

Cascadia College

2023-2024 Conditions of Award



1. **I understand that financial aid is awarded for a full-time course load (12 credits or more)**, unless otherwise specified on the award letter. Financial aid is available for students going less than full-time, but students are required to notify the financial aid office in writing using an Enrollment Status Change Form, at least 7 days prior to the start of the quarter, of their enrollment status being less than full-time. **Once aid is canceled or reduced, it may only be reinstated with available funds.**
2. **I understand that I am required to attend classes to earn financial aid.** I agree that if I withdraw, stop attending classes, or fail to complete the required number of credits for which I was given aid, I will notify the Student Financial Services office and, if necessary, arrange for the repayment of aid advanced to me for which I am no longer eligible.
3. **I understand that I must make satisfactory academic progress to receive financial aid.** Financial aid may be terminated for failure to make satisfactory academic progress. This means that I must complete my degree within an established time frame, maintain a minimum cumulative grade-point average (2.0), and successfully complete the minimum number of credits each quarter for which aid is received. I understand that I am responsible for knowing the information contained in the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (available on the Cascadia website under the Financial Aid section).
4. **I understand that the offer of aid is dependent upon federal and state allocations to the college.** Cascadia College and the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) reserve the right to withdraw, reduce or modify awards subject to the continuing availability of funds, or due to changes in circumstances which affect your eligibility for the program(s).
5. **I understand that I must enroll in an eligible program of study at Cascadia College and the classes I take must be required for that program.** 100 level or greater pre-requisite classes are not covered by financial aid unless it is a course listed in the degree completion requirements. I am aware that it is fully my responsibility to know my degree requirements and work with an academic advisor to ensure that my classes will meet degree requirements and financial aid eligibility. If it is determined that I take classes that do not meet financial aid requirements, I may be required to repay all or part of my aid received. ****If you intend to transfer to another school, and your program of study allows you to choose your electives, it is recommended that you take any prerequisite requirement courses as electives in your first year of attendance.**
6. **I understand that the award is based on information I have provided about my financial status.** I agree to report to the Student Financial Services office any changes in my financial situation, including, but not limited to: changes in marital status, address, Washington State residency status, any additional income, scholarships or other funds I may receive after receiving the award letter. I understand that these changes may result in a reduction of awards and/or require repayments of aid already received.
7. **I understand that Cascadia may request and review transcripts from any prior college before making my award.**
8. **I certify and agree that I will comply with the additional conditions listed below if I am a recipient of state financial aid funds from a Washington Opportunity Pathway program (please visit <http://www.wsac.wa.gov/> for more information about state financial aid):**
 - a. I am a resident of the State of Washington, in accordance with the RCW 28B.15.012 (a) to (d);
 - b. I am registered at Cascadia College in an educational program that leads to an approved degree (excluding a degree in theology) or certificate and am making satisfactory progress toward completion of my degree, certificate or program objective;
 - c. I do not owe a refund or repayment to any federal or state grant or scholarship nor am I in default on a state or federal student loan;
 - d. I understand that when I am able, I can voluntarily make financial contributions to the Washington Student Achievement Council (WSAC) in recognition of the state financial aid that I received, and that these gifts will be used to provide financial assistance to other students;
 - e. I must meet all eligibility requirements for the state aid program(s) awarded to me;
 - f. I understand that Washington College Grant (WCG) awards are limited to a maximum of 15 full-time quarters of eligibility [per program], and 12 quarters within 5 years of high school graduation for CBS. Students may only receive state financial aid if they have not received a Bachelor's degree. Students must be within **150%** of the standard length of their enrolled program to remain eligible for state financial aid.
9. **I understand that if I fail to cash my check** (if applicable) containing federal or state funds by the close of the academic year, the funds shall be returned to the program and treated as funds declined by me.

If I deliberately falsify, misrepresent or fail to fully disclose information on my financial aid application, I can be terminated from financial aid. If I receive funds based on misrepresented information, I will be required to repay the funds and may be reported to the US Department of Education for possible fraud.

I UNDERSTAND AND AGREE to the outlined information and conditions of award listed above. I declare that I will use all funds I receive (federal and state) for expenses associated with attendance at Cascadia College.