

## **Student Financial Assistance**

This policy is to help provide guidance where students receive assistance of any kind, including College tuition waivers, Federal Financial Aid, Pell Grants, direct student loans or scholarships.

Tuition and staff waivers given by the College can only be used to offset or “pay” state or out-of-state tuition. Waivers cannot be received by the student to pay for fees, private music lessons, housing or food plans or as cash refunds. Waivers cannot exceed the amount of state or out-of-state tuition for any single quarter of use.

Tuition and staff waivers will only waive the amount of tuition credits taken in any one quarter. They also may not lead to a refund of cash or be used to pay other fees.

Sources of assistance are applied to student accounts as follows:

1. All tuition waivers including staff waivers given by the College. In the event a student receives an outside scholarship for tuition, then the outside scholarship will take priority over the College tuition waiver. If a student receives more than one College tuition waiver, they will be applied in the order the financial aid office receives them.
2. Unsubsidized guaranteed student loans (GSL).
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4. Pell Grants.
5. SEOG.
6. SNG.
7. TVCC Grants.
8. Other state funding.
9. Scholarships (departmental).
10. Scholarships (outside).

Exceptions to the sources of assistance rule will be determined on a case-by-case basis by the Dean of Student Services.

## **Satisfactory Progress**

Students must maintain satisfactory progress as determined under the College academic standards policy and/or financial aid standards of academic progress in order to maintain eligibility to receive tuition waivers.

## **Sources of Funding**

All forms of student financial assistance shall be administered according to the published regulatory guidelines or instructions as indicated by the agency/organization/person providing funds.

## **Awards Funded by the College**

All funds provided as financial assistance to students shall be regulated by this policy.

Students receiving financial assistance from the College must meet the “Standards of Academic Progress” in order to establish and maintain eligibility for tuition waivers as defined by Board policy and/or financial aid standards of academic progress as established by the College.

“Tuition waivers” are to be understood as all types of awards including staff waivers, athletic awards, departmental awards and other miscellaneous awards budgeted as tuition waivers during the annual budget process.

Tuition waivers shall be limited to degree and/or certificate seeking students at the College.

Tuition waivers given by the College, up to 20 credits per term, can only be used to offset or “pay” tuition at the current in-state rate and cannot exceed the amount of in-state tuition charged in any period of enrollment.

Tuition waivers cannot be received by the student to pay for fees, private music lessons, housing or food plans, as cash refunds, or to pay for other non-tuition charges.

## **Student Accounts**

For the purpose of refunding credit balances or returning unearned funds to scholarship agencies, the U.S. Department of Education, or any other award provider, funding will be applied to student accounts as follows:

1. Outside scholarships, grants or assistance designated for tuition charges only.
2. All College tuition waivers as described above. (In the event a student is offered multiple college tuition waivers, they will be applied in the order they are received by the Financial Aid Office. Multiple waivers may not exceed the in-state tuition rate and may not exceed the total tuition amount charged in any period of enrollment.)
3. Outside scholarships, grants or assistance designated for educational expenses only.

4. Institutional scholarships, grants, or assistance (example: TVCC Foundation scholarships).
5. Oregon Student Assistance Commission scholarships, grants or assistance (example: Oregon Opportunity Grant).
6. Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (SEOG).
7. Federal Pell Grants.
8. PLUS Loans.
9. Perkins Loans.
10. Subsidized Stafford Loans.
11. Unsubsidized Stafford Loans.
12. Any Payment.

### **Exceptions**

Exceptions to the sources of assistance rules will be determined on a case-by-case basis by submitting a written appeal to the Dean of Student Services.

END OF POLICY

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### **Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 341.290\(7\)](#)  
[ORS 341.527](#)  
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