

Chapter 5 – Student Services

BP 5130 Financial Aid

References:

20 U. S. Code Sections 1070, et seq.; 34 Code of Federal Regulations Part 668, 668; Education Code Section 76300; U. S. Department of Education regulations on the Integrity of Federal Student Financial Aid Programs under Title IV of the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended.

A program of financial aid to students will be provided, which may include, but is not limited to, scholarships, grants, loans, and work and employment programs. All awards and disbursement to students will be based on established College regulations and procedures, in accordance with federal and state statutes and regulations.

All financial aid programs will adhere to guidelines, procedures, and standards issued by the funding agency, and will incorporate federal, State and other applicable regulatory requirements. To be certified for participation in federal Title IV, HEA programs, the institution agrees to meet the minimum requirements of institutional eligibility, administrative capability, and financial responsibility, as set forth in 34 CFR, Parts 600 and 668.

The College will ensure that a program is eligible before awarding federal student aid funds to students in that program. The Eligibility and Certification Approval Report (ECAR) will contain the most critical of the data elements that form the basis of Mt. San Antonio College's approval, and also a list of the highest level of offering, any non-degree or short term training programs, and any additional locations that have been approved for the Title IV, HEA programs.

The Drug-Free Workplace Act of 1988 (Public Law 101-690) requires a federal grant recipient to certify that it provides a drug-free workplace and must review its drug prevention program once every two years.

The College President/CEO shall sign on behalf of the entire College, the Anti-Lobbying Certification and Disclosure annually as part of the campus-based fiscal report/application (FISAP) in accordance with Public Law 101-121.

Colleges participating in the federal campus-based programs must also comply with the following disclosure requirements, Student Right-To-Know and Campus Security Act of 1990 and the Equity in Athletics Disclosure Act.

The Financial Aid Office shall establish, publicize, and apply satisfactory academic progress standards for participants in Title IV student aid programs.

For State financial aid programs, the College will ensure that a participation agreement is on file with the California Student Aid Commission (CSAC).

Misrepresentation:

Consistent with the applicable federal regulations for federal financial aid, the District shall not engage in “substantial misrepresentation” of: 1) the nature of its educational program; 2) the nature of its financial charges; or 3) the employability of its graduates.

The President/CEO shall establish procedures for regularly reviewing the District’s website and other informational materials for accuracy and completeness and for training District employees and vendors providing educational programs, marketing, advertising, recruiting, or admissions services concerning the District’s educational programs, financial charges, and employment of graduates to assure compliance with this policy.

The President/CEO shall establish procedures wherein the District shall periodically monitor employees’ and vendors’ communications with prospective students and members of the public and take corrective action where needed.

This policy does not create a private cause of action against the District or any of its representatives or service providers. The District and its governing board do not waive any defenses or governmental immunities by enacting this policy.

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