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## Federal Financial Aid Eligibility Requirements

### Eligibility Requirements

In order to be considered for federal financial aid a student must:

1. Be a U.S. Citizen or an eligible non-citizen.
2. Most males must be registered with Selective Service. Go to [www.sss.gov](http://www.sss.gov) to register.
3. Have a valid social security number.
4. Not be in default on a student loan or owe a refund on a federal student grant.
5. Have demonstrated financial need except for some types of student loans.
6. Have earned a high school diploma or GED.
7. Be pursuing a degree or certificate program at WSCC.
8. Maintain satisfactory academic progress.
9. Cannot have a criminal conviction for drug possession or sale while receiving financial aid.

### How You Qualify for Federal Financial Aid

- There is no set income level at which students qualify for federal financial aid. The FAFSA information is used in a formula to determine the amount the student may be able to contribute to their education. The result is called an EFC or Estimated Family Contribution.
- Most of the funds awarded by the Financial Aid Office are based on financial need from the FAFSA results. Financial need is calculated by subtracting the student's EFC from their Cost of Attendance (COA) Budget. The COA is an estimated amount that it will cost you to go to school for a year. Your COA may include tuition, fees, books, housing, transportation, and miscellaneous costs.
- Regardless of financial need a student will qualify for a student loan unless the student is in default on a previous student loan. Many scholarships are awarded regardless of financial need.
- Students experiencing unusual financial circumstances such as unemployment, reduction of pay, excessive medical expenses, etc. may appeal to the WSCC Financial Aid Director for a review of their circumstances. Adjustments may be made to the student's EFC that may result in the student receiving additional financial aid.