

and enrolled as full-time students. Applicants must have a minimum cumulative high school GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and a minimum ACT of 15 OR have completed the GED and a minimum ACT of 15 OR have satisfactorily completed the International Baccalaureate Program with a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale and a minimum ACT of 15 OR have completed a Home Education Program (9th – 12th) and have a minimum ACT of 15. MTAG is prorated for those students who receive the pell grant; therefore, students who receive the maximum pell grant award will not be eligible for MTAG. To apply, students must complete the online state grant application at www.ihl.state.ms.us/financialaid. All requirements must be completed by the application deadline, which is usually September 15, but is determined by the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid.

Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG) is available to current legal Mississippi residents who are enrolled as full-time students and are recognized as semifinalists or finalists by the National Merit Scholarship Program or the National Achievement Scholarship Program and have a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale **OR** have a minimum score of 29 on the ACT or the SAT equivalent of 1280 and have a minimum GPA of 3.5 on a 4.0 scale **OR** have completed a Home Education Program (9th– 12th) and have a minimum score of 29 on the ACT or the SAT equivalent of 1280. To apply, students must complete the online state grant application at www.ihl.state.ms.us/financialaid. All requirements must be completed by the application deadline, which is usually September 15, but is determined by the Mississippi Office of Student Financial Aid.

Higher Education Legislative Plan (HELP) is a scholarship that provides full-tuition to all qualified college-bound state residents who apply for the payment thereof and enroll full-time at any eligible Mississippi public institution of higher learning or eligible Mississippi public community/junior college to pursue a first undergraduate degree. To apply, complete an online application at www.ihl.state.ms.us/financialaid.

Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership (LEAP) formerly known as SSIG, is a need-based program awarded annually to a limited number of full-time Mississippi residents who demonstrates financial need. Priority is given to students who apply for the FAFSA before May 1. For more information, please contact the Director of Financial Aid.

SATISFACTORY PROGRESS FOR STUDENTS RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID

Students receiving any form of financial aid from JCJC will be expected to maintain satisfactory progress toward their degree objective. If satisfactory progress is not met, all need-based financial aid including student loans, offered to the student will be terminated. Satisfactory progress for full-time students will be measured according to the following table:

Hours Attempted	1 – 32	33 – 63	64 – Above
Cumulative Grade Point	1.5	1.75	2.0
Average (GPA) Required *			

* The cumulative GPA requirement will be waived after a semester if the student meets the hour requirement and has at least a 2.0 grade point average.

FINANCIAL AID PROBATION

GPA - Probation

Students who do not meet minimum standards for satisfactory progress will be given one semester of probation. During the probation semester, students will be eligible to receive financial aid.

Hours - Probation

Once a student completes 84 hours attempted at JCJC and previous accredited colleges attended, the students will attain a status of probation regardless of GPA.

FINANCIAL AID SUSPENSION**GPA - Suspension**

After the probation semester, students who do not meet minimum standards for satisfactory progress will not be eligible to receive Title IV financial aid, until minimum standards are achieved.

Hours - Suspension

Once a student completes 96 hours attempted at JCJC and previous accredited colleges attended, the student will automatically attain a status of suspension regardless of GPA. The student will not be eligible to receive financial aid while on suspension.

Notification of Financial Aid Probation and Suspension

Financial aid standing is calculated at the end of each semester. Students will receive a written notice from the Financial Aid Office indicating probation or suspension status.

Reinstatement of Eligibility and Appeal Procedure

In order to be reinstated on financial aid due to financial aid suspension for GPA, students must attend at their own expense and complete at least six (6) hours with a minimum GPA of 2.0 and/or meet the cumulative hours and GPA requirement for satisfactory progress. The preceding statement does not apply to students who are on financial suspension for hours. Students will retain the probation status as long as they meet satisfactory progress.

Students who lose eligibility for financial aid have the opportunity to appeal. To appeal the suspension status because of GPA or hours, students must complete and submit an appeal form to the Director of Financial Aid. The Director of Financial Aid will review the appeal and determine whether the financial aid suspension is justified. Students will be notified in writing regarding the decision of the appeal. If a student would like to appeal the decision of the Director of Financial Aid, a request must be made for the case to be reviewed by the Scholarship Committee.

Financial aid suspension does not prevent students from attending JCJC.

OTHER JCJC FINANCIAL AID REGULATIONS**Cumulative Record**

All academic records of JCJC students will be evaluated to determine eligibility for financial aid whether or not the students received aid for all semesters.

Determination of Need

The information submitted on the FAFSA will be used in a federally mandated calculation that determines what portion of students "cost of attendance" can be met through the students' (and in the case of dependant students, the parents) resources. This figure is then subtracted from the cost of attendance during the appropriate period of enrollment. "Cost of attendance" is based on average costs for tuition and fees, room and board (even for commuter students), books and supplies, transportation, and miscellaneous personal expenses. This figure minus the expected family contribution (EFC) equals the documented limit for need-based financial aid. Once the documented limit is determined, awards are made by the Financial Aid Office based on the students' eligibility for aid and the amount of need-based funds available. See calculation of financial need below:

Cost of Attendance (COA) - Expected Family Contribution (EFC) - Financial Need**Disbursement of Awards**

All financial aid will be credited to the recipients account by the JCJC FAO. Tuition, fees, room, board, books, and supplies (to the extent of the funds available) will be allowed to