

El Camino College & El Camino College Compton Center Financial Aid Office

Changes Effective Fall Semester 2013:

- **Federal Direct Loan Program**

El Camino College and El Camino College Compton Center will no longer participate in the Federal Direct Loan Program effective the 2013-2014 Award Year. This means that El Camino College and the El Camino College Compton Center will no longer offer subsidized, unsubsidized, and Parent Loans for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) as of the Fall Semester 2013.

- **Board of Governors Fee Waiver Paper Application**

The El Camino College and El Camino College Compton Center Financial Aid Offices will begin requiring all students who apply for the Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW) utilizing the paper application to provide proof of income or submit proof of public assistance. Students who are unable to provide proof of income or proof of public assistance will need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the California Dream Act Application for the 2013-2014 Award Year. Read the BOGFW application for more details.

- **Financial Aid Award Letters**

The El Camino College and El Camino College Compton Center Financial Aid Offices will be posting award letters on MyECC for the 2013-2014 Award Year. The federal and state grants (with exception of the Board of Governors Fee Waiver (BOGFW) listed on the financial aid award letter) are contingent on a student meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), assume enrollment as a full-time student (12 or more units per term), and submission of all required documentation to the Financial Aid Office. Students **must** read their MyECC e-mail messages from the Financial Aid Office regularly to be informed of updates and specific information or requests.

- **Eligible Program for Financial Aid**

A student must be enrolled as a regular student in an eligible program in order to receive federal student aid. A student may change their program online through MyECC or by meeting with an academic counselor. A complete listing of eligible programs may be found on the Financial Aid Office webpage.

- **Acceptable Reasons for Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Appeals**

A student may appeal a Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) appeal for any of the following reasons: 1) illness or accident of the student – documentation required; 2) death of an immediate family member – documentation required; 3) U.S. military service orders – documentation required; 4) additional time needed to complete an educational goal beyond an associate degree or higher; or 5) has exceeded 150% maximum timeframe allowed for the completion of educational program due to degree changes or transfer credits that do not apply to degree program – documentation required.

- **150% Maximum Timeframe for Financial Aid**

A student is allowed a maximum timeframe not to exceed 150% of the length of an eligible program. All courses with grades of A, B, C, D, or F, as well as P, W, I, IP, NP, MW, and repeated courses will be counted as attempted units applied to the maximum timeframe allowed. Courses from other regionally accredited colleges or universities that have been evaluated by the Admissions & Records Office and applied to the student's academic record will also be counted toward the maximum timeframe. Students who have prior degrees and/or exceed the maximum timeframe will be disqualified from receiving additional federal student aid.

- **Sallie Mae**

The El Camino College and the El Camino College Compton Center Financial Aid Offices will continue to work with Sallie Mae to disburse federal financial aid for the Fall Semester 2013. Students will be able to receive their financial aid disbursements in one of three ways: 1) Sallie Mae Debit Card; 2) Paper Check; or 3) Direct Deposit to an existing bank account. For more information, please visit the Financial Aid Office webpage.