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Financial Aid Eligibility Policy

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Policy

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Policy Statement

All students who have been accepted for admission to the Medical College of Georgia and who wish to apply for financial aid must meet certain eligibility requirements as specified by the Medical College of Georgia and the Federal government. All students who apply for financial aid must be enrolled at least half time in a degree-seeking program of study, must be making satisfactory academic progress, and must not have administrative holds on their student account. Furthermore, they must fulfill the criteria as set forth by the Higher Education Act of 1965 (and amended in 2008), as described in this policy.

Reason For Policy

The Medical College of Georgia Office of Student Financial Aid is committed to helping students gain access to and finance their post-secondary education at the Medical College of Georgia. The Office of Student Financial Aid has established this policy to ensure that students applying for financial aid are eligible, based on the criteria set forth by the Higher Education Act of 1965 (and amended in 2008).

Entities Affected By This Policy

All students at the Medical College of Georgia are affected by this policy.

Who Should Read This Policy

All students interested in receiving financial aid at the Medical College of Georgia should read and know this policy. All personnel in the Offices of Student Financial Aid, Enrollment Management, Student Services, and the Cashier should know and understand this policy.

Contacts

Contact	Phone	e-mail/URL
Office of Student Financial Aid	(706) 721-4901	osfa@mcg.edu www.mcg.edu/students/finaid

Website Address For This Policy

<http://www.mcg.edu/aaffairs/policies/pdfs/p408.pdf>

Related Documents

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):

<http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/index.htm>

Medical College of Georgia Student Financial Aid Guide:

<http://www.mcg.edu/students/finaid/PDF/Finaid0708/Student%20Financial%20Aid%20Guide.pdf>

Definitions

These definitions apply to these terms as they are used in this policy:

FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid

Overview

All students who have been accepted for admission to the Medical College of Georgia and who wish to apply for Federal, State, or other financial aid must meet the eligibility requirements as described in this policy. This policy includes the procedures to be followed for applying for financial aid at the Medical College of Georgia.

Process/Procedures

Academic Eligibility Requirements:

1. The student must be enrolled at least half time in a degree-seeking program of study at the Medical College of Georgia.
2. The student must be making satisfactory academic progress.
3. The student must not have administrative holds on his/her student account.

Federal Eligibility Requirements:

1. The student must be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
2. The student must have a valid Social Security Number (unless the student is from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, or the Republic of Palau).
3. The student must be registered with the Selective Service if the student is male and 18 to 25 years of age.
4. The student must have a high school diploma or a General Education Development (GED) Certificate or pass an exam approved by the U.S. Department of Education.
5. The student must be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student working toward a degree or certificate in an eligible program at a school that participates in Federal student aid programs.
6. The student must not owe a refund on a Federal grant or be in default on a Federal student loan.
7. The student must not have a drug conviction for an offense while the student is receiving Federal student aid (such as grants, loans, or work-study).
8. The student must demonstrate financial need (except for unsubsidized Stafford loans).

Application Procedures:

1. Students who wish to apply for financial aid at the Medical College of Georgia should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov/.
2. Students should complete the current MCG Financial Aid Application, which can be accessed via a URL from www.mcg.edu/students/finaid.
3. The Office of Student Financial Aid will review student applications and determine the extent of financial aid to be awarded.
4. An award letter will appear on the student's PULSE account once a decision has been made.

5. This process must be completed each year the student intends to apply for student aid.

Responsibilities

The responsibilities each party has in connection with Academic, Research, and Student Affairs Policy 4.08, Financial Aid Eligibility Policy, are:

The Office of Student Financial Aid	Review documents as required by Department of Education and Medical College of Georgia, determine financial aid awards, and inform student of financial aid decision.
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Forms

FAFSA: www.fafsa.ed.gov

MCG Financial Aid Application: www.mcg.edu/students/finaid