies is to ensure that students who are receiving financial aid are making measurable progress toward completion of an approved degree, diploma, or certificate program in a reasonable period of time and within a reasonable number of credit hours attempted in their program of study.

Drops/Withdrawals: If a student withdraws, drops, or ceases attendance in all of their classes prior to completing 60% of the semester, they will in most instances be required to return funds to the college and/or the U.S. Department of Education. If there are questions about dropping/withdrawing from any course(s), students should contact the Financial Aid Office. If a student registers for classes at BCC and does not plan to attend, it is their responsibility to drop the classes prior to the date classes begin.

Outside Resources: All students are responsible for notifying the Financial Aid Office if they receive any scholarships, employer reimbursement or other assistance from outside sources.

Clock Hour/Clock-Credit Hour Programs (Nursing Aide/Nursing Assistant): Federal regulations also require different payment procedures for students enrolled in the following clock-hour programs: Nursing Aide/Nursing Assistant (D45930) . For more information please contact the Financial Aid Office.

Repeated Courses: Students can receive Title IV aid for a previously passed course once, as long as they are again receiving credit for the course. If a student previously passed a course and then subsequently failed the same course, any additional attempt of that course cannot again be included in their enrollment status for Title IV purposes. There is no regulatory limit on the number of times that a student may be paid to retake a failed course, unless a student has previously passed that course (in which case they may not receive Title IV aid to pay for that course). Please be advised each time a course is repeated it counts in attempted hours which may affect the students SAP (Satisfactory Academic Progress).

Federal Work-study (FWS): Federal Work-Study is a federally funded program that provides part-time employment to students with financial need. If you have been awarded Federal Work-Study, the amount listed in your award letter is the allotment of money that you may earn during the academic year. You will be paid an hourly wage and will receive a monthly paycheck for any hours you work in a work-study position.

Year Round Pell (Summer Pell): Students who are enrolled full-time fall and spring semesters would have used all of their Pell entitlement for that academic year may now qualify for an additional semester of Pell funds for the summer semester. In order to receive any Pell funds during the summer semester, a student must register and complete at least six (6) semester hours. Please note that in order for a student to receive full Pell for the summer semester a student must still enroll for twelve (12) semester hours.