

**GRAYSON COUNTY COLLEGE  
OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID  
FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

**Note to All Students**

**Students that are in default on a federal student loan or have an outstanding Return to Title IV (R2T4) are not eligible to receive Grants or Loans until the issue is resolved. Documentation from the appropriate agency is required to continue the process on your paperwork**

**Students enrolled in only developmental classes are not eligible for Title IV aid which includes the Federal Pell Grant and Federal Student Loans**

**If you are applying for a student loan and enrolled in less than 6 semester hours at the time of disbursement you are not eligible and will not receive your requested loan proceeds**

**Continuing Education Programs are not approved for any Title IV Assistance**

**1. Where do I begin the process of applying for and acquiring financial assistance?**

**Students should begin by applying for their Department of Education Pin number to be able to sign their Federal Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If the student is a dependent of their parents, the parent must also obtain a PIN number. Students and parents apply for their PIN at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). Once the student/parent has received their PIN they may file their FAFSA electronically at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). Each year the student and/or parent will use the same PIN number to sign their FAFSA .**

**When the student applies electronically, the institution is notified when the fafsa is processed and sent to the school. The fafsa will not be processed unless it is signed electronically by the student or both the student and parent.**

**We encourage all students to file electronically to expedite the process. If a paper application is mailed the process generally takes four (4) – six (6) weeks. A paper application can be submitted but electronic applications are preferred.**

**2. What documents are needed for a student to complete the FAFSA either online or by paper?**

- A. The student's social security number and parent's if needed.**
- B. The student's drivers license number if you have one**
- C. The students Alien Registration Number if you are not a U.S. citizen**
- D. Signed federal tax information or tax returns (to include IRS W-2's) for yourself and spouse if you are married, and for parents if you are providing parent**

information. If you have not filed an income tax return, you can still submit your FAFSA but you must provide the filed tax return before the Office of Financial Aid may begin to process your FAFSA information. The year of the tax return or tax information to submit is noted on the FAFSA for the award year you are applying. Ex: 2007-2008 award year would require 2006 income documents.

- E. Records of untaxed income such as Social Security benefits, welfare benefits (e.g. TANF) veteran benefits for yourself and your parents if you are providing parent information, and child support, etc.
- F. Information on savings, investments and business and farm assets for yourself and your parents if you are providing parent information.

### 3. What is Grayson County College's school code?

- A. GCC's school code is 003570

### 4. What documents must the Office of Financial Aid need to process my FAFSA once they

- A. Signed copies of your complete tax return and W-2's for both you and your spouse and your parents if you are providing parent information.
- B. Signed Verification Worksheet. This form may be downloaded from the Institution's website at [www.grayson.edu](http://www.grayson.edu), Getting Started, Financial Opportunities, then, select the award year that you plan to attend.

### 5. Where do the documents need to be mailed or faxed in order for the Office of Financial Aid to begin the process of analyzing the students FAFSA results?

#### By Postal Service

Office of Financial Aid  
Grayson County College  
6101 Grayson Drive  
Denison, Texas 75020

#### By Fax Machine

903-463-3908

*When you submit your documents, please identify on each page of the document(s) the student's name and social security number for identification purposes.*

### 5. What are the requirements to be considered an independent student?

The Federal law determines a student's independent status. If a student's answer is yes to any of the questions listed below, then they will be considered an independent student.

- Will you be at least 24 years of age before January 1, of the school year for which you are applying?
- Do you have a Bachelor's Degree?
- As of today are you married? (answer "yes" if you are separated but not divorced)
- Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?

- Do you have dependents (other than your children or spouse) who live with you and who receive more than half of their support from you, now and through June 30, of the school year for which you are applying?
- Are you an orphan, or are you or were you (until age 18) a ward/dependent of the court?
- Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. Armed Forces for purposes other than training?
- Are you a veteran of the U.S. Armed Forces?

#### **6. Can financial aid pay for a mini-mester or fast-track classes?**

Mini-mester terms are attached to the regular semester immediately preceding the Mini-mester term. If you have financial aid for that semester, then the mini-mester hours and charges will be included in the regular term if the student has not received their full disbursement for the semester. Students are encouraged to contact the Office of Financial aid to determine if they have remaining eligibility before enrolling in the class and assuming their financial aid will apply toward tuition and fees.

#### **7. Do I need to be a full time student to be eligible to receive a Pell Grant?**

The Federal Pell Grant is based upon need and if a student is eligible based upon the FAFSA Results. The student does not have to be enrolled full time to receive their grant. However, the Pell Grant award is prorated based upon enrollment status. The award letter sent to the student indicating their Pell Grant amount is based upon a full time status and is prorated based upon the number of hours a student is enrolled as of the census date of the semester they are enrolled.

- 12 hours or more = full award
- 9-11 hours = three-fourths of the award
- 1-5 hours = a fractional amount of the award

#### **8. What is the date the student's Title IV eligibility and enrollment status is calculated after the Initial Award letter?**

The census date of the last class a student has enrolled for a given semester (fall, spring or summer) is the official date that Title IV eligibility is calculated. Students not enrolled or have been reported by their instructor of not attending or a "no show" thru the census date of a given semester will have not earned any title IV and will be responsible for institutional charges that may have been incurred.

#### **9. What will happen if I drop a class or withdraw from all of my classes during a semester when receiving financial aid?**

##### **What if I drop a class during the first twelve class days?**

- It would have no effect if you maintain the enrollment status (i.e.) full-time, half-time, three quarter time, less than half time) that you held prior to dropping the class. It will only change the amount of the tuition

**What if I drop a class after the twelfth class day but before the end of the refund period?**

- Your tuition will be reduced ( see refund policy in college catalog).
- Your Pell Grant amount will remain the same. It is calculated as of the census date.
- You will be subject to satisfactory academic progress standards that require you to complete a certain percentage of hours attempted. You may obtain a copy of these standards from the Financial Aid Office website.

**What if I drop a class after the refund period?**

- You will be subject to satisfactory academic progress standards that require you to complete a certain percentage of hours attempted. You may obtain a copy of these standards from the Financial Aid office or on our website in the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy.
- If you are required by THEA to be enrolled in a developmental course and drop the course you will be withdrawn from the college and may be subject to repay Title IV Funds
- If you have appealed for the current semester you are not allowed to drop a class or classes or you will be placed back on suspension
- If you drop all courses or you receive all F's in a semester you may be subject to repay Title IV Funds which includes Federal Pell Grant and any Federal Student Loans. The student has the option to contact their instructors to e-mail the student's last date of attendance or last class assignment to the Director of financial Aid within 10 days of their withdrawal or 10 days after the end of the semester for a recalculation to be considered. If there is an unearned portion of funds received by the student, they will be returned to the appropriate program and the student may owe Grayson County College and the Department of Education.

**RETURN TO TITLE IV FUNDS (R2T4)**

**Important notice for financial aid recipients who withdraw or receive all F's in their classes**

**If you are receiving financial aid at Grayson County College, the following regulations from the Department of Education were implemented and became effective October 7, 2000 for the 2000-2001 academic year and subsequent academic years.**

**“When a recipient of Title IV either grants or loans withdraws from an Institution during a payment period or period of enrollment in which the recipient began attendance, the institution must determine the amount of title IV grant or loan assistance that the student earned as of the student's withdrawal date. The institution must return, in the order specified, the lesser of...(i) The total amount of unearned title IV assistance to be returned... or (ii) an amount equal to the total institutional charges incurred by the percentage of title IV grant or loan assistance that has not been earned by the student. After the institution has allocated the unearned funds for which it is responsible, the student must return assistance for which the student is responsible” (CFR 668.22). The Department of Education considers a student who**

earns all F's to have unofficially withdrawn unless an instructor can prove otherwise. Students in this category must repay 50% of awarded Title IV money.

Title IV aid is earned in a prorated manner on a per diem basis up to and including the 60% point in the term. After the 60% point all aid is considered earned. The percentage earned is calculated by dividing the number of days completed by the number of days in the payment period. It is the unearned percentage of aid that determines the amount that must be returned to the Title IV program(s). The College, as well as the student, may be required to return to the federal government, the unearned portion of the Title IV funds.

Beginning October 7, 2000, the institution will require students to repay charges resulting from the institutions portion of the return of unearned Title IV aid. *This may cause the student to owe both Grayson County College and the Department of Education.*

*Students who are considering withdrawing should contact the Office of Financial Aid for a thorough explanation of how this policy may affect them.*

#### **10. What is Grayson County College Satisfactory Academic Progress for the Office of Financial Aid?**

**This information is available on the institution's website within the financial aid section/Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy. Essentially, the number of hours a student must complete each award year and maintain a grade point aver of 2.0 to continue to receive Title IV assistance.**

#### **Note to Students:**

*Grayson County College's Office of Financial Aid accepts no responsibility for billings, refund checks or correspondence from this office that is sent to incorrect addresses or difficulties caused by the postal service or other delivery methods.*

#### **11. What is the definition of deliver and disbursement in association with Title IV Aid?**

**The U.S. Department of Education uses the term disbursement to apply to the issuance of all types of financial aid from the school to the student. However, to distinguish between the transfer of funds between lender and school and the transfer of funds between school and student, the Common Manual uses "disbursement" for lender activities and "delivery" for school activities. Both terms are defined as follows:**

- (a) Disbursement:** The transfer of loan proceeds by individual check, master check, or electronic funds transfer (EFT) by a lender to a borrower, a school, or an escrow agent. (Common Manual Glossary)
- (b) Delivery:** A school's processing of Stafford and PLUS loan proceeds and delivery of those proceeds to borrowers. (Common Manual, chapter 8)

**12. How and when will the credit balance on a student's account be released by the Business Office of Grayson County College?**

Students who have completed their Title IV file, awards have been made and the necessary documents have been mailed to the lender if a loan is involved by the first day of class, the student should receive their balance in check form from Grayson County College's Business Office the Monday beginning the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) week of class in a long semester (fall/spring). Files completed after the first day of class will not receive their balance until two weeks after the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) week which is the first payment for a long semester.

By regulation, first-time borrowers may not receive their loan proceeds until the 31<sup>st</sup> day of class.

Summer Title IV payments will be the Monday beginning the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) week of the Semester.

Students are encouraged to verify the actual dates on the Office of Financial Aid's website listed under **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**13. How do I apply for Title IV assistance if I am attending another institution?**

A student cannot receive Title IV at both institutions. The student must decide which institution will be considered their "home" institution and who will be disbursing their Title IV funds.

**14 How do I transfer my financial aid to another institution?**

The student is encouraged to contact the Office of Financial Aid at Grayson County College so that we can cancel future disbursements. If the institution to which you are transferring is not listed on your FAFSA, you may either go online and add the institution to your FAFSA or call 1-8004FED-AID and ask them to list the new institution. Contact the institution that you are transferring and see what documents they require from you.

**15. If I am not eligible for a Pell Grant is there other financial assistance?**

Yes, there are many forms of financial assistance that you may be eligible for: Texas Grant, College Work-Study, Federal Student loans, Texas Grant, Texas Be-On-Time Loan, on campus and off campus scholarships.

**16. What is an award letter?**

An award letter is intended to inform the student of aid he/she will receive while

attending the institution. Once the student's Pell Grant file has been processed, and the office has received all the necessary information to award aid; two(2) copies of the award letter will be mailed. The amounts on the award letter are based upon full time status and are subject to change. Please sign and return one copy of the award letter to the Office of Financial Aid. Students are encouraged to maintain the correct address within Campus Connect or the Admissions Office.

Students who have applied for a Stafford loan will receive an additional award letter with instructions indicating how to complete the loan process Loans-by-Web (LBW) and to complete their entrance and exit counseling. *Students cannot receive loan proceeds until this process has been completed and the MPN has been mailed to the lender of their choice.*

Students must complete entrance counseling prior to the first disbursement of their loan proceeds and complete exit counseling before the last disbursement for the loan period. The Office of Financial Aid is notified electronically when a student has completed both the entrance and exit counseling. The entrance and exit counseling process is located on the Office of Financial Aid's official website under loan information.

**17. What is the cost of attendance at Grayson County College?**

Costs vary with regard to the different course of study, type of housing, transportation costs, individual circumstances, and extraordinary expenses incurred by inflation. Additional costs tend to vary according to the individual.

To assist the student in determining the cost of attendance for an academic year, fall and spring equals a nine (9) month budget, the institution publishes a cost of attendance (expense). This information is published on the student's award letter as a nine (9) month estimate. The average budget for the academic year reflects direct and indirect expenses. Direct educational expenses include tuition and fees. Indirect educational expenses include books, supplies, room and board, transportation and personal expenses. The cost of attendance is subject to change.

**18. Are there priority dates within the Office of Financial Aid?**

Need-based financial aid applications will be processed on the basis of availability of funds. Applicants are urged to have a completed application on file before June 1 for the Fall semester, before October 1 for the Spring Semester, and before April 1 for the Summer Semester in order to be considered for all of the programs for which they may be eligible. Each individual scholarship has its own deadline. Late applicants should be prepared to meet initial expenses (tuition, fees and books) from their own resources. No notification or award will be made until all required documents have been received. You may review Campus Connect for missing documents that are still required to complete the process of your file.

**19. Do I need to complete the FAFSA before applying for a student Loan?**

**Yes, it is mandatory for students to complete the FAFSA before applying for a student loan because the FAFSA allows the Office of Financial Aid to determine your general eligibility for a student loan. The subsidized loan awarded is based upon need. The need is determined by the results of the FAFSA. Additional information regarding the types of loan available to our students may be located in the financial aid office or the institutions website.**

**20. Is there a separate application to apply for a student loan?**

**Yes, students at Grayson County College must complete the Student Loan Form. The form may be downloaded from the institution's website. The form is included in the Information Guide for Student Loans. *Students attending Grayson County College must complete the Loans-by-Web process each year. This includes mailing the promissory note to the lender and completing entrance and exit counseling.* If you choose to e-sign your MPN, it is your responsibility to contact the lender you have selected to ensure that your loan has been guaranteed and will be disbursed in accordance with GCC's policy and procedures.**

**21. How many hours must I be enrolled in to be eligible for and receive a Student Loan?**

**You must be enrolled in no less than 6 hours and making Satisfactory Academic Progress. Further, if you are enrolled in only developmental courses, you are not eligible for Title IV Aid.**

**22. What is the amount of loan proceeds that a student may receive at Grayson County College?**

**As stated above, a student wishing to apply for a student loan must apply for a loan using the electronic application process entitled Loans-By-Web. The instructions how to complete the process, will be enclosed in your award letter or it can be located on our website. Pay close attention to the process in coordination with the payment dates.**

Grayson County College has implemented policy that allows GCC students to obtain no more than two loans to complete their education at GCC. A student may receive a freshman level loan when the hours earned are 0 – 30, maximum loan eligibility is \$3,500.00. A student may receive a sophomore level loan when the hours earned are 31- or more, maximum loan eligibility is \$4,500.00. All loans are based on student eligibility and policy.

Exception:

- A student that has received a freshman loan while completing a certificate program, in which a certificate was earned, may receive an additional freshman loan if they return to GCC in an established degree plan.
- ADN students normally require three years for program completion. An ADN student may obtain a freshman loan for the required basics, a freshman loan for

the freshman nursing courses, and a sophomore loan for the sophomore nursing courses.

**GCC's cost of education is lower than most institutions and it is believed this is sufficient for a student to complete their degree. It is the institutions intent for the borrowers not to borrow more than needed and not to become over-burdened in debt.**

**Student loans are NOT available for mini-mester, and/or fast tracks classes due to the limited number of weeks and length of the program and or/semester.**

**Federal Regulations require multiple disbursements on Stafford loans and Parent PLUS loans. If you apply for a loan which is for both the Fall and Spring semesters, funds will be sent to Grayson County College via Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) after the 30<sup>th</sup> day of class has been completed for freshman first time borrowers, and all remaining students will receive their disbursements after the completion of the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday for the Fall and Spring semesters.**

**Once the student's eligibility has been verified and their account is credited, if there is a refund, the Business Office will issue a refund check. There will be one disbursement for Fall, and one disbursement for Spring. For students enrolled in an *eligible* non-standard program, there will be one disbursement for summer.**

**If a student is attending only one semester at GCC, federal regulations require two (2) disbursements during the loan period enrolled.**

**Federal Regulations require all students to complete entrance counseling prior to the first disbursement of their loan proceeds and complete exit counseling before the last disbursement for the loan period. The Office of Financial Aid is notified electronically when a student has completed both the entrance and exit counseling. The entrance and exit counseling process is located on the Office of Financial Aid's official website under loan information.**

**The particular dates of disbursement will be determined each academic year and posted to our website.**

**Parents of dependent students can apply for a PLUS loan not to exceed the student's cost of education to assist with their educational expenses.**

### **23. Will my credit history affect my student loan?**

**Normally no, although it is the lender's option to check a student's credit. Most lenders choose not to do a credit check for student subsidized and unsubsidized loans. PLUS loan applicants are subject to a credit check.**

**24. Can I still obtain a student loan or Pell Grant if I have defaulted on a student loan or owe a repayment (R2T4) to the Department of Education?**

**No. You must contact the lender in which you have a default on your loan and make payment arrangements to pay your defaulted loan. Generally, you must make six (6) consecutive monthly payments before you will be eligible to receive a new Stafford loan or pay the defaulted loan in full.**

**If you owe a repayment (R2T4) to the Department of Education you must contact the Collection Agency at 800-621-6115 or by e-mailing [dcshelp@pearson.com](mailto:dcshelp@pearson.com) to make payment arrangements or contact the institution for which you owe a repayment. Forward documentation to the Office of Financial Aid indicating payment has been made in full. Indicate on the documents your social security number, current name and if different any other names that you may have used previously.**

**Grayson County College must receive an updated ISIR or written documentation from the Department of Education that the defaulted loan(s) or overpayment has been paid in full prior to the student being eligible to Title IV (Pell Grant, loans, etc.)**

**25. Can I still obtain a Stafford loan if I have gone into or through bankruptcy?**

**Yes. It is recommended you seek legal advice before taking on additional debt.**

**26. Which lender should I use?**

**The Stafford Loan program and the PLUS Loan Program are federally insured by the Department of Education. Most lenders have the same interest rates but have different repayment incentives. Grayson County College has a preferred lender list which has been successful by proving to be accurate, timely, and reliable but students may choose a lender that is not on the preferred list. It is not necessary you have an account with the lender of your choice.**

**If a student selects a lender that does not participate with Texas Guaranteed Student Loan Corporation (TGSLC) as their guarantor (generally with another state) the student must provide the mailing address as well as the lender code and telephone number to the Office of Financial Aid. Please note the loan process may be delayed by selecting a lender who does not participate with TGSLC.**

**Students are discouraged from going to their local lender for a loan because the interest rates may be higher and they are not guaranteed by the Department of Education.**

## **27. How long does it take to process my student loan?**

Students are required to complete the online submission of loan applications thru Loans-by-Web (LBW).

Returning students will receive their proceeds if all documents have been submitted by the priority date for the semester/award year they are applying on the 5<sup>th</sup> Monday following the 12<sup>th</sup> class day.

1<sup>st</sup> time students loan recipients will receive their proceeds if all documents have been submitted by the priority date for the semester/award year they are applying after the 31<sup>st</sup> day of the semester.

Students at Grayson County College are required to submit a new Master Promissory Note (MPN) each award year. First time borrowers have a mandatory 30 day waiting period from the first day of class, before loan proceeds may be disbursed. Students are required to print, sign and mail their MPN to their lender.

Paper applications are not generally accepted, but if a student selects a lender that is not established to process disbursements thru Texas Guarantee Student Loan Corporation (TGSLC) and participate in Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) the student may submit a paper application to their lender indicating Grayson County College as their choice of school. Once received by the lender the funds will be mailed to GCC's Business Office in 4 to 6 weeks.

Students are encouraged to use the same lender every year and retain a copy for your records. There will be fewer complications by using the same lender and servicer once a student begins repaying their loans.

## **28. Is there a separate application for Federal Work Study?**

Yes, students interested in working on campus or off campus as a tutor for elementary students must complete and return the Work Study Application that can be downloaded from the institution's website. These positions have a beginning hourly wage of \$6.50 - \$8.00 an hour depending upon the responsibilities assigned to the work study. All students must give consent to a background check.

## **29. What is a non-standard program?**

Non-standard programs are usually a one year program. A student considered full time (12 hours or more) and should receive their certificate within three (3) semesters. Title IV is calculated to provide funding to the student each semester. The beginning and ending dates are different than a student enrolled in a standard term.

## **30. Are there some one(1) year certificate programs that the Federal Pell Grant and any other Title IV programs are calculated differently than an Associates degree?**

**Yes. Programs such as Cosmetology, Dental, Radiology and Vocational Nursing Programs are considered a one year program for a full time student and are calculated as a non-standard program. Essentially, the student's initial annual award is divided by three (3) for a full time student. This is due to the fact the student attends three (3) semesters full time and should receive their certificate for gainful employment after completing the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) semester.**

**31. Are there other Grayson County College programs not eligible for Title IV?**

- **Police Academy**
- **Continuing Education Classes**
- **Workforce Development Classes**

**32. Will Veteran Benefits affect my Financial Aid?**

**Yes. VA educational benefits are included as a resource in your award package. It is the student's responsibility to contact our office in writing once you have visited with the institution's VA Coordinator indicating when your benefits begin and end and the amount that will be received on a monthly basis. Failure to notify our office may result in your loan proceeds being reduced and/or cancelled.**

**33. Is there someone available to assist students completing the FAFSA?**

**Yes. Normally, workshops are available on Tuesday and Thursday from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. Students/Parents must bring signed copies of their tax returns, W-2's and Department of Education Pin number(s) to the workshop. Advisors may not be available during peak processing periods to assist with the FAFSA but will be happy to answer any questions you may have in reference to completing the application during this time. Please call our office to determine if an advisor is available to assist with the input of the FAFSA prior to coming to our office.**

**34. How many PIN numbers do I have?**

- **Pin number for Department of Education to sign the FAFSA electronically**
- **Pin number for Campus Connect**
- **Pin number for WebCt**
- **Pin number to electronically sign the MPN for loans**

**35. What is Campus Connect?**

**Students will receive a PIN number upon admission that is separate from their Department of Education Pin number for the FAFSA. Campus Connect allows students access to view their grades, financial aid that has been awarded, drop and add classes, and view their account information at the institution.**

**We encourage all potential financial aid recipients to use Campus Connect to their advantage. Once awards are made this information is available 24/7 and is reflected within Campus Connect. Also, within the financial aid information**

section will be reflected what documentation has been received at our office and what is still needed from the student in order to proceed processing the file.

### **36. What is WebCt?**

Students will be assigned a separate PIN number for WebCT. WebCt is a computer site where students take their Internet classes; obtain the instructors class syllabus, etc.

## **Scholarship Information**

### **37. Is there a separate application for applying for Grayson County College Scholarships?**

Yes. The priority deadline is March 15<sup>th</sup> of each award year for the following Fall/Spring Semester. This application may be downloaded from our website. It is pertinent that students read the application and turn in all appropriate documentation requested to prevent any delays to be considered for a scholarship awarded by the institution.

### **38. Are there any guidelines that must be followed to apply for and receive a GCC Scholarship?**

Yes. Please note the following:

- Complete scholarship application each academic award year and return the application and requested documents to the Office of Financial Aid.
- Complete the FAFSA each academic award year  
(*exemptions: House Bill 1528 (also known as House Bill 1403) eligible, J1 or J2 exchange visitor visa, F1 or F2 student visa or G series visa or family income of \$70,000 or more*). If you are exempt from completing the FAFSA, documentation must be provided to prove exemption, i.e.: 2006 tax return & W-2's or Visa
- Enroll in a minimum of 12 semester hours unless otherwise specified.
- Maintain an overall minimum 2.5 GPA and complete required number of hours to remain eligible for extended scholarships.
- Scholarship funds may be used for tuition/fees/books or supplies in the semester awarded.
- Scholarships may be reduced or rescinded if aid exceeds cost of attendance.
- Institutional scholarship values may not exceed \$800.00 per semester excluding Presidential, Athletic or Fine Arts.
- Scholarships may be reduced or rescinded if institutional maximum scholarship award is exceeded.
- Institutional Scholarships are non-transferable, and must be used in the semester awarded.
- Additional documentation required and/or an audition may be required for various departmental scholarships.
- Funds must be used by the 7<sup>th</sup> week of the semester.

**39. If I am interested in a specific area scholarship such as athletics what must I do?**

If you desire an athletic scholarship, you would contact the coach of the sport that you are interested in.

The same will apply if you are interested in a scholarship from Fine Arts, please contact the Director of the Program for which you are interested.

You would still be required to follow the above mentioned guidelines to apply and possibly receive a scholarship at Grayson County College. This is in addition to any departmental requirements.

**40. Will a full athletic scholarship affect my financial aid?**

Students who receive an athletic scholarship must complete the FAFSA or provide the appropriate tax return for the year in question to determine if the student is eligible for Title IV.

If a combination of the Title IV and the athletic scholarship exceeds the student's 9 month estimated Cost of Education, the student's athletic scholarship may be reduced to prevent an over-award. This information explaining the possible reduction in the scholarship offered is located on the student's Letter of Intent that was signed accepting the athletic scholarship.

NOTE: At no point can a student's institutional awards exceed Cost of Education.

**41. Are there any specific agreements that I must sign acknowledging the ability to receive Title IV (Pell Grants, Federal Student Loans) and a Grayson County College Scholarship?**

Title IV Aid (Pell) is an entitlement, therefore, can not be reduced or offset by other aid received. To verify if there are restrictions or limitations regarding your scholarship value, contact the department that you are to receiving a GCC scholarship for further clarification.

**42. How do I report and send a check for a private/outside scholarship?**

Scholarship checks should be made payable to Grayson County College, not to the student. The check must have the student's name and social security number on it. If the scholarship check does not have this information, the Business Office or Office of Financial Aid will not know whose student account to apply the funds.

Checks are to be mailed to:

Grayson County College  
Business Office  
6101 Grayson Drive

Denison, Texas 75020

**43. How will I get to use my scholarship funds?**

**By reviewing Campus Connect a student will see when the scholarship was received and applied on their student account. Once the funds are awarded you may charge items such as tuition, fees, books, room and board on your student account.**

**If you have paid your tuition and fees or purchased your books before scholarship funds were received and credited to your account, you may request a cash reimbursement for the expenses incurred. Provide a letter of request with your name and social security number to the Office of Financial Aid requesting a reimbursement for a particular semester. If you want a reimbursement for books, be certain to enclose your original receipt of purchase.**

**Scholarship funds that are received on your behalf are to be used for institutional charges incurred at Grayson County College. If you choose to use the funds for off-campus purchases, a letter of approval is required from the scholarship donor authorizing the reimbursement.**