



Hinds Community College
Office of Financial Aid
Student Financial Assistance Policy

The student financial assistance policy has been established in the administering of financial aid for Hinds Community College.

- 1) Financial aid awards cannot be credited to a student's account until all admissions requirements are satisfied.
- 2) Financial assistance received will be used primarily for educational purposes.
- 3) Financial aid recipients having attended other post-secondary institutions prior to attending Hinds Community College are required to list on the admissions application all other schools attended.
- 4) Any commitment of Federal Funds (i.e., Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant, or Federal Work Study Programs, etc.) is tentative and depends upon subsequent Congressional appropriation and actual receipt of the funds by Hinds Community College.
- 5) Financial need will be evaluated each year and the amount of the assistance offered will be made. For the purpose of this evaluation, a new Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be required. The application may be submitted any time after January 1, and it is the student's responsibility to secure the necessary forms to apply. Priority will be given to those applications received prior to April 1.
- 6) Student eligibility criteria for all Federal Financial Programs requires that in order to receive financial aid, a student must remain in good standing with the institution and make satisfactory progress in their course of study. To meet this criteria, a Hinds Community College student must meet the requirements of the "Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy" in order to continue receiving financial aid. When extenuating circumstances exist, an appeal should be made to the Dean of Students Office within 30 days of the end of the semester.
- 7) Recipients of financial assistance from the college are to notify the Office of Financial Aid of any other scholarships, grants or loans extended to them from sources outside the college.
- 8) The Office of Financial Aid reserves the right to review and revise or cancel an award at any time because of changes in financial, marital or academic status, changes of academic program, preventing financial aid over-awards, or misuse of federal or institutional program guidelines and regulations. You must notify Financial Aid if you anticipate any changes so that the Office of Financial Aid can advise you of the status of your award.
- 9) If your offer of financial assistance includes employment under the provision of the Federal Work Study, Institutional Work Study or Community Service program, it must be understood that the amount shown for this category is the amount of money you may expect to earn during the academic year as a result of work performed, and the hours necessary to perform such work.
- 10) In compliance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, the college, upon your approval, may release to the U.S. Department of Education, State Agencies, scholarship donors, and university scholarship selection committees, any information requested pertinent to this award (i.e., enrollment status, address, grade point average, and financial need). However, the college believes the application and receipt of financial aid is a confidential matter; information will be released only to the above-mentioned offices and committees.
- 11) In order to receive various written communications, it is the responsibility of you, the student, to make sure that the Office of Admissions and Records has on file your permanent mailing address.

Hinds Community College Notice of Non-discrimination Statement:

Hinds Community College is an equal opportunity employer and does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability or veteran status in its programs and activities. The following person has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Dr. Debra Mays-Jackson, Vice President, Utica Campus, 34175 Hwy. 18, Utica, MS 39175; 601.885.7001.

Disability Support Services Statement:

Hinds Community College provides reasonable and appropriate accommodations for students with disabilities. Disability Services staff members verify eligibility for accommodations and work with eligible students who have self-identified and provided current documentation. Students with disabilities should schedule an appointment with the designated Disability Services staff member on their respective campus to establish a plan for reasonable, appropriate classroom accommodations.