

Mesa

Financial Aid

2009/2010 Information

Financial Aid Office Hours:

Fall and Spring Semesters

Monday - Thursday 8:00am-6:00pm
Friday 8:00am - 12:00pm



Summer Sessions

Monday - Wednesday 7:30am-6:00pm
Thursday 8:30 am - 6:00 pm
Friday CLOSED

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Information in this brochure is vital to students, please read it carefully. This may answer many of the questions you may have regarding your financial aid.


The Financial Aid Office at Mesa College is pleased to offer you financial assistance for the 2009/2010 academic year as shown on the enclosed award letter. Please note that if you are enrolled in a combination of classes at Mesa, City, or Miramar Colleges you **MUST MAINTAIN ENROLLMENT IN AT LEAST ONE MESA COLLEGE CLASS** in order to receive any of the financial aid shown on your award letter. The Financial Aid Office has authorized an appropriate award based on federal regulations and fund availability. However, in many instances the dollars offered may still fall short of meeting the entire estimated need. Payment of all awards is subject to adequate funding from the sources involved and adjustments may be required if funding deficiencies exist.


 Your financial aid will be MAILED to you. If you chose, you may sign up for Direct Deposit to a valid bank account. Please update your Admission Applications on *REG-E* if you have a change of address or if you chose the Direct Deposit option. Any changes made to your record may take up to 2-3 weeks to become effective. 

Your Award Letter

The amount of financial aid indicated on the award letter is based on full time enrollment (12 or more units). **You do not necessarily need to be full time to receive financial aid.** However, your award will be adjusted, or in some instances canceled, if you are not enrolled full time.

 **Your cost of attendance:** This is our standard estimated budget based on information you have provided to us. Your actual expenses may be different.

 **Your Expected Family Contribution: (EFC)** This figure was determined using federal methodology need analysis based on the information you provided on your application for aid [FAFSA].

 **Financial Need:** This is the maximum amount of financial aid you are eligible to receive however; lack of funding may not enable us to meet your full need.

One Semester Only Award

If your award letter shows that, with the exception of the Board of Governors Waiver, you have been offered assistance for the Fall, Spring, or Summer semester only, it is because you have indicated to us that the Fall, Spring or Summer will be the only semester you will attend Mesa College, or because you were advised that this was the last semester Mesa College Financial Aid could assist you.

Short Term and Late Start Classes

Your payment will be delayed for SEOG, Cal Grant, and loan programs until you are actively attending at least 6 units. This includes all late start classes. Your disbursement will be Direct Deposited or mailed to you approximately one week after your late start classes have begun. This may also affect access to the Bookstore account [see Bookstore Accounts].



Dropping or Withdrawing


PLEASE NOTE: If you completely withdraw from, stop attending, or are dropped from ALL of your classes, or receive all F's, you may be required to repay all or a large portion of any grant money you receive. If you used the Bookstore Account and did not attend your classes, you may be responsible for repaying the amount of the charges that you made at the Bookstore. If you do not attend all late start classes, your Pell Grant may be recalculated and you may be required to repay all or a large portion of these funds.

BOGW (Board of Governors Fee Waiver)

This is a waiver for eligible California residents which covers applicable enrollment fees for each academic session from Fall through Summer. In limited circumstances, if you are offered this award, it may also waive payment of the Health Fee. When you register using *REG-E* your BOGW will automatically cover any applicable enrollments fees [for students who have been awarded prior to enrolling]. If you have paid your enrollment fees at the time of enrollment, you may go to the Accounting Office on the first floor of the I-400 building to request a refund. Refunds will be processed only for the current academic year for which you are/were enrolled. If you drop or are dropped from any of your classes during the add/drop period, you are entitled to a refund only for those classes in which you are still enrolled and for which you have paid.

Federal Pell Grant This is a Federal Grant (effective with the 2008-2009 academic year, for first time Pell Grant eligible students, this grant will carry a lifetime eligibility limit of 18 full-time semesters). The amount shown on the award notifications is based on full-time enrollment (12 units). Generally, if you enroll in 9-11.5 units, you will receive 75% of the award, 6-8.5 units, 50% of the award. If you enroll in less than half-time, in some cases, you may still be eligible for a small portion of your Pell Grant. You must be enrolled in all of your classes for Fall by **September 11, 2009** and for Spring by **February 11, 2009**. **After these dates and once your Pell Grant payment for the semester has been made, your Pell Grant will NOT be adjusted if you add or drop units during the semester, unless you withdraw from 100% of your units [see "Dropping or Withdrawing"].**


 **Pell Grant Bookstore Account** For students enrolled in 6 or more units, and who are California Residents, a portion of the estimated Pell Grant will be on account in the Bookstore at the beginning of each semester to use for purchasing books and supplies. The maximum amount available will be \$819 semester (Fall Accounts: **8/18/09 to 9/04/09** & Spring Accounts: **1/19/10 to 2/05/10**). A photo Student ID card is needed to use this account. The amount used in the Bookstore will be deducted from the actual Pell Grant. The remaining amount will be divided into 2 payments and mailed to you or Direct Deposited [see "*Direct Deposit*"] according to the payment schedule. 

Non-Resident Students: Any Pell Grant or FSEOG funds for non-residents will be applied directly to the payment of your tuition and fees when using *REG-E* or in the Accounting Office. Any remaining balance will be mailed to you or Direct Deposited [see "*Direct Deposit*"] according to the payment schedule. 

Bus Passes: Available 08/17/2009 – 09/08/2009 (Fall)
Spring (TBA)


Semester bus passes will be available for a limited time [see dates listed above]. If you are a California resident, you may be able to use your Pell Grant to purchase a special one-semester bus pass for \$158 in the Accounting Office (I-412). You must have a SDCCD School ID and have been awarded a Pell Grant for the 2009/2010 academic year, and have enough eligibility based on your enrollment status. Please come to the Financial Aid Office if you any questions regarding your eligibility for a bus pass using your Pell Grant.

FSEOG (Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant) This is a Federal Grant. You must be enrolled in at least 6 units to receive payment of this award. This award will be mailed to you or Direct Deposited [see “Direct Deposit”] according to the payment schedule [non-resident students please see “Non-Resident Students” above].

Federal Work Study This award is an earning potential [not an earning guarantee] for eligible students enrolled in a minimum of 6 units [half time]. Actual wages earned are dependent upon an assigned hourly rate ranging from \$8.50 to 10.00 per hour, and the number of hours worked. Once placed in a suitable position, timecards will be issued and must be turned in by the date and time listed on the timesheet in order to be paid on the 10th of each month following the month worked. After submitting an accurately filled out and signed time card to the Financial Aid Office, you will receive a paycheck by mail  or by direct Deposit for those students who have submitted a Direct Deposit form to the Work Study Coordinator [**NOTE: this is separate from the Direct Deposit option for Financial Aid disbursements as set up on REG-E**]. You must advise the Financial Aid Office & the Admission’s Office of any address changes in order to continue receiving your checks. If you have been awarded Federal Work Study, and it appears on your award letter, please stop by the Financial Aid Office during our regularly scheduled office hours to pick-up a Work Study employment packet and schedule an appointment for job placement.

If you have not reported for placement by September 11, 2009, your work-study award will be canceled.


Ask About Our Community Service Opportunities!

Cal Grant B or Cal Grant C These grants are awarded to California residents and administered by the California Student Aid Commission. The Financial Aid Office does not determine who receives these awards. We confirm that you are in an eligible status and disburse the checks. You must be enrolled in at least 6 units to be eligible for a Cal Grant. The amount listed on your award letter is based on full-time enrollment (12 units). If you are enrolled in 9 - 11.5 units, you will receive 75% of the award, and 6 - 8.5 units, 50% of the award. Your disbursements will be mailed to you or Direct Deposited [see “Direct Deposit”] according to the payment schedule. 

Cal Grant C: This grant is available to California resident students who are enrolled in a vocational program of four months to two years in duration, determined by an official education plan and declared major which must be on record at San Diego Mesa College. **If you are enrolled in a program for transfer to a four-year institution you will not be eligible for a Cal Grant C.**

PLEASE NOTE: For new Cal Grant recipients, verification of high school graduation [including passing the Exit Exam {CAHSEE}] is required.

Federal Direct Student Loan This is a loan, which **must be repaid** with a variable rate of interest. Under the Federal Direct Loan Program, students borrow money directly from the Federal Government. The amount you may borrow depends on eligibility criteria. An Entrance Counseling Session is required for new loan borrowers within the SDCCD. This can be done on-line at: www.dlserver.ed.gov. The next required step is the Promissory Note. Please fill in your Promissory Note on-line as well at: <https://dlenote.ed.gov>.

Once you’ve complete the required Promissory Note, you will receive payment of any loan in two equal payments within the period of the loan (one payment each semester, for a two-semester loan, or two payments a semester for a one-semester loan). Your disbursements will be mailed to you or Direct Deposited [see “Direct Deposit”] according to the payment schedule.  **Verify that the Admission’s Office has your correct mailing address on REG-E.**

Loans are not automatically offered, but if you are interested in applying for one, please visit the Financial Aid Office for more information.

Direct Deposit Students interested in having their financial aid award disbursements Direct Deposited into a valid bank account can register for this option on **REG-E**. Sign in using your CSID & PIN as you would to enroll in class and select the Direct Deposit option. You are responsible for this information, so be sure to enter it correctly. The Financial Aid Office will not be able to see or verify your personal bank information at any time.

Standards of Academic Progress for Aid Recipients

With the exception of the Board of Governors Waiver, in order to remain eligible for any of the above programs, you must be enrolled in an eligible program and be making Satisfactory Academic Progress towards your stated educational goal. A copy of the Standards of Academic Progress is available on-line: <http://sdmesa.edu/financial-aid/pdf/StandardsAcademicProgress.pdf>. Please read it carefully.

Enrollment Levels for Fall and Spring

12 units = full-time 9 units = ¾ time 6 units = half-time
.5 – 5.5 = less than half time

Enrollment Levels for Summer

Vary according to length of Semester. Please see the Financial Aid Office or the summer course schedule.

Financial Aid Password



The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA) is a federal law that protects the privacy of student educational records, both financial and academic. In order to provide students access to their financial aid information and status over the telephone or e-mail, and to maintain compliance with state, federal law and district procedure, we have established a student **designated password system**. In order to allow the Financial Aid Office to provide you with information from your personal file, **you must complete and return a Financial Aid Student Password Request form with Photo I.D.** If you have not done this yet, please be aware that the Financial Aid Office staff **will be unable** to answer many of the questions you may have about your file over the telephone or by e-mail. It will be necessary for you to come to the office and show ID before any information may be released to you. You may pick up a form in the Financial Aid Office or on-line: <http://sdmesa.edu/financial-aid/pdf/PasswordForm.pdf>

Student Education Plan (Educational Program Plan)

Student Education Plans are highly recommended, but not required for financial aid **unless you are in an appeal situation, applying for a sophomore level student loan or may be eligible for Cal Grant C**. We strongly recommend that you see an academic counselor before the end of your first year in college. It is then your responsibility to take only the classes that are required. Failure to enroll in required classes could result in your eligibility for financial aid expiring before you have completed your educational goal. If you get into an appeal situation either by attempting more than 90 units, or having earned an Associate or higher degree, your appeal may be denied if you take non-required classes [please see *Standards of Academic Progress for Aid Recipients*].