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FINANCIAL AID AND SCHOLARSHIPS

References: Federal Student Aid Handbook; Volume 2 – Institutional Eligibility and Participation; Volume 4 – Processing Aid and Managing FSA Funds; 34 CFR 99.31, 34 CFR 668.14, 34 CFR 668.41, 34 CFR 668.42, 34 CFR 668.43, 34 CFR 668.44, 34 CFR 668.45, 34 CFR 668.46, & 34 CFR 668.47; 34 CFR 668.164; 34 CFR 668.165; Public Law 101-226, Public Law 107-56 and Higher Education Opportunity Act, Public Law 110-315, (HEOA), Sec. 479A(a); Section 480(d)(7).

Wyoming Statute: § 9-4-204(u)(vii); 21-16-1301 - § 21-16-1312: Hathaway Scholarship Requirements.

Western Wyoming Community College (The College) is approved by the U.S. Department of Education to participate in the Title IV programs for post-secondary students. These programs provide federal financial aid to qualified students. The institution's Participation Agreement provides Institutional Eligibility and Certification for Title IV Student Financial Aid Programs.

The College is approved as a public institution of higher education providing semester credit hours applying toward a specific list of Certificate programs, Associate Degrees, and Bachelor Degrees. The College is further approved for Federal aid purposes for distance education courses. The College shall provide student information materials that accurately represent the institution, its accreditation status, as well as recruitment practices and policies, regardless of whether the program is Title IV eligible or not.

The College shall provide financial aid programs based upon (1) assessed financial need and/or (2) major, special population or interest, academic performance or special abilities. All Financial Aid programs will adhere to guidelines, procedures and standards issued by federal and state laws and other applicable regulatory, institutional and WWC Foundation requirements.

The College as per federal regulations shall:

- have an established Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy and procedure that students are required to adhere to, even those not receiving Title IV funds;
- adhere to the state complaint process, provide acceptable resolution to complaints and maintain a student complaint log;
- maintain the Eligibility and Certification Approval Report (ECAR) to include all certificates/degrees eligible for Title IV funding;
- have a Return of Title IV procedure;

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- adhere to all federal rules and regulations published annually by the U.S. Department of Education.

Students may use Title IV funds for the following allowable charges:

- Tuition
- Mandatory Fees
- Room & Board, if contracted with the College
- Books and Supplies
- Other educationally-related charges, as authorized in writing by student or parent, as applicable

Federal Title IV funds received by the College to distribute to its eligible students shall include:

- Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan
- Direct PLUS Loan
- Pell Grant
- Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
- Federal Work Study

Note: Students are also eligible to receive Institutional Scholarships and Grants, as well as, Foundation Grants and Awards. The institution shall have written procedures that identify communication of these available funds, eligibility requirements and disbursement of such to all eligible new or existing students.

In order to be eligible to receive Title IV funds, students must:

- have met the admissions and eligibility requirements;
- reapply for financial aid for each academic year;
- be enrolled in a Title IV eligible program of study;
- be enrolled in the required number of credits for the Title IV program and in credits that are a part of that eligible program of study;
- maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP);
- meet citizenship status requirements; and
- if male, meet selective service requirements.

The College shall establish a Financial Aid Review Board consisting of the Vice President for Student Services or their designee, two faculty representatives appointed by the College Senate, one representative from Student Services, and the Financial Aid Officer to provide an appeals board for students whose aid has been discontinued for academic deficiencies or other reasons.

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Definitions

Title IV: A term that refers to federal financial aid funds. Federal regulations state that any federal funds disbursed to a student's account in excess of allowable charges must be delivered to the student (or parent in case of an undergraduate PLUS loan).

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