

Need money? Read this...

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News Editor

The heart of every student experience is learning. One of the most beneficial lessons to learn early in a student's career is where to get the money to pay for classes.

On Tuesday, Jan. 21, Clackamas Community College's financial aid department offered students help navigating financial aid and scholarship opportunities with a free Scholarship Kickoff session. Topics included applying for the CCC Foundation Scholarships, a pool of nearly 300 aid packages, writing an effective scholarship essay and how to search for external scholarships.

Darcie Iven, scholarship coordinator, is excited about how much easier the new online application program is to use, she said. The program allows a student to start the application process, save and return later to finish.

A student can enter the email address for the person writing their recommendation letter and the system will email that person the request.

"You can check if they have responded," Iven said, "and even have the system send them a reminder email."

Additional information on how to search for and apply for scholarships were distributed on printed bookmarks at the event along with a checklist of documentation required for scholarships. These bookmarks are also available in the enrollment services area in Roger Rook as well as from the academic advising center.

The free Writing Center, where this reporter is also a peer mentor, offers students assistance with writing their scholarship essays.

The college website allows students to apply for the CCC scholarship online and lists the scholastic requirements. Tips to increase a student's chances to successfully find financial assistance programs and links to external scholarship websites are provided as well.

In addition to the CCC scholarship, the college participates in the federal work-study program. Work-study provides eligible students federally funded jobs through CCC. Further financial assistance can be received in the form of grants and federal direct loans.

The cost to the college in allocating funds for these avenues of financial aid can be found in the school budget.

Chris Robuck, director of fiscal services, figures out each year how much financial aid the school will pay out. The formula is based on how much money the college distributed in previous years and the growth in student enrollment. "The college gives the money to the student," Robuck said, "and is reimbursed from the federal government."

According to the annual budget report, CCC financial aid expenditures for the 2012-13 school year totaled \$31,211,104. Projected financial aid totals are expected to be over \$33 million for this school year.

"So far this year," Iven said, "237 students have received nearly half-a-million in scholarship aid."

The deadline for applying for the CCC scholarship is April 30.



Greg Anderson, financial aid specialist (far left) and Patrick Gruhler, enrollment services specialist, answer questions for students.

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Fill out the application online:

(www.clackamas.edu/scholarships) You will need to upload the following documents:

Scholarship Essay:

- See scholarship application for details
- Need help writing your essay? Visit CCC's Writing Center at <http://depts.clackamas.edu/writingcenter>

Letters of reference (at least 2)

- You will be asked for an email address for each of your references
- The online system will email your references a link to your application where they will attach their letter
- Use the references tab to monitor receipt of your references letters

Unofficial Transcripts

- High school transcript or college transcript (whichever is more recent)
- Attach electronically to your application (scan if needed)

Your application will not be complete until:

- All required documents are attached
- Monitor your application to be sure your letters of reference have been submitted
- When you log back into your application and see the green checkmark your application is complete!

Campus Police Log

Date	Time	Incident
1/21	8:00 a.m.	CCC Recovered stolen laptop (2012) by Visalia PD (California)
	2:05 p.m.	Cell phone found in McLoughlin — taken to ASG
	7:12 p.m.	Student escort — Rook
1/22	10:00 p.m.	Staff escort — Wilsonville
	5:40 p.m.	Staff escort — Barlow
	10:00 p.m.	Staff escort — Wilsonville
1/23	11:51 a.m.	Suspicious Person/Campus Safety standby — no issues — Harmony
	4:05 p.m.	Suspicious Smell-nothing found — Art Center
	11:22 p.m.	Student Escort — McLoughlin
1/25	10:00 p.m.	Staff escort — Wilsonville
	1:05 p.m.	Suspicious vehicles reported — Randall parking area
	1:20 p.m.	Suspicious activity reported — no issues — Softball fields
1/26	1:03 p.m.	Suspicious Person — person left prior to contact — Gregory Forum
	4:10 p.m.	Suspicious activity — open vending machines — secured — McLoughlin

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