



## Columbia Gorge Community College

Financial Aid Office

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# Financial Aid Planner

- **January:** Apply for your Federal Student Aid PIN at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) as early as possible at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). If you have not already filed your tax return, you may use estimated figures on your FAFSA and make adjustments later. This will allow you to meet filing deadlines.
- **February:** Make sure you have completed your Admissions Application; if not, go to [www.cgcc.cc.or.us](http://www.cgcc.cc.or.us). You must have this completed before a financial aid award can be offered to you.★ If you have not completed your FAFSA, do it NOW!
- **March:** After the college receives your FAFSA, you may be asked for additional information to process your application. Submit items promptly to the Financial Aid Office for earlier award processing.★ Don't forget about scholarships...many deadlines happen in March. Watch for CGCC Foundation scholarship available at [www.cgcc.cc.or.us/financialaid/scholarships](http://www.cgcc.cc.or.us/financialaid/scholarships).
- **April:** Applications are being processed. Keep in touch with the financial aid office regarding your application and respond promptly to letters from the college.★ Make sure any change of name, address or phone number is updated on your account and contact the financial aid office if you have any questions or special circumstances★ Notify the financial aid office of any scholarships that you have been awarded. This information is important to finalize your financial aid eligibility.
- **May:** Summer term Award Letters typically begin going out this month.★ Check for the full year CGCC Foundation scholarship application at [www.cgcc.cc.or.us/financialaid/scholarships.cfm](http://www.cgcc.cc.or.us/financialaid/scholarships.cfm)★ Meet with an academic advisor to plan your school schedule and register for summer term classes.★ To request Federal Direct Subsidized or Unsubsidized loans, you will need to complete a Loan Request Form so that the college will know that you want to borrow. Reading and signing the promissory note is important because it informs you of your rights and responsibilities before you have committed to funds that you will have to pay back. If you are a first time borrower, you must complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) and complete Entrance Counseling every year at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).
- **June:** Contact the financial aid office with questions about your award or changes in your enrollment plans.★ Log onto <http://cgcc.us/business-office> to find out how to pay with your financial aid award, what happens when your account is past due and more.★ Summer term begins.
- **July:** Fall term Award Letters typically being going out this month.★ Meet with an academic advisor to plan your school schedule and register for fall term.★ To request Federal Direct Subsidized or Unsubsidized loans, you will need to complete a Loan Request Form so that the college will know that you want to borrow. If you are a first time borrower, you must complete a Master Promissory Note (MPN) and complete Entrance Counseling every year at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).
- **August:** Fall term begins soon...make sure you have logged into your account to check for a financial aid Award Letter. Also, find out about purchasing text books at the [CGCC Bookstore](http://CGCC Bookstore) and make sure your schedule is set.
- **September:** Fall term begins!
- **November/December:** Research possible scholarship opportunities for next year through the college website at [www.cgcc.cc.or.us/financialaid/scholarships](http://www.cgcc.cc.or.us/financialaid/scholarships) or conduct other internet searches.