



## Financial Aid Award Information Sheet

You have been awarded financial aid at Sandhills Community College, and below is a summary of important information related to your award. Make sure to read the information carefully and fully.

### How Award Amounts are Determined

Award amounts are determined by the information provided on your FAFSA. **The award(s) listed on your notification is a projected amount based on full-time attendance (12 or more credit hours per semester). Your actual grant amount will be based on your enrollment status at the end of the 10% point of each semester.** The calculation of total credit hours does not include audit classes (AU), credit by exam (CE), continuing education classes, or foundation classes in excess of 30 attempted credit hours. A repeated course, which you previously passed with any grade higher than an "F" and you choose to take again, will only be paid for once, even if you earn an "F", "WP", or "FW" the second time.

### General Award Proration for Most Grants

**If you are registered for fewer than 12 total credit hours per semester, your award amount will be prorated as follows:**

- 9 to 11 credit hours =  $\frac{3}{4}$  time or 75% of your award
- 6 to 8 credit hours =  $\frac{1}{2}$  time or 50% of your award
- Less than 6 credit hours = 25% of your award or less—see below

### Less than Half-Time Enrollment

Students who are enrolled for fewer than 6 credit hours per semester may be eligible for only a small amount of Pell Grant, or no Pell Grant at all. Students enrolled for fewer than 6 credit hours may not be eligible to receive alternative student loans or certain State and Federal grants. NC Scholarship (NCNBG) is not awarded to students who are less than half-time credit hours.

### Additional North Carolina Grant Regulations

NCNBG is awarded based on enrollment in 12 or more credit hours. The amount listed on the award letter is a projected amount based on enrollment of 12 or more credit hours. NCNBG is **not** prorated the same as the schedule above notes. For an exact amount, contact the Financial Aid Office or check your Self Service. Your actual grant amount will be based on your enrollment at the end of the 10% point of each semester.

### Summer Eligibility and Awarding

For the 2023-24 year, the U.S. Department of Education has funded the Pell Grant for three terms: fall 2023, spring 2024, and summer 2024. Students who were full-time (12 or more credit hours) in both fall and spring may be eligible for the Pell Grant during the summer term if they enroll in at least six summer credit hours. Also, students who are Pell eligible, but were not full-time in both fall and spring, may also have limited Pell eligibility during the summer term. Pell funding is established by the U.S. Department of Education and may change during the academic year. If summer terms are no longer funded, the SCC Financial Aid Office will notify students via SCC student email. State grants are not funded in the summer term.

### Federal and State Grant Limits

There is a limit to the amount of federal and state aid for which you are eligible. You are eligible to receive the Federal Pell Grant for the equivalent of six years or twelve full-time semesters of combined enrollment at all institutions; enrollment is not limited to time spent at Sandhills Community College. For NCNBG, there is a state limit of 6 semesters across the NCNBG grant program. In addition, NCNBG is limited to 6 semesters individually.

### Withdrawing from Courses

If you withdraw, drop/are dropped, or cease attendance in all your classes during the semester, you may be required to return financial aid funds to the college and/or the U.S. Department of Education. If you have questions about dropping/withdrawing from any course(s), please contact the Financial Aid Office. If you do not plan to attend SCC and have registered for classes, it is your responsibility to drop your classes prior to the beginning date of the semester. If you do not officially drop your classes, you will be responsible for any outstanding tuition/fee charges owed to the college.

### **How payment is made on your tuition/fees, books and supplies**

All financial aid applicants are required to complete the [Financial Aid Terms and Conditions in Self-Service](#). For students who authorize SCC to deduct outstanding expenses from their account, your tuition/fees will be charged automatically against your awarded funds. You may purchase your books and supplies from the SCC Bookstore using your remaining awarded funds after tuition/fees are deducted each term; please refer to the back of your course schedule for specific dates and times. If your financial aid award is not enough to cover your tuition/fees, you are responsible for paying the difference of the tuition by the payment due date. For students who do not authorize SCC to deduct outstanding expenses from their account, all tuition/fees and books/supplies purchases must be paid out of pocket with refund of any eligible funds made based on the refund schedule.

### **How remaining funds are disbursed**

Your account will be reviewed and processed for remaining funds after confirmation of class attendance. Please note, if you enroll in late-start classes, confirmation of class attendance is performed after the 10% point of the late-start course. If you are eligible to receive any remaining funds after all charges for tuition/fees and books/supplies are deducted, you will be mailed a refund check based the refund schedule listed below. Refunds for late-start classes are generally mailed a few weeks after the start of the course; however, please check with the Financial Aid Office for the exact dates.

### **Financial aid refund checks will be mailed on the following days:**

#### **Fall 2023:**

Regular semester and 1<sup>st</sup> 8-week courses: September 18  
2<sup>nd</sup> 8-week courses: November 6

#### **Spring 2024:**

Regular semester and 1<sup>st</sup> 8-week courses: February 12  
2<sup>nd</sup> 8-week courses: April 8

#### **Summer 2024:**

A and B session courses: June 7  
C session courses: July 15

### **Priority Processing Deadline**

The priority processing date is the last day the Financial Aid Office (FAO) can guarantee aid to be processed and awarded for the upcoming semester. The following but be on file with the FAO for a student to have met the priority deadline:

- Students must have a completed FAFSA on file with the FAO by the deadline.
- Any/all additional required documents, including verification forms and IRS tax return transcripts/W2s, must be received in the FAO by the deadline.
- Applications and/or forms received after the deadline will continue to be processed; **however, the FAO cannot guarantee they will be reviewed prior to the payment due date or beginning of the semester.**

Fall 2023 deadline: July 13  
Fall 2<sup>nd</sup> 8-week deadline: September 18  
Spring 2024 deadline: November 30  
Spring 2<sup>nd</sup> 8-week deadline: February 19  
Summer 2024 deadline: May 2  
Summer C Session Deadline: June 10

### **Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy**

To be eligible for federal and state financial aid, you must maintain Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) towards your degree. Your cumulative GPA, completion rate, and maximum time limits for completion of your degree will be monitored each semester. For more information, and to view our policy please [CLICK HERE](#).