

FINANCIAL AID/VETERANS AFFAIRS

GENERAL INFORMATION

- * Students must apply for financial aid by filing the FAFSA (available in the FA/VA office or online at www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- * Financial aid is not awarded until students have been admitted to a degree-seeking program and have completed their financial aid files.
- * Students must read their financial aid award letter for specific instructions for receiving financial aid.
- * Students aid packages may be revised if they enroll for fewer hours than indicated on their award letter.

RECEIVING YOUR FINANCIAL AID

GRANTS

Grants are credited directly to each student's account prior to the payment deadline for each semester. If grants are in excess of student's tuition and fees, a refund check will be mailed the first week of classes.

LOANS

Loans are offered on the award letter, but must be accepted by the student. Students who wish to borrow their student loans must complete "Loans By Web" online at <http://lbw.tgslc.org>. Additionally, all first-time loan borrowers must complete entrance loan counseling online at www.mapping-your-future.org before loan funds can be disbursed. Loans are received from lenders via electronic funds transfer (EFT) and will be applied directly to student accounts. If loan funds are in excess of a student's tuition and fees, a refund check will be mailed the first week of classes.

VETERAN'S BENEFITS

To be considered for VA benefits under chapters 30, 32, 34, 35, 106 and active duty personnel, you must:

- * Read and complete a UHCL application for benefits.
- * Be accepted for admission with a Candidate Plan of Study on file.
- * Complete a change of schools form (22-1995), or a first time application for (22-1990).

Students must turn in a fee statement or a class schedule for each semester in which they want to be certified for veteran's benefits. Students attending other schools concurrently must also submit a fee statement from that school so that a parent institution letter can be sent to the secondary school.

NOTE: Chapter 31 (Vocational Rehabilitation) students must visit their representative at the local VA office to begin their application process.

HAZELWOOD BENEFITS

To be considered for Hazelwood benefits you must:

- * Read and complete a UHCL application for benefits.
- * Complete a FAFSA application (available at www.fafsa.ed.gov).
- * Submit a copy of your final DD-214 showing total time served, place of entry into the service (home of record) and "honorable discharge" or "discharged under honorable conditions".
- * Submit a letter from VA showing eligibility status for VA educational benefits. This letter can be obtained by calling 1-800-827-1000.

In accordance with federal regulations governing the federally insured (guaranteed) and Hinson-Hazelwood student loan programs, the following information is brought to the attention of all students:

- * Information regarding UHCL: Information on academic programs and policies, the faculty, and facilities may be found in detail in the current UHCL Catalog.
- * Placement service: Information regarding employment opportunities (part time and full time) for UHCL students and graduates is available from the Career Services Office located in room 3.109 in the Student Services and Classroom Building. Other services include the opportunity to establish placement/credential files and career development advising/counseling regarding job search techniques, resume writing, interviewing, and starting salary averages.