

- wards education records to other institutions at which the student seeks or intends to enroll have requested the records. (Students are so notified.)
- Persons or organizations providing financial aid to students or determining financial aid decisions on the condition that the information is necessary to: 1) determine eligibility for aid, 2) determine the amount of aid, 3) determine the conditions for the aid, or 4) enforce the terms and conditions of the aid.
  - Organizations conducting studies for or on behalf of education agencies or institutions to develop, validate, and administer predictive tests, to administer student aid programs, or to improve instruction. Conditioned on organizations not to disclose personally identifiable information on students, information must be destroyed when no longer needed for project.
  - Accrediting organizations carrying out their accreditation functions.
  - Parents of a student who have established a student's status as a dependent according to IRS Code of 1986, Section 152.
  - Persons in compliance with a judicial order or lawfully issued subpoena provided that the institution makes a reasonable attempt to notify the student in advance of compliance. An institution may not provide advance notice of subpoena compliance if the subpoena is issued by a federal grand jury or for law enforcement purposes provided the subpoena orders the institution not to disclose the existence or contents of the subpoena.
  - An institution is not required to obtain a subpoena to produce education records of a student if the institution is sued by the student or takes legal action against a student. The records produced must be needed by the institution to proceed with legal action as plaintiff or to defend itself.
  - Persons in an emergency if the knowledge of information, in fact, is necessary to protect the health or safety of students or other persons.
  - Additional instances may occur where the college is required by law to release information. Contact the Registrar for the answers to specific questions.

- E. Written transcript requests should be sent to:  
Calhoun Community College  
Admissions and Records Office, Transcripts  
P.O. Box 2216  
Decatur, AL 35609-2216  
Include name, signature, dates of attendance, social security number and address to which transcript should be forwarded. (NOTE: Students with name changes should include all former names.)
- F. A signed fax request containing the same information as noted in item E may be faxed to 256-306-2941.
- G. The Office of Admissions and Records does not release official transcripts from other institutions. Requests for official transcripts from other institutions must be directed to the institution concerned.

## **FINANCIAL INFORMATION**

### **TUITION AND FEES**

The following information reflects the current tuition and fee schedule enacted by the Alabama State Board of Education.

#### **TUITION**

In-State Students	\$ 71.00 per credit hour
Out-of-State	\$142.00 per credit hour
Distance Learning	\$ 95.00 per credit hour*
Distance Learning Out-of-State	\$190.00 per credit hour*

#### **FEES**

Technology Fee	\$9.00 per credit hour
Facility Renewal Fee	\$9.00 per credit hour
Special Building Fee	\$5.00 per credit hour
Bond Surety Fee	\$1.00 per credit hour

\*No fees apply to Distance Learning classes

Students who register after classes begin will be charged a \$25 late registration fee.

NOTE: Tuition and fees are subject to change without prior notice.

#### **TUITION AND FEES REFUND POLICY**

**Before Classes Begin .....100% Refund**

#### **During Drop/Add**

Drops a class or classes but less than total...100% of net  
Drops **ALL** classes during drop/add .....75% of net

#### **After Drop/Add (Withdrawal Refund Period)**

Drops a class or classes but less than total.....No refund  
Total withdrawal during first week of classes .....75% of net  
Total withdrawal during second week of classes .....50% of net  
Total withdrawal during third week of classes .....25% of net  
Total withdrawal after third week of classes.....No refund

NET AMOUNT IS TUITION AND FEES LESS 5% ADMINISTRATIVE FEE.

In the event a student believes that his/her FERPA rights were not met, they have the right to file a written complaint with The Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 600 Independence Avenue SE, Washington, DC 20202-4605.

#### **Transcript Policy**

The transcript policy of Calhoun Community College includes the following items:

- A. In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act, Calhoun Community College does not release transcripts of a student's work, except upon the student's written request;
- B. Official transcripts are sent to institutions, companies, agencies, etc., upon the student's written release;
- C. Transcript requests are processed as they are received. REQUESTS SHOULD BE MADE AT LEAST TWO WEEKS BEFORE THE TRANSCRIPTS ARE NEEDED;
- D. Transcripts will not be issued for persons who have financial, academic, or administrative obligations to the college;

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Refund checks will be mailed from the Business Office to the student at the address on the official withdrawal form. Approximately three weeks are required for processing.

### ADDITIONAL FEES (SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE)

Additional charges by the institution and not mentioned above include the following:

1. Returned check fee (by Alabama law) \$25\*
2. Parking traffic citations (variable, depending on type of citation; check student handbook)
3. Library fines for overdue books (variable, depending on length of overdue status)
4. Audit fees (auditing a course costs the same as taking the course for credit)

\*Negotiating a worthless negotiable instrument is a Class A misdemeanor. Pursuant to Alabama law (Act No. 80-200, S. 317), a person will be given 10 days to tender payment of the full amount of such instrument plus a service charge of not more than \$25. Unless this amount is paid in full within the specified time, the individual may assume that this instrument will be turned over to the proper authorities for criminal prosecution.

### GENERAL EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT (GED) TEST FEE

Those desiring to take the General Education Test at Calhoun Community College will be required to pay a \$30 fee. Call (256) 306-2648 or 306-2610 for more information.

### BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS (Decatur Campus)

Monday-Thursday	8:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.
Friday	8:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

### BUSINESS OFFICE HOURS (Huntsville Campus)

<b>Room 105</b>	<b>890-4726</b>
Monday-Thursday	9:00 a.m. – 5:45 p.m.
Friday	9:00 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

### MASTERCARD, VISA, AND DISCOVER

Calhoun Community College accepts Mastercard, Visa, and Discover for payment of tuition, fees, and books.

## RESIDENCY/OUT-OF-STATE AND INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

Guidelines for determining “In-State” Tuition Rates

### I. ELIGIBLE FOR “IN-STATE” TUITION

A student or prospective student described in either part A or part B below may be eligible for “In-State” tuition rates. Non-resident students described in Part B must submit a written appeal with documentation to the Tuition Eligibility Committee to obtain “in-state” tuition rates. The Tuition Eligibility Committee will determine whether or not a student meets the criteria. The

Committee’s decision is final. All written appeals should be forwarded with documentation directly to the Registrar at Calhoun Community College.

### Resident Student

A Resident Student shall be charged the in-state tuition rate established by the State Board of Education.

A Resident Student is an applicant for admission who is a citizen of the United States or a duly registered resident in the State of Alabama for at least 12 months immediately preceding application for admission, or whose non-estranged spouse has resided and had habitation, home, and permanent abode in the State of Alabama for at least 12 months immediately preceding application for admission. **Consequently, an out-of-state student cannot attain Resident Student status simply by attending school for twelve months in the State of Alabama.**

In the case of minor dependents seeking admission, the parents, parent, or legal guardian of such minor dependent must have resided in the State of Alabama for at least 12 months immediately preceding application for admission. If the parents are divorced, residence will be determined by the residency of the parent to whom the court has granted custody.

**MINOR:** An individual who because of age lacks the capacity to contract under Alabama law. Under current law, this means a single individual under 19 years of age and a married individual under 18 years of age, but excludes an individual whose disabilities of non-age have been removed by a court of competent jurisdiction for a reason other than establishing a legal residence in Alabama. If current law changes, this definition shall change accordingly.

**SUPPORTING PERSON:** Either or both of the parents of the student, if the parents are living together or if the parents are divorced or living separately, then either the parent having legal custody or, if different, the parent providing the greater amount of financial support. If both parents are deceased or if neither has legal custody, support person shall mean, in the following order: the legal custodian of the student, the guardian, and the conservator.

In determining Resident Student status for the purpose of charging tuition, the burden of proof lies with the applicant for admission.

- A. Students participating in the Southern Regional Electronic Campus (or any successor organization) shall be considered Resident Students for tuition purposes.
- B. An individual claiming to be a resident shall certify by a signed statement each of the following:
  1. A specific address or location within the State of Alabama as his or her residence.
  2. An intention to remain at this address indefinitely.
  3. Possession of more substantial connections with the State of Alabama than with any other state.
- C. Though certification of an address and in intent to remain in the state indefinitely shall be prerequisites to establishing status as a resident, ultimate determi-

nation of that status shall be made by the institution by evaluating the presence or absence of connections with the State of Alabama. This evaluation shall include the consideration of all of the following connections:

1. Consideration of the location of high school graduation.
2. Payment of Alabama state income taxes as a resident.
3. Ownership of a residence or other real property in the state and payment of state ad valorem taxes on the residence or property.
4. Full-time employment in the state.
5. Residence in the state of a spouse, parents, or children.
6. Previous periods of residency in the state continuing for one year or more.
7. Voter registration and voting in the state; more significantly, continuing voter registration in the state that initially occurred at least one year prior to the initial registration of the student in Alabama at a public institution of higher education.
8. Possession of state or local licenses to do business or practice a profession in the state.
9. Ownership of personal property in the state, payment of state taxes on the property, and possession of state license plates.
10. Continuous physical presence in the state for a purpose other than attending school, except for temporary absences for travel, military service, and temporary employment.
11. Membership in religious, professional, business, civic, or social organizations in the state.
12. Maintenance in the state of checking and savings accounts, safe deposit boxes, or investment accounts.
13. In-state address shown on selective service registration, driver's license, automobile title registration, hunting and fishing licenses, insurance policies, stock and bond registrations, last will and testament, annuities, or retirement plans.

Students determined to be eligible for resident tuition will maintain that eligibility upon re-enrollment within one full academic year of their most previous enrollment unless there is evidence that the student subsequently has abandoned resident status, for example, registering to vote in another state. Students failing to re-enroll within one full academic year must establish eligibility upon re-enrollment.

**Non-Resident Student (additional persons for resident tuition)**

A Non-Resident Student, one who does not meet the standard of having resided in the State of Alabama for at least 12 months immediately preceding application for admission, shall be charged the in-state tuition rate established by the State Board of Education under the following circumstances provided such student is a citizen of the United States.

The dependent student

- a. whose supporting person is a full-time permanent employee of the institution at which the student is registering; or
- b. whose supporting person can verify full-time permanent employment in Alabama and will commence said employment within 90 days of registration; or
- c. whose supporting person is a member of the United States military on full-time active duty stationed in Alabama under orders for duties other than attending school; or
- d. whose supporting person is an accredited member of a consular staff assigned to duties in Alabama.

The student is not a dependent (as defined by Internal Revenue Codes) who

- a. is a full-time permanent employee of the institution at which the student is registering or is the spouse of such an employee; or
- b. can verify full-time permanent employment within the State of Alabama or is the spouse of such an employee and will commence said employment within 90 days of registration with the institution; or
- c. is a member of or the spouse of a member of the United States military on full-time active duty stationed in Alabama under orders for duties other than attending school; or
- d. is an accredited member of or the spouse of an accredited member of a consular staff assigned to duties in Alabama.

In determining Non-Resident Student status for the purpose of charging tuition, the burden of proof lies with the applicant for admission. The college may request proof that the applicant meets the stipulations noted above prior to admission.

Students who reside in Bedford, Franklin, Marshall, Maury, Moore, Lawrence, Lincoln, Wayne, or Giles counties in Tennessee will be accessed tuition at the "in-state" rate upon submission of documentation verifying residency.

**II. OUT OF STATE STUDENT**

Any applicant for admission who does not fall into one of the categories noted above shall be charged a minimum tuition of two times the resident tuition rate charged by that institution. All international students are accessed at the out-of-state rate and are not eligible for in-state rates.

Students initially classified as ineligible for resident tuition will retain that classification for tuition purposes until they provide documentation that they have qualified for resident tuition.

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# FINANCIAL AID

Financial aid is available at Calhoun Community College in a variety of forms. Students needing assistance with college expenses should communicate with personnel in the Office of Student Financial Services at the following address:

Office of Student Financial Services  
Calhoun Community College  
P.O. Box 2216  
Decatur, AL 35609-2216

FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS AVAILABLE at Calhoun Community College include the following:

1. Alabama Student Assistance Grants (ASAG)
2. Federal Work-Study (FWS)
3. Pell Grants
4. Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG)
5. Stafford Loan (SL)
6. Dorothy B. Johnson Loan Fund
7. Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)
8. Veterans', Servicemembers', and their Dependents' Benefits
9. Workforce Investment Act (WIA)
10. Scholarships
  - a. Academic
  - b. Calhoun Foundation
  - c. Performing Arts
  - d. Senior Adult Program
  - e. Student Activity and Leadership

### WHO MAY APPLY FOR FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS?

Federal Student Financial Aid Programs are Pell Grants, Stafford Loan (SL), Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG), Federal Work-Study (FWS), Alabama Student Assistance Grants (ASAG), and Workforce Investment Act (WIA).

To qualify for financial aid from one of these five programs, one must:

- demonstrate financial need, except for some loan programs;
- have a high school diploma or a GED certificate, or pass an independently administered test approved by the U. S. Department of Education;
- be enrolled as a regular, degree seeking student working toward a AA, AS, AAS or certificate in an eligible program;
- be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen;
- maintain satisfactory academic progress according to the institutional policy;
- not be in default on a Direct Stafford Loan or Federal Family Education Loan (FFEL); and
- not owe a repayment on any federal financial aid program.

NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE TO THE ABOVE REGULATIONS.

### TRANSIENT STUDENTS

Students from other colleges and universities enrolling only for a few courses and/or during the summer are not eligible to receive Title IV funds.

### FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION PROCEDURES

Expenses for tuition, books, supplies, at-home maintenance, transportation, and miscellaneous personal costs are used in preparing an annual budget to help determine the applicant's financial need. Therefore, those who qualify must apply for financial aid each year.

Students who qualify may apply for financial aid at any time. However, processing time is generally four to six weeks; therefore, begin the application process as early as possible. All financial aid application forms and instructions are available in the Office of Student Financial Services as well as the capability to process electronically via [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

Priority in making awards for FSEOG and Federal Work-Study shall be given to students completing the application process prior to April 1 each year. Awards for applications submitted after the deadline will be based on availability of funds.

### Dependent/Independent Policy

The Federal Government has identified for student financial assistance programs certain categories of students who must be considered independent financial aid applicants. As a result, a student is considered an independent financial aid applicant if he or she meets one of the following criteria.

- Student was born before January 1, 1984
- Student is a veteran or ward of the court or was a ward of the court until age of 18.
- Student has a child who receives more than half support from student.
- Student has a dependent (other than child or spouse) that lives with and will receive more than half support from student through June 30, of the academic year.
- Student is a married student.
- Student is a graduate or professional student.

An independent financial aid applicant is not required to submit parental information in the application process. However, if the independent applicant is married, spousal information must be reported. A student who cannot meet at least one of the above criteria is considered a dependent applicant and must provide parental information in the application process.

### STUDENT RESPONSIBILITIES

- Review and consider all information about Calhoun's programs before you enroll.
- Pay special attention to your application for student financial aid, complete it accurately and submit it on time to the right place. Errors can delay receiving your financial aid. Intentional misreporting of information on application forms for Federal financial aid is a violation of the law and is considered a criminal offense subject to penalties under the U.S. Criminal Code.
- Provide all additional documentation, verification, corrections and/or new information requested by either the Office of Student Financial Services or the processing center where you submitted your application.
- Read and understand all forms that you are asked to sign, and keep copies of them.
- Accept responsibility for all agreements you sign.
- Perform, in a satisfactory manner, the work that is agreed upon in a Federal Work-Study job.
- Know and comply with the deadlines for application or reapplication for aid.

- Understand the school's refund policy.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress for continued financial aid eligibility.
- Notify the Office of Student Financial Services if you are planning to attend another institution.
- Pay any tuition, fees or other expenses not paid by financial aid or scholarships by the deadlines.

**REFUND POLICY**

The Student Financial Aid (SFA) refund requirements only apply when the student fails to register for the period of enrollment for which he or she was charged. A refund is defined as the difference between the amount paid towards institutional charges (including financial aid and/or cash paid) and the amount the school can retain under the institutional refund policy.

The institution must calculate a refund using all possible refund policies in accordance with state and federal laws and regulations.

**REPAYMENT POLICIES**

**Recalculation Policy**

A change in a student's original enrollment status may result in a recalculation of Title IV benefits. Payment will be based on the student's enrollment status on the first day of the semester. For students who totally withdraw, the institution will use the appropriate refund policy.

FWS funds are **not** considered in the refund process.

**Repayment Policy**

The SFA repayment requirement **does not** apply to a student who withdraws from some classes, but continues to be enrolled in other classes.

A **repayment** is the unearned amount of direct disbursement to a student, which the student must pay back. If the institution determines that the student received Title IV funds in excess of the cost to attend school that he or she could have reasonably incurred while still enrolled, then a portion of the Title IV funds was not earned and must be repaid by the student to the SFA programs.

Federal Work Study (FWS) and Student Loan (SL) funds are **excluded** in the repayment policy.

**SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)**

Federal regulations require Calhoun Community College (CCC) to establish Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress for student financial aid recipients. These regulations require that your entire CCC record be reviewed for satisfactory academic progress, including terms for which you did or did not receive financial aid.

CCC Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress measure a student's performance in the following three areas: completion rate, cumulative grade point average (GPA), and maximum time frame. The Office of Student Financial Services is responsible for ensuring that all students who receive federal and state aid are meeting these standards. The Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress apply for all Title IV financial assistance programs including Federal Pell Grant, Federal Work-Study (FWS), Federal Supplemental Education

Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Federal Family Education Loans (Stafford and PLUS), as well as assistance from the state.

In addition, students who completely withdraw are subject to the CCC Return of Title IV Funds Policy. This federal policy requires Title IV financial aid recipients who completely withdraw from classes prior to completing 60% of any given term to repay a portion of any grants and loans received to the Title IV financial aid programs.

**Completion Rate**

Each semester, a student's academic progress will be reviewed by comparing the number of attempted credit hours with the credit hours earned. This includes any course for which the student has remained enrolled past the Drop/Add period. The academic records of all students are reviewed based on: (1) the number of semester credit hours attempted and percentage of credit hours completed; (2) cumulative grade point average (GPA); and (3) maximum time frame allowed for completing the degree requirements.

The following are considered when evaluating a student's satisfactory academic progress:

- Withdrawals (W, WP and WF), incompletes (I and IP) and failures (F) are considered attempted but not earned hours.
- Repeated courses and courses for which the student has been granted academic bankruptcy are included in the calculation of both attempted and earned hours. A student is allowed to repeat a course only twice.
- Audited courses are not considered credits attempted or earned. Students can not use Title IV funds to pay for audited courses.
- Transfer credits do not count in the calculation of the GPA, but they are included in the calculation of both attempted and earned hours.

Financial aid recipients must maintain the following cumulative GPA's in order to meet the satisfactory academic progress requirements:

**Measure of Progress**

Hours Attempted	% of Hours to be completed	Cumulative GPA
8 – 21	58%	1.50
22 – 32	62%	1.75
33 – 66	66%	2.00
67 and above	75%	2.00

**Maximum Time Frame**

A student's eligibility for financial aid will be terminated at the point where 96 credit hours have been attempted for an associate degree, and when 150 percent of the total hours required, as stated in the College catalog, have been attempted for a certificate. All attempted hours are counted, including transfer hours, whether or not financial aid was received or the course was successfully completed. A maximum of 20 semester credit hours of remedial courses will be excluded from the 96 semester credit hour determination. Title IV funds will only pay for 20 credit hours of remedial courses.

**Academic Progress Evaluation**

A financial aid recipient's satisfactory academic progress is evaluated each semester. At that time, a student will either be in good standing, be placed on financial aid probation, or denied financial assistance for future enrollment periods. The student must meet all three progress requirements (completion rate, GPA, and be within the maximum time frame) to remain in good standing. Students will be notified by the

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Student Financial Services Office if they are placed on denial status for financial aid.

### Probation

Students not meeting the SAP requirements will be placed on financial aid probation. Probation status will not prevent the student from receiving financial aid. The probationary period is meant to inform the student of potential academic problems and provide time for corrective action. Students will be placed on financial aid probation for failing to meet satisfactory academic progress requirements. Students not meeting the requirements below during the probationary period will be denied financial aid. Denial status will prevent the student from receiving any Title IV and/or state financial assistance for future enrollment until such time as the student meets all satisfactory academic progress standards.

Students on financial aid probation must earn grades of 'C' or better in each class, with no withdrawals (grades of W, WP, WF, I and IP calculate as hours attempted in Financial Aid SAP Policy).

### Appeal and Reinstatement

Students may appeal their denial status by submitting an Appeal Form to the Financial Aid Appeals Committee. Appeal Forms may be picked up in the Student Financial Services Office or on the CCC web site.

To appeal the financial aid denial, a student must, within 15 calendar days of notification, submit to the Student Financial Services office a signed Appeal Form explaining why he or she should not be suspended. A student may appeal due to mitigating circumstances (medical problems, illness, or death in the family, or employment changes). Documentation verifying the situation may be requested. The Financial Aid Appeals Committee will consider the appeal and render a decision, which the Director of Student Financial Services will convey in writing to the student.

Decisions made by the Financial Aid Committee are final.

### INFORMATION ON SPECIFIC FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

1. **ALABAMA STUDENT ASSISTANCE GRANT**  
The Alabama State Grant Program provides additional assistance to undergraduates who demonstrate exceptional financial need. Students who receive Pell Grants with the lowest family contribution figure (FC) are eligible. The Alabama State Grant is not a loan; therefore, the funds do not have to be paid back.
2. **FEDERAL WORK-STUDY**  
The College Work-Study Program provides employment for Calhoun students who need financial assistance. Students work part-time for the college while attending classes.
3. **DOROTHY B. JOHNSON LOAN FUND**  
This fund is available to students with an immediate cash flow problem and may be used to cover the cost of tuition and books. It may be repaid from grant or individual accounts within the semester borrowed.
4. **PELL GRANT**  
The Pell Grant Program provides financial assistance for students who qualify for funds in order to attend a

postsecondary educational institution. The grant may not exceed an amount equal to 50% of the student's educational and related expenses. A Pell Grant is not a loan; therefore, the funds do not have to be paid back.

5. **ACADEMIC COMPETITIVENESS GRANT (ACG)**  
The Academic Competitiveness Grant is for undergraduates receiving Pell Grants who are U.S. citizens enrolled full-time in their first or second academic year of study. For first or second academic year students who have completed a rigorous secondary school program of study. Grant does not have to be repaid.
6. **FEDERAL PLUS LOAN PROGRAM**  
The Federal PLUS Loan Program provides loans to parents of eligible dependent students who need additional financial assistance in meeting postsecondary educational expenses. Eligibility is not based on income. This program is intended to supplement the Federal Stafford Loan Program.

A parent may receive an amount not to exceed the student's estimated cost of attendance minus any financial aid the student has been or will be awarded during the period of enrollment. There are no aggregate limits.

**Interest Rates:** Federal PLUS Loans have an interest rate of 8.5 percent for which the first disbursement is made on or after July 1, 2006.

7. **STAFFORD LOAN**  
The Stafford Loan (SL) program is a loan program where a student may borrow funds to cover his/her educational expenses. Students may borrow either a subsidized or unsubsidized loan.  
  
A **subsidized** loan is awarded on the basis of financial need. You will not be charged any interest before you begin repayment or during authorized periods of deferment. The federal government "subsidizes" the interest during these periods.  
  
An **unsubsidized** loan is not awarded on the basis of need. You'll be charged interest from the time the loan is disbursed until it is paid in full. If you allow the interest to accumulate, it will be capitalized; that is, the interest will be added to the principal amount of your loan and additional interest will be based upon the higher amount. This will increase the amount you have to repay. If you choose to pay the interest as it accumulates, you'll repay less in the long run.
  - a. If you are a first year student and a first-time borrower, your first payment will not be disbursed until 30 days after the first day of classes.
  - b. Loan Entrancing Counseling is mandatory for all first-time borrowers.
  - c. Students placed on financial aid probation are not eligible for the student loan program(s).

8. FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT  
The FSEOG Program provides additional assistance to undergraduates who demonstrate exceptional financial need. Students who receive Pell Grants are eligible. The Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant is not a loan; therefore, the funds do not have to be repaid.

9. VETERANS, SERVICEMEMBERS, AND THEIR DEPENDENTS' BENEFITS  
The Veterans Affairs Office is located in Room 101R at the Huntsville/Research Park Campus. Qualified students may also submit paperwork through the Financial Aid Office in the Chasteen Student Center on the Calhoun campus. Appointments for Decatur area students may be arranged at the main campus if the veteran has questions and concerns or may call (256) 306-2500 or 890-4715. The VA Office is the certifying authority for veterans, active duty service members, reservists and National Guard, and dependents that qualify for the federal program. The VA Office serves as the link between the Regional Veterans Affairs Office and the VA benefit recipient who is enrolled at Calhoun Community College.

Calhoun Community College does **not** participate in the VA Advanced Pay Program. Veteran students (except Chapter 31- Rehabilitation and Employment) are required to pay all tuition and fees. After certification has been sent to the Regional Office, the education benefits will be sent directly to the veteran.

**Office Hours**

Huntsville/Research  
Park Campus                      Monday through Thursday  
8:30 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Decatur Campus                      Monday through Thursday  
Financial Aid                      7:45 a.m. – 6:00 p.m.  
Friday  
7:45 a.m. – 4:15 p.m.

**FAX (256) 306-2948**

To apply for the **Alabama G.I. Dependents' Scholarship Program**, please follow the procedure listed below:

- (1) Apply for certificate at your local county Veterans Affairs Office.
- (2) When student receives certificate from the Alabama Department of Veterans Affairs in Montgomery, Alabama, contact Debbie Ott, Business Office, Calhoun Community College at (256) 306-2541 or 890-4700 or 1-800-626-3628.

Courses under Course Number 100 will not be approved for students under this program. Benefits include tuition, technology fee and books only. Facility fees must be paid by the student each semester.

10. WORKFORCE INVESTMENT ACT (WIA) is a federally funded program to provide training assistance to dislocated individuals. Students may qualify for tuition

assistance, book allowances and tool assistance. Interested dislocated workers should apply at their local Alabama State Employment Service.

11. SCHOLARSHIPS AND GRANTS-IN-AID

a. ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS  
March 1st is the date on which applications for academic scholarships are due. Scholarship applications are available online at Calhoun's website at [www.calhoun.edu](http://www.calhoun.edu). Each application is reviewed by the Calhoun Scholarship Committee, and each award is based upon academic achievement.

b. CALHOUN FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIPS  
The Calhoun Community College Foundation provides tuition scholarships based upon a variety of qualifying criteria. Recipients must have at least a "B" average for high school grades and/or maintain the average for courses taken at Calhoun. Scholarships are renewable for four semesters unless otherwise specified in the scholarship guidelines.

c. FINE ARTS SCHOLARSHIPS  
Fine Arts Scholarships are available for students in art, graphic design, photography, voice, instruments, drama, and music industry. Additional information is available from a faculty member in the Fine Arts Department.

d. SENIOR ADULT PROGRAM SCHOLARSHIPS  
This program provides tuition free admission for those who are 60 years of age and older. Students must enroll for credit courses and meet college and program of study admission standards. The award is based upon space availability in each course. Fees and other costs, other than tuition, are paid by the senior adult student.

e. STUDENT ACTIVITY AND LEADERSHIP

SCHOLARSHIPS

These scholarships are received by:

1. President, Vice-President, and Secretary/Treasurer of the Student Government Association;
2. Editor and assistant editor or photographer of the college literary magazine, *The Muse*;
3. Members of the College's official student ambassadors, the Warkhawks; and
4. President of Phi Theta Kappa.

If a student leaves the position for which the scholarship was awarded, the scholarship may be passed to a successor. In addition, the student leaving the leadership position will reimburse the college a prorated amount of the tuition scholarship based upon the amount of time remaining in the college term.

**Additional financial aid information can be obtained from the Office of Student Financial Services.**