



Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID \_\_\_\_\_

**You must meet one of the following criteria before receiving federal financial aid:**

- Earn a high school diploma or modified diploma. Extended diplomas are not eligible.
- Earn a GED.
- Complete home-schooling at the high school level (and, if under 18, a current ESD registration).
- Complete a state recognized high school proficiency exam (*not applicable in Oregon*).
- Documentation of excelling in high school (*not applicable in Oregon or for certificate students*).
- An academic transcript that indicates you successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor’s degree.
- Qualify under the prior Ability to Benefit rules if, prior to July 1, 2012, you had an academic transcript showing prior enrollment and one of the following:
  - Placement exam scores that met ability-to-benefit minimums, or
  - You completed at least six credits that apply toward an aid-eligible certification or degree program (if not from CGCC, must be certified by your prior college).

*ATTENTION: Do NOT submit this form until after you have earned your High School Diploma, GED, or completed your home-schooling requirements. We cannot disburse funds until you have met this requirement and notified us by submitting this form.*

Complete the appropriate statement, sign below, and **submit supporting documentation**. (*Examples include: copy of diploma, high school transcripts with completion date, GED certificate, GED transcript, homeschool diploma, homeschool transcripts, or secondary school leaving certificate for foreign country high school completion.*)

- I earned my high school diploma \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_.  
month/year Name, City, and State of High School
- I earned my GED \_\_\_\_\_.  
month/year
- I completed high school in a home-schooling setting \_\_\_\_\_.  
month/year
- I passed a state-recognized high school proficiency exam \_\_\_\_\_ in \_\_\_\_\_.  
month/year state
- I meet this requirement by excelling in high school (provide documentation).
- I have completed a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor’s degree (provide official transcripts).
- I qualify under the prior Ability-to-Benefit rules listed above. I completed:
  - 6 credits of college level coursework, or
  - CGCC’s Ability to Benefit test prior to 7/1/2012 with qualifying scores.

Submit completed form to Columbia Gorge Community College’s Financial Aid Office:  
 Mailing Address: Financial Aid Office | 400 East Scenic Drive | The Dalles, OR 97058  
 Fax: Financial Aid Office · (877) 368-6370  
 Email: [financialaid@cgcc.edu](mailto:financialaid@cgcc.edu)