

Eligibility Requirements

To receive federal, state, or institutional financial aid funds administered by the Great Bay Community College, a student must:

- Be admitted to a degree-granting or an eligible certificate-granting program (16 credit hours or more) at GBCC.
- Be a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen.
- Be enrolled in a minimum of six eligible credits for federal student loans, SEOG (Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants), and Federal Work-Study employment.
- Be enrolled in a minimum of one eligible credit for Pell Grants.
- Be meeting the Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid standards, as defined by the Financial Aid Office (see below).
- Not be in default on a student loan.
- Not owe a refund on any federal (Title IV) financial aid.
- Not be receiving federal or state financial aid from another institution for the same enrollment period.
- Not have a prior baccalaureate degree for Pell Grants and Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants.

All students who meet the eligibility requirements listed above, and who complete and file a valid FAFSA, qualify for federal Direct Student loans, regardless of financial need. For grant programs, Federal Work-Study, and subsidized Direct Loans, a student must have financial need, as determined by the federal need analysis calculation, based on the information provided on the FAFSA.

Students who accept federal loans must complete Entrance Counseling and sign a Loan Agreement (MPN-Master Promissory Note) at <https://studentaid.gov/>.

To receive aid in future semesters, a student must meet three qualitative and quantitative standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid (SAPFA). These standards are described below and in the College's Financial Aid policy page, available online: [Financial Aid Policies](#).