

The Blackhawk Technical College District Board authorizes the President/District Director or designee to apply for and accept funding from federal, state, and private sources to be used for financial assistance for qualified students.

The District Board directs the President/District Director to administer financial aid programs in accordance with applicable federal and state laws and regulations and corresponding provisions of any future or amended laws and regulations governing financial aid programs.

The President/District Director or his/her designee shall ensure that appropriate policies and procedures are in place to properly administer, award and account for all financial aid funds. The College shall establish and maintain minimum academic progress standards, in accordance with the Higher Education Amendments of 1965 as may be amended, necessary for a student to remain eligible for financial aid. The College shall develop and maintain a procedure that refunds unearned aid in compliance with the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 as may be amended and the U. S. Department of Education Financial Aid Handbook.

College financial aid staff will be knowledgeable about the current laws and regulations and ensure that College processes are in compliance. The College shall communicate annually with students informing them of financial aid policies and procedures. Appropriate communications shall include, but are not be limited to, the College Catalog, Student Handbook/Calendar, and various flyers/brochures prepared for individual financial aid counseling, entrance/exit loan counseling, student orientation sessions, etc.

The Blackhawk Technical College District Board annually approves, through the College budget, the use of matching funds to maximize program access for students and may provide additional resources for students with financial need.

References: Higher Education Amendments of 1965 as amended from time to time  
Higher Education Amendments of 1998 as amended from time to time  
Higher Education Reconciliation Act of 2005  
U. S. Department of Education Financial Aid Handbook (current edition)  
Blackhawk Technical College District Board Policy J-222

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