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## Determining Eligibility

### Your Rights as a Financial Aid Recipient

The offer and acceptance of financial aid is a contract between the school and the student. It is based on certain conditions and expectations that you should clearly understand before you apply for or accept assistance. For information on the terms and conditions for receiving aid see the Student Guide online at:

<https://studentaid.gov/resources/prepare-for-college>.

### Admissions Status

You must be enrolled in a Title IV eligible program and have a high school diploma or its equivalent.

### Citizenship

You must be a U.S. citizen, national, or an eligible non-citizen. Generally, you may be an eligible non-citizen if you are:

- An U.S. permanent resident and have an Alien Registration Receipt Card (I-151 or I-551)
- A conditional permanent resident (I-551C)
- An eligible non-citizen with an arrival departure record (I-94) from the U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service showing any one of the following designations – Refugee, Asylum Granted, Cuban-Haitian Entrant (Status Pending), Victims of human trafficking (T-visa holder), Parolee (paroled to the US for at least one year).

### Default

You must not owe an overpayment of a Federal Perkins loan, or Federal grant program. You must not be in default on a federal student loan. You must not have borrowed in excess of the annual or aggregate loan limits.

### Aggregate Loan Limits

You must not have borrowed in excess of the annual or aggregate loan limits.

- Independent Student's: \$57,500 for undergraduates – No more than \$23,000 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.
- Dependent Student's: \$31,000 – No more than \$23,000 of this amount may be in subsidized loans.

### Enrollment

You must be enrolled during the time you receive aid and maintain satisfactory progress.

### Financial Need

You must have financial need for some grant and loan programs as determined by the information you reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. Need is defined as the difference between the student's Cost of Attendance and the Expected Family Contribution or EFC if applicable. For calculation of Pell, MyComputerCareer uses Pell Formula 4.

### Educational Purpose

You are to use funds received solely for education or educationally related purposes.

## Applying

### File Application

To determine eligibility for financial aid programs, you must complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) every year for the academic year<sup>1</sup> for which you expect aid. The FAFSA becomes available for the subsequent year each fall (Fall, 2025 for 2025-2026 Award Year, for example).

#### Tips When Completing the FAFSA

- FAFSA Website: <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>
- You (and parent, if dependent, and spouse, if married in some situations) will need a FSA ID and Password to complete/access the FAFSA.
- Enter your name and social security number exactly as it appears on your social security card. The FAFSA process will verify your name, social security number, date of birth and citizenship status with the Social Security Administration's database.
- If you are using parent information, ensure at least one of your parent's social security numbers are entered.
- Enter the correct School Code:
 

○ Arlington .....	E40446	○ Houston .....	E02192
○ Charlotte .....	E40447	○ Indianapolis .....	041210
○ Columbus .....	041245	○ Raleigh .....	G42065
○ Dallas .....	E02191	○ Sugar Land .....	E40519
- Your FAFSA will be rejected if the signature (and parent signature, if dependent, or spouse contributor section is incomplete if married, in certain circumstances) is not completed.

<sup>1</sup> an academic year is defined as 45 FA QCH's and or 30 Weeks based on the enrollment schedule.

- Use your prior, prior year's tax return(s) for the application. For example, 2023 Federal Income Tax Return information when completing your 2025/2026 Award Year FAFSA and/or 2024 Federal Income Tax Return for your 2026/2027 Award Year FAFSA.

### **FAFSA Information**

The FAFSA gathers information regarding the student's, parent's, and spouse's income, assets and other related information to determine the Student Aid Index (SAI). It is recommended the applicant have their financial information available when completing the FAFSA. The IRS will link your tax information if able to, with consent. The applicant, parent, and spouse if applicable, will be prompted to provide income otherwise.

### **FAFSA Status**

To check on the status of the FAFSA with the FPS go to <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> or telephone the U.S. Department of Education Student Aid Information Center at (800) 433-3243. TTY users may call (800) 730-8913. Always retain a file for copies of everything you complete, submit and receive related to financial aid.

### **Receive Your FAFSA Submission Summary**

After FAFSA Processing System (FPS) has received and processed your FAFSA with signatures, you will be provided a FAFSA Submission Summary and confirmation page via your email address. You can also access your SAR online. If there is any incorrect information, you may make changes to your FAFSA online.

Upon receipt of the FAFSA information, a financial aid administrator will determine if additional documents are needed to either document your eligibility or verify your income, household or dependency status.

Your responsibilities are:

- Turn in all documents in a timely manner
- Be sure all documents are signed and complete
- Keep copies of all information submitted

Upon receipt of the FAFSA and all requested documents, a financial aid administrator will determine your eligibility for financial aid and provide the student with an Award Letter.

### **College Financing Plan**

During the enrollment process and prior to signing an enrollment agreement, the Financial Planning department will provide you with a College Financing Plan (CFP). The CFP is a customized document which provides detailed information regarding the program of interest, cost of attendance, cost of program, and estimated funding based on eligibility and general entitlement to various sources of aid. The COA is adjusted to account for transfer credit, length of program, and is available upon request.

### **Student Eligibility Criteria**

Upon receipt of your FAFSA by the FPS, some of the information on your FAFSA will be checked with federal agencies to determine if your application meets the basic student eligibility criteria. You may need to submit additional documents for verification of student eligibility status if the results require additional follow up by a financial aid administrator. The student eligibility criteria are checked/verified when completing a FAFSA:

- Social Security numbers and Citizenship status with Social Security Administration
- Eligible non-citizen status with US Department of Homeland Security
- Veteran status with US Department of Veteran's Affairs
- Federal student loan status of default, bankruptcy, disability discharge, overpayment or aggregate loan limits with the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)

### **Verification**

Verification is the process of checking the accuracy of the household, income and asset information reported on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Applicants may be selected for review based on incorrect or conflicting information identified through correspondence, appeal requests, or other review methods. Please reference the Financial Aid Planning Policy and Procedure Manual for specific details. The applicant may be required to submit copies of the student's and parent's tax returns, if dependent, or spouse's tax returns, if married, in addition to completing a Verification Worksheet detailing household size and other information. Additional documentation may be requested based on incorrect or conflicting information.

When a student is selected for Verification, the Financial Aid Planning Team will communicate this information to the applicant via verbal or email communication and visible in their Regent student portal. Documents that need to be completed for verification will be provided via the Regent student portal or email communication. The applicant may need to make changes to their FAFSA or provide documentation allowing the administrators to make those changes. Changes to the applicants Student Aid Index (SAI) and/or Cost of Attendance (COA) will also be communicated verbally.

or via the Regent student portal or email communication by either the Financial Aid Planning Department (pre-enrollment) or the Financial Services Department (post enrollment).

Upon receiving the Verification worksheet, the student will complete the form per the Department of Education's guidelines.

Verification documents supplied by the school are often self-explanatory but financial aid personnel are available to offer verbal and/or email assistance to further explain what documents are being requested, per the Department of Education's requirements. Verification documentation provided to the school may be delivered via the Regent student portal, in person, mail, email, DocuSign, or fax.

It is important that documentation is supplied in a timely manner so MyComputerCareer can complete the verification process before the student's scheduled start date. Failure to do so may cause the applicant to miss their intended start date.

As a result of the final review of the student's verification file, subsequent ISIRs can be produced. Once the final cleared verification file is received, the student's awards may change because of the verification review. Upon clearing the verification file, the student will be notified of changes to their award via the Regent student portal or by the Financial Aid Analysts by either call and/or email. A revised award letter is also sent to the student because of the award change via the Regent student portal or by email from the analyst. Subsequent ISIR's are received and evaluated by the Financial Services Department weekly. The Financial Services Department will notify a student if additional information is needed after a revised ISIR is received and reviewed. Notifications of additional information may be sent via Regent portal notification or by phone call or email from the analyst.

Under Federal Code 668.16(g) MyComputerCareer personnel should report to the Sr Director of Financial Planning (Sr DFP) any credible information indicating that an applicant engaged in fraud or other criminal misconduct in connection with his/her application. The Sr DFP will then refer the information for investigation to the Office of Inspector General of the Department of Education.

## Dealing with Unusual Circumstances

### Appeals Process

On a case-by-case basis and consistent with federal guidelines, MyComputerCareer may consider a student's special circumstances to either increase or decrease data elements used to calculate a student's student aid index (SAI) for educational expenses, or to add expenses to a student's budgeted cost of attendance (COA). These adjustments affect only need-based aid. Once a Professional Judgement is determined to be requested and documentation is provided, the Financial Services Department will be notified. Upon review, the Financial Services Department is expected and required to make reasonable decisions that support the intent of the federal guidelines regarding Professional Judgment. The decision of the Financial Services Department is both discretionary and final; there is no appeal process to the U.S. Department of Education. This policy sets forth guidelines regarding how Professional Judgment in Financial Services will be exercised at MyComputerCareer.

#### Special Circumstances that may warrant a Professional Judgement:

- Dependency Override
- Change in Earnings/Untaxed Income/Benefits
- Divorce/Separation/Death of a Spouse or Parent
- Unusually High Medical or Dental Expenses NOT covered by Insurance
- Unemployment/Disability
- Roller Exclusion
- Tuition Expenses at an Elementary or Secondary School
- Nursing Home Expenses NOT covered by insurance
- Unusually High Childcare or Dependent Care Costs
- Dislocated Worker Status of a Family Member
- Received a one-time income distribution
- Housing Status of a Student had resulted in homelessness
- Local Disaster (hurricane, earthquake, etc.)
- Other

#### Unreasonable Professional Judgement Examples:

- Mortgages/Rent
- Auto Loans/Insurance/Repairs
- Credit Card Debt (consumer debt)
- Educational Debt (consumer debt)
- Chapter 7 & 11, Personal Bankruptcy

- Medical Insurance Premiums
- Vacation Expenses
- Standard Living Expenses
- Parents refuse to contribute to the student's education
- Parents are unwilling to provide information on the FAFSA or for verification
- Parents do not claim the student as a dependent for income tax purposes
- Student demonstrates total self-sufficiency
- Other

If a student or prospective student believes he or she has a situation that would qualify as a special circumstance that may lead to a professional judgment, the student or prospective student should alert the Financial Planning Department prior to enrollment. The Financial Planning Department will help facilitate the request and collect relevant professional judgement documentation.

Professional Judgement documentation can include any documentation that supports the special circumstances. The Financial Planning Department will submit the Professional Judgement to the Assistant Director of Financial Services (ADFS) for review. When ADFS approves the Professional Judgement, the Financial Aid Analyst will review the Financial Aid File. If the Professional Judgement is rejected by the ADFS, the Financial Aid Counselor will notify the student of the decision. Requirements are set forth by the school and the Department of Education

## Other Terms and Conditions of Title IV Loans

### Pre-Dispute Arbitration and Class Action Waiver Disclosure

MyComputerCareer seeks to resolve disputes or claims between and student and the school in a manner that addresses an individual student's complaint in an efficient, cost-effective, and quicker manner than traditional litigation. A student who enrolls a MyComputerCareer agrees, as a condition of his or her enrollment, to resolve any dispute through mandatory arbitration that shall not be adjudicated as a class action or a consolidated class arbitration proceeding. However, the school cannot require a student loan borrower to participate in arbitration or any internal dispute resolution process offered by the institution prior to filing a borrower defense to repayment application with the U.S. Department of Education pursuant to 34 CFR 685.206(e); the school cannot, in any way, require students to limit, relinquish, or waiver their ability to pursue filing a borrower defense claim, pursuant to 34 CFR 685.206(e) at any time; and any arbitration, required by a pre-dispute arbitration agreement, tolls the limitations period for filing a borrower defense to repayment application pursuant to 34 CFR 685.206(e)(6)(ii).

### Entrance Counseling

If you have not previously received a Direct Loan, the Federal Government requires you to complete entrance counseling to ensure you understand the responsibilities and obligations being assumed. Entrance Counseling can be done at <https://studentaid.gov/entrance-counseling/>.

### Private Student Loans

In most cases, private loans may have significant disadvantages when compared with federal education loans. We strongly encourage you to first borrow any federal loans for which you are eligible and then thoroughly review the best private lending options for you. MyComputerCareer does not compile or maintain a preferred lender list. The loan options presented are not an exhaustive list of available private loan options and were selected as a starting point to help individuals and families research private education loans. Our institution has worked with these institutions in the past, and have been used frequently by current and previous MyComputerCareer student borrowers.

At least one lender and/or an institutional loan option will be presented to you at all times. Neither the institution nor any employee of the institution have received any form of benefit from any lender presented to you. You are free to select any lender you choose, including those not presented such as loans from a personal bank or credit union. If you choose a lender that is not presented, please contact that lender directly to complete the application process. Application processing will not be delayed unnecessarily if you choose a lender not presented.

Our institution and employees are prohibited from accepting any financial or other benefits in exchange for displaying lenders and loan options. Prohibited activities include: receiving compensation to serve on any lender board of directors or advisory boards; accepting gifts including trips, meals, and entertainment; allowing lenders to staff our institution's financial aid office; directing borrowers to particular lenders, or refusing or delaying loan certifications.

This **Code of Conduct** also applies to Federal Student Loans.

### Misrepresentation

The Financial Aid Department and MyComputerCareer as a whole are committed to the integrity of information that is being disseminated to students and their families. In accordance with federal regulations, the school adheres to strict guidelines with regards to the potential misrepresentation of the institution's academic programs, financial charges and the employability of our graduates.



Misrepresentation is defined as a false, erroneous, or misleading statement made directly or indirectly to a student, prospective student, and any member of the public, an accrediting agency, state agency or the Department of Education.

#### **Nature of Education Program 34 CFR 668.72**

Office Responsible: Education Department

Location of Information: <https://www.mycomputercareer.edu/program/programs-information/>

#### **Nature of Financial Charges 34 CFR 668.73**

Office Responsible: Compliance, Financial Aid and Enrollment Management

Location of Information: School Catalog – <https://www.mycomputercareer.edu/additional-disclosure-statements/>

#### **National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) Disclosure**

HEOA Sec. 489 amended HEA Sec. 485B(d)(4) (20 U.S.C. 1092b)

Institutions that enter into an agreement with a potential student, student, or parent of a student regarding a Title IV, HEA loan are required to inform the student or parent that the loan will be submitted to the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS), and will be accessible by guaranty agencies, lenders, and institutions determined to be authorized users of the data system.

#### **Establishing and Maintaining an Information Security Program**

MyComputerCareer provides students the right know their Personally Identifiable Information (PII) is being kept in a secure environment that meets industry standards.

MyComputerCareer carefully protects all nonpublic personal information in our possession regarding students and their families. The School will not release nonpublic, private, personal, or financial information about our students or applicants to any third party as directed in the FERPA policy.

Protection of Personally Identifiable Information: MyComputerCareer's electronic records are maintained by Salesforce.com, based out of San Francisco, CA. Salesforce.com is one of the largest online database companies in existence and has won numerous awards for ease of use, reliability, and security. The backup of our electronic records is immediate and constant. The records are backed up to the Salesforce.com servers, located in San Francisco, CA. MyComputerCareer employs office procedures and password-protected computer systems to ensure the security of electronic records. All employee and student records containing PII are encrypted, and password protected. A Compliance Administrator provides secondary reviews of every file to ensure enrollment documents containing pii are password protected. Access to social security numbers and other pii is strictly limited to those school officials with a need-to-know. Each department director is responsible for enforcement of this policy with regard to the information within his/her office. The Campus Director will be responsible for overall control of information release on each campus. The school does not disclose specifics of its internal security procedures to students or the general public to protect the effectiveness of those procedures.

MyComputerCareer's information is an important asset that is critical to providing an effective and comprehensive learning environment, openly communicating ideas, providing outstanding community service, and supporting the school's operations. This information includes sensitive and personal student, faculty, and staff data as well as the school's operational data. To maintain effectiveness and protect individuals, the school's information assets must be protected from misuse, unavailability, destruction, and unauthorized disclosure or modification. MyComputerCareer is committed to protecting the value of the school's information assets. The IT Department is charged with establishing and maintaining a program that preserves the confidentiality, integrity, and availability of information and information systems. This responsibility is addressed by:

- Continually assessing risks and defining appropriate protection strategies
- Complying with applicable legal and regulatory requirements
- Protecting the reputation, image and competitive advantage of the school
- Maintaining partnership with administrative units, faculty, and staff to ensure a collaborative approach to information security

The IT Department monitors threats and challenges such as data loss or theft, malicious software (e.g., viruses, worms, Trojan horses), identity theft, social engineering, phishing scams, and risks associated with new technologies. Security measures also must be implemented to comply with several laws and regulations that address student information (FERPA), financial information, individuals' privacy data and individuals' health information. The IT Department offers products and services to address information security risks and requirements and are creating policies and procedures to meet strategic and operational needs such as:

- Security policies, procedures, standards, and methodologies
- Security awareness and training
- Legal and regulatory compliance
- Security strategy, architecture, and technologies (including technologies to protect against malicious software)

- Technical system configurations and vulnerability management response to information security incidents or breaches

Security requirements for software development and acquisition Disaster recovery and continuity planning. Any suspected information security breach or issue should be reported immediately to the IT department

## Notice of Availability of Consumer Information

The following general disclosure requirements are updated each year on the following schedule:

1. Basic Financial Aid Information
  - [Student Catalog](#)
  - [The link to disclosure document is provided in the student catalog](#)
2. Drug and alcohol abuse prevention information
  - [Emailed to every student Quarterly and notified in school catalog upon enrollment](#)
3. Clery (Campus Security) Act
  - [Emailed to every student Quarterly and notified in school catalog upon enrollment](#)
4. Family Education Rights and Privacy (FERPA)
  - [Student signs a FERPA notice at the time of enrollment. Notification provided quarterly by email.](#)
5. IPEDS/College Navigator
  - [Updated annually to provide students with the following data:](#)
    - General Information
    - Cost of Attendance
    - Financial Aid
    - Net Price
    - Enrollment
    - Admissions
    - Retention and Graduation Rates
    - Programs/Majors
    - Accreditation
    - Cohort Default Rates

Note: Paper copies are available up request. This data is available right now at:

<https://www.mycomputercareer.edu/additional-disclosure-statements/>.

## Student Right-to-know Act

MyComputerCareer, acting in compliance with the Student Right to Know Act, is happy to provide information on the graduation rates of our cohorts of full-time, first-time, certificate-seeking undergraduates, that have received financial aid. You can find this information along with details on other general information such as student diversity at the College Navigator link located here: <https://www.mycomputercareer.edu/additional-disclosure-statements/>.

## Connecting with your Financial Planning and Financial Services Department

And the Availability of Other Employees for Information Dissemination

### Financial Planning Department

Below are the hours of the Financial Planning Department: (EST)

Monday – Thursday	10:00am – 10:00pm
Friday	10:00am – 4:30pm
Saturday	10:00am – 4:30pm

*\*Hours are subject to change*

Phone: (800) 761-2780

Fax: (919) 882-8863

Email: [financialplanning@mycomputercareer.edu](mailto:financialplanning@mycomputercareer.edu)

### Financial Services Department

Below are the hours of the Financial Services Department: (EST)

Monday – Thursday	8:00am – 8:00pm
Friday	8:00am – 6:00pm

*\*Hours are subject to change*

Phone (919) 704-7099

Fax: (919) 882-8863

Email: [financialservices@mycomputercareer.edu](mailto:financialservices@mycomputercareer.edu)

Mailing Address:

MyComputerCareer – Financial Services Office  
1321 Upland Dr PMB 8542  
Houston, TX 77043-4718

### Director of Education, Senior Director of Education

Outside of Financial Aid, your Campus Director or Assistant Director of Education is available to assist with almost any other information request. Below are their hours

Monday-Thursday	9:00am – 6:00pm
Friday	9:00am – 5:00pm

In addition to your Campus Director or Assistant Director of Education, additional contact information is listed below for common request during regular business hours Monday – Friday 9:00am – 5:00pm:

### Points of Contact Information:

- Financial Aid Information..... Sr. Director of Financial Planning – (919) 301-0961
- Accreditation and Licensure Information, as well as Institutional Information Compliance
  - ..... Executive Director of Compliance – (919) 813-6266
  - ..... Assistant Director - Accreditation – (919) 241-8435
- Contact Information for Equal Opportunity Information
  - ..... Director of Human Resources – (919) 278-7945
- Copyright Infringement Policies & Sanctions Information
  - ..... Executive Director of Compliance – (919) 813-6266
- Drug and Alcohol Use Prevention Program Information..... Compliance Specialist – Federal – (919) 229-8851
- Information on Graduation and Placement Rates
  - ..... Executive Director of Career Services – (919) 521-8950
  - ..... Executive Director of Compliance – (919) 813-6266
- Student Record Privacy & FERPA Information .....Executive Director of Compliance – (919) 813-6266
- Campus Crime and Safety Information ..... Compliance Specialist – Federal – (919) 229-8851

- ❖ *Needed forms and documents will be provided on campus, email or DocuSign (or mail)*
- ❖ *Information regarding student or parents of students who enter into an agreement regarding Title IV funding is likely to be submitted to NSLDS, and be accessible by authorized agencies, lenders and institutions.*
- ❖ *Failure to complete a FAFSA and provide other documentation in a timely manner may cause the school to have insufficient time to process said documentation which may cause a student to lose financial and eligibility and/or cause the student to choose a later start date.*













