Important Fall Semester Dates and Information

Fall Semester Disbursement Dates:

Students who met the 7-12-12 file document deadline

1st Disbursement: 8-31-12
50%

2nd Disbursement 11-9-12
Balance

Students who met the 8-9-12 file document deadline

1st Disbursement 10-5-12
50%

2nd Disbursement 11-9-12
Balance

Students who met the 9-20-12 file document deadline

1st Disbursement 11-9-12
Full Amount owed

Fall Semester FAFSA on the Web Workshops

**Need assistance completing or making corrections to your FAFSA application?
Come visit our office and receive assistance with your FAFSA needs.
No appointments necessary****

Scholarship Application Dates:

The annual scholarship application will be available in October on our website at www.norcocolege.edu

One of the requirements to apply for a scholarship is to have a reference/recommendation letter from an instructor/employer or someone in your field of study. You can prepare early by requesting your letter now.

Workshops will be available on campus in October to review how the application works, how to write an essay and important tips. Our workshops dates will be available on our website and in the 2nd issue of this Fall news blast.

We will also have a workshop powerpoint available 24/7 on our website with important information as well.

Don’t forget to look for our emails and signs announcing the opening of the scholarship application cycle and submit your application early!!

For additional file deadline and disbursement dates, please view our disbursement schedule on our website at www.norcocolege.edu
Current Changes to Financial Aid

The following changes may or may not affect your personal financial aid situation.

Please read each section for the most up to date information about your financial aid information.

1) Lifetime Eligibility Usage (LEU) for Pell Grant Recipients
2) Changes to the Cal Grant program
3) California Dream Act (AB 131)
4) Office Information
5) Useful References/Websites

Lifetime Eligibility Usage (LEU) for Pell Grant Recipients

In the past, students were able to receive Pell grants for an unlimited amount of time. With the new changes to regulations via the “Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2012”, there will now be a limit on how long students can receive a Pell Grant called your Lifetime Eligibility Usage (LEU).

New Regulation:
Effective July 1, 2012, students will be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant for up to 12 semesters of scheduled awards (at full time or 600%). This will generally equal 4-6 years of undergraduate enrollment.

This information is now available on your Student Aid Report (SAR) on the FAFSA website at www.fafsa.gov.

RCC will also post information on Web Advisor under your “required documents by year” indicating if you are close to or exceeding the LEU limit.

You can also review your past history and percentages online at www.nslds.ed.gov, using your FAFSA PIN number to access your financial aid history.

What does this mean to you as a financial aid student?

After receiving Pell grant for 12 semesters of full time enrollment, you will no longer be eligible to receive the Pell grant at any school.

You will have to plan out your undergraduate enrollment to ensure that you can complete your educational objective prior to meeting the maximum time frame for Pell Grant payment.

If you decide to delay your Pell grant while attending RCC, it is very important to tell the financial aid office of your wishes.
Changes to the Cal Grant Program

Beginning with 2012-13, the maximum award amounts for Cal Grant programs have been decreased by 5%. The award amounts for Community College Cal Grants are now:

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Students initially qualifying for the Cal Grant B or C awards have had their award amounts adjusted to the new amounts listed here.

The California Student Aid Commission has not notified students of this change but has updated your award information on the Webgrants for Students online system at https://mygrantinfo.csac.ca.gov/logon.asp

More information regarding applying for and receiving your Cal Grant can be found in our consumer guide on our website at www.rcc.edu/studentfinancialservices.

If you have been notified of a Cal Grant award by the California Student Aid Commission but do not see your award on your award letter on Web Advisor, please check with the financial aid office. There may be additional forms required to finalize your Cal Grant eligibility.

For more information on Cal Grants, please visit the Cal Grant website at www.calgrants.org

To apply for the BOG waiver for the Winter 2013 or Spring 2013, you will need to:

1) Complete the Dream Application online OR
2) Complete the paper BOG waiver application in the SFS office (available end of September 2012)

The Dream Application is now available for completion at https://dream.csac.ca.gov

The application is very similar to the FAFSA and will require student and/or parent income information. The Dream Application does not automatically make a student eligible for State aid, students must meet all other required eligibility requirements.

Please make sure that you are designated as an AB 540 student with the Admissions and Records office. If you are not an AB 540 student, you will not be eligible for the awards under the California Dream Act.

For the upcoming 2013-13 academic year, students will be eligible to apply for the Cal Grant program. To apply, students need to:

1) Complete the 2013-14 Dream Application, available January 1, 2013, by the March 2nd deadline AND
2) Have your GPA submitted to the California Student Aid Commission by the March 2nd deadline

Please visit our consumer guide on our website at www.norcoccollege.edu for directions on how to have your GPA submitted to be considered for the Cal Grant awards.

For more information on the Dream Act and/or AB 131, please visit https://dream.csac.ca.gov or www.csac.ca.gov

California Dream Act (AB 131)

The California Dream Act of 2011 for AB 540 students was signed into law on October 8, 2011 and will enter into effect on January 1, 2013 for the following state programs:

Board of Governors (BOG) fee waiver: For Winter/Spring 2013

Cal Grant Program: For Fall 2013

This program will allow AB 540 students to qualify for State financial assistance without a Social Security Number. This applies only to State financial assistance programs and does not apply to Federal Pell Grants, Federal SEOG Grants, Federal Work Study or Federal Student Loans.

Students wishing to apply for State aid under this new program will be required to complete the California Dream Application.
For more information regarding the Student Financial Services Office and our programs, please visit our consumer guide at: www.norcocollege.edu