



2023-2024 ENROLLMENT LEVEL/ “CENSUS” POLICY

Financial aid amounts are initially awarded assuming a full-time enrollment level (12+ credits). Financial aid is available at levels below full-time. Students **must** notify the Student Financial Services office in writing, using the Enrollment Status Change Form, at least 7 days prior to the start of the quarter to avoid any delays in receiving a refund check.

<i>To receive aid at this enrollment level →</i>	<i>You must be registered for:</i>
Full-time	12 or more credits*
Three-quarter time	Between 9-11.99 credits*
Half time	Between 6-8.99 credits*
Less than ½-time	Between 1-5.99 credits*

Eligibility for grant aid (state or federal) is based on the type of grant aid and the number of credits enrolled in **as of the end of the last day to add/drop classes for the quarter, or the number of credits a student is registered in when a financial aid award is made, if after the add/drop deadline for the quarter.** This date is published in the College’s Academic Calendar and can be found online at www.cascadia.edu.

Enrollment levels will be checked at the end of the last day to add/drop class(es) deadline for the quarter. Grant aid will be adjusted to reflect the correct enrollment level as of this deadline. Changes to a student’s schedule after this date will not result in an increase or a decrease of financial aid. If a student’s aid was found to be disbursed at an incorrect enrollment level, paid toward classes that were not required to complete the student’s degree with Cascadia or the student did not attend a class(es), he/she will owe a repayment of financial aid to the college and will be billed accordingly. ***It is the student’s responsibility to check with the financial aid office to verify how schedule changes may affect his/her financial aid.*** Faculty and staff other than financial aid staff are not required to know financial aid policies.

* **Audit status, Running Start, high school completion, ESL, ELP, Basic Skills, Tech Prep, continuing education credits, and pre-requisite credits required to transfer to another school if a student does not have elective room in his/her program are not financial aid eligible and do not count towards a student’s enrollment level and funding amounts.**