

## **AGENCY/PRIVATE FUNDING SOURCES**

OVR (Office of Vocational Rehabilitation)  
TAA (Trade Adjustment Assistance)  
WIA (Workforce Investment Act)

SWT (Southwest Training)

Tom Savini Scholarship

Jeff Tinnell Scholarship

The Greater Rostraver Chamber of Commerce Scholarship

## **FEDERAL STUDENT AID PROGRAMS**

### **FEDERAL PELL GRANT**

- The Pell Grant is gift aid and does not need to be repaid to the U.S. Department of Education.
- The maximum and minimum award amounts change annually and are effective for the award year from July 1st of one year to June 30th of the following year.
- The award amount is calculated using the EFC (Expected Family Contribution), cost of attendance and enrollment status, i.e., the number of credits or clock hours attended each payment period.
- A student must have financial need.
- The total amount of Pell Grant may not exceed the equivalent of six years.

### **FSEOG (FEDERAL SUPPLEMENTAL EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY GRANT)**

- FSEOG is gift aid and does not need to be repaid to the U.S. Department of Education.
- If eligible, the minimum award is \$100 while the maximum award is \$1,000.
- The award amount is based on the EFC (Expected Family Contribution), enrollment status, (i.e., the number of credits in each payment period) and DEC awarding policies.
- FSEOG recipients must demonstrate exceptional financial need as defined by the U.S. Department of Education.

### **IASG (IRAQ AND AFGHANISTAN SERVICE GRANT)**

- IASG is gift aid and does not need to be repaid to the U.S. Department of Education.
- The maximum award is the same as the maximum Pell Grant. It is adjusted for less than fulltime enrollment.
- A student is eligible for IASG if he/she is not eligible for a Pell Grant due only to having less financial need than necessary to qualify for a Pell Grant; whose parent or guardian died as a result of military service in Iraq or Afghanistan after 09/11; and who, at the time of the parent's or guardian's death, were less than 24 years old or were enrolled at least part-time.
- The total amount of IASG may not exceed the equivalent of six years.

### **DIRECT SUBSIDIZED STAFFORD LOAN**

- This is a loan and must be repaid with interest to the U.S. Department of Education.
- The maximum award is \$3,500 for grade level 1 students and \$4,500 for grade level 2 students. The loan amount is prorated for programs and final periods of enrollment less than one academic year in length.
- A student must demonstrate financial need as defined by the U.S. Department of Education and be enrolled at least halftime to receive a Subsidized Stafford Loan.
- The U.S. Department of Education subsidizes, i.e., pays the interest on this loan while in school, during the grace period and periods of deferment. This is the difference between the Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loans.
- For complete details regarding the interest rate, loan fees, grace period, repayment and debt management options, contact the Financial Aid Office or visit [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).
- A student may receive a Subsidized Stafford Loan for no more than 150% of the normal program length. A student may lose the interest subsidy on a Subsidized Stafford Loan if he/she fails to complete his/her program within 150% of normal program length as well as enrolls in another program without completing a prior program.
- A student's outstanding aggregate balance may not exceed \$23,000.

### **DIRECT UNSUBSIDIZED STAFFORD LOAN**

- This is a loan and must be repaid with interest to the U.S. Department of Education.
- The maximum award is \$2,000 for all students plus \$4,000 in additional Unsubsidized Stafford Loan for an independent student or a dependent student whose parent has been denied a PLUS Loan. The loan amount is prorated for programs and final periods of enrollment less than one academic year in length.
- A student does not have to demonstrate financial need as defined by the U.S. Department of Education; must be enrolled at least halftime to receive an Unsubsidized Stafford Loan.
- The U.S. Department of Education does not subsidize, i.e., pay the interest on this loan. This is the difference between the Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loans.
- For complete details regarding the interest rate, loan fees, grace period, repayment and debt management options, contact the Financial Aid Office or visit [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).
- A student may not exceed aggregate loan limits.

### **DIRECT PLUS (PARENT LOAN FOR UNDERGRADUATE STUDENTS) LOAN**

- This is a loan and must be repaid with interest to the U.S. Department of Education.
- A parent, not a student, must borrow the PLUS loan on behalf of the student.

- The maximum award is the student's Cost of Attendance minus any financial aid received by the student.
- A student/parent does not have to demonstrate financial need as defined by the U.S. Department of Education; must be enrolled at least half-time to receive PLUS Loan.
- The U.S. Department of Education does not subsidize, i.e., pay the interest on this loan.
- For complete details regarding the interest rate, loan fees, deferment options, repayment and debt management options, contact the Financial Aid Office or visit [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).

### **FEDERAL WORK STUDY (FWS)**

- A student earns money while working and attending school; FWS does not need to be repaid.
- Student employees are paid an hourly wage that meets or exceeds federal and state minimum wage requirements. Wages are paid directly to the student every two weeks, by check.
- Employment is part-time, usually 5 -20 hours per week and can be on or off campus.
- A student interested in a work study position should contact the Financial Aid or Career Services Offices for open positions.
- A student must demonstrate financial need as defined by the U.S. Department of Education.
- There is no minimum or maximum annual award or aggregate limit.

### **FEDERAL STUDENT AID ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

To receive Federal Student Aid, a student must meet the following general eligibility requirements. A student must:

- Be a U.S. citizen or national or be an eligible noncitizen;
- Have a valid high school diploma or equivalent, or meet homeschool requirements;
- Be enrolled for the purpose of seeking a certificate, diploma or A.S.B. degree;
- Be enrolled in an approved educational program;
- Have a valid social security number;
- Be registered with Selective Service, if you are a male (you must register between the ages of 18 and 25);
- Have signed certifying statements on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) stating that
  - The student is not in default on a federal student loan and does not owe a refund on a federal grant and
  - The student will use federal student aid only for educational purposes;
- Provide additional documentation and information to complete verification, resolve database match problems, and meet eligibility requirements to pay Federal Student Aid.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress while in school; and
- Meet additional eligibility requirements, including financial need, for each specific Federal Student Aid program.

### **APPLYING FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID**

A student interested in receiving funds from any of the Federal Student Aid programs listed above, must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.FAFSA.gov](http://www.FAFSA.gov). DEC's Federal School Code is 013957, and must be provided on the FAFSA in order for DEC to receive application data. A student should never pay for assistance in completing the FAFSA; contact the Financial Aid Office for assistance. A student attending school in two award years (July 1st – June 30th) may need to complete two FAFSAs.

There is no additional application for Federal Pell Grant, FSEOG, or IASG.

To receive a Stafford Loan, the student must also complete an MPN (Master promissory Note) at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).

To receive a PLUS Loan, the parent borrower must complete the loan application and MPN (Master Promissory Note) at [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov).

To receive FWS, a student must submit a student employment application when a position is open.

### **FINANCIAL NEED**

The U.S. Department of Education defines Financial Need as the difference between a student's Cost of Attendance (COA) budget and his/her Expected Family Contribution (EFC). Financial Need is calculated based on the program the student is enrolled in; the student's enrollment status; the length of the loan period, academic year or award year, as required; and considering the type of aid being awarded. COA minus EFC equals Financial Need.

### **COST OF ATTENDANCE (COA) BUDGETS**

Cost of Attendance (COA) budget is the amount it will cost a student to attend DEC. The COA includes both institutional charges, payable to DEC, and non-institutional charges, expenses a student incurs while attending school although they are not payable to the school. Unless contracting with the school, room is a non-institutional expense as are board, transportation and miscellaneous personal expenses. DEC has established weekly living allowances for room, board, transportation and miscellaneous personal expenses that are consistent with the cost of living in the Monessen area.

For more information on the COA budgets used, contact the Financial Aid Office or view the information under Consumer Information on the school's website.