



## FINANCIAL AID AND THE STUDENT CONSUMER

### What should I know about the financial aid program at SLCC?

As an educated consumer, you should have complete up-to-date information so you can make wise decisions about your educational future. Your Financial Aid Notification shows the financial aid for which you appear eligible as determined from all the information in your SLCC financial aid file. If you have questions about the conditions for receiving these awards we encourage you to contact the Financial Aid Office.

### Is SLCC required to provide me with information about its financial aid programs?

Post-secondary institutions are required by law to provide relevant, candid information on a variety of topics to prospective and enrolled students who request it. Most of the information you need is provided in this and the other Financial Aid Information Sheets. Complete information on academic programs, admissions and registration policies and facilities is available in the *Salt Lake Community College Catalog*. Class scheduling and faculty information are available in the class schedule available at the courtesy desk in the College Center.

### What are my rights as a student when communicating with the Financial Aid Office?

1. You have the right to know what financial aid programs are available at SLCC.
2. You have the right to know SLCC priority dates for submitting your financial aid applications.
3. You have the right to know how financial aid is distributed and how these decisions are made.
4. You have the right to know how your financial aid award was determined. This includes how costs such as tuition/fees, room and board, transportation, books, supplies and personal expenses are figured for the budget.
5. You have the right to know what financial resources were used to calculate your eligibility. **See your Financial Aid Award Notification.**
6. You have the right to know how much of your financial eligibility, as determined by the Financial Aid Office, has been met. **See your Financial Aid Award Notification.**
7. You have the right to request information about each part of your financial aid award. **See Funding Education Beyond High School – The Guide to Student Aid.**
8. You have the right to know the SLCC refund/ repayment policy.
9. You have the right to know how SLCC determines whether you are making reasonable satisfactory progress towards your degree (for financial aid purposes), and to know what happens if you are not. **See Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy for Credit Hour Students.**

### What are my responsibilities as a financial aid applicant?

1. You should review and consider all the financial aid information available before you enroll.
2. You must complete all aid application forms accurately and submit them by the posted priority dates. This information must be correct. In most instances, reporting false information on financial aid applications is a violation of law and may be considered a criminal offense that could result in indictment under the U.S. Criminal Code.
3. You must be admitted to the College and fully matriculated as a degree-seeking student in an eligible program.
4. You must respond quickly to requests for additional documentation, verification, corrections, and/or new information from the SLCC Financial Aid Office or the agency to which you submitted your

- application.
5. You should read and understand all forms that you are asked to sign and we suggest you keep copies of each form in your own personal financial aid file.
  6. You should keep copies of all the documents you used to prepare your financial aid applications, such as your Wage Tax Statements (W-2 forms) and your federal tax returns.
  7. If awarded college work-study, you must accept your work-study award within 15 days and find a work-study job within 45 days.
  8. You should understand the SLCC procedure for releasing funds to your account and release of remainder checks if applicable.
  9. You must meet financial aid requirements for satisfactory academic progress, as well as those of your college, school, and/or department.
  10. You must sign a statement that you understand any money you receive under federal financial aid programs is to be used for educational expenses.
  11. You must certify compliance with Selective Service regulations.
  12. To receive any type of federal aid, you must certify that you are not in default on any student loans and that you do not owe a repayment on previous federal aid you have received.

We urge you to consult with a financial aid advisor if you have any questions concerning your rights and/or responsibilities of your financial aid.

#### **Where do I get more information?**

For further information, come to the Financial Aid Office on the 2nd floor of the Student Center, Taylorsville-Redwood Campus or the Financial Aid Offices at the South, Jordan or Sandy Campuses. Or you can call (801) 957-4410.

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