

HORRY-GEORGETOWN TECHNICAL COLLEGE

POLICY

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The primary goal of the Student Financial Aid Office at Horry-Georgetown Technical College is service to the student, the College, and the communities served by the College. The Financial Aid Office is committed to assisting students in obtaining the financial means by which to pursue their education.

Listed below are the guiding principles of the Horry-Georgetown Financial Aid Program:

- A. The primary purpose of the Horry-Georgetown Technical College Financial Aid Program is to provide financial assistance to students who, without such aid, would be unable to attend post-secondary school. The family of a student, however, is expected to make a maximum effort to assist the student with school expenses. Financial assistance should be viewed only as supplementary to the efforts of the family.
- B. In selecting students to receive financial assistance, other than the Pell Grant, the College places primary emphasis upon need, academic achievement, and future promise.
- C. The College is further dedicated to seeing that no qualified student should be denied access to a higher education because of lack of financial resources. Therefore, the Director of Financial Aid will be knowledgeable concerning other possible aid for students and share this information with the students.
- D. The Financial Aid Office provides counseling for students and their parents when these students need help in completing the financial planning required to meet their educational expenses. This service is not limited to Horry-Georgetown Technical College students or potential students.

- E. The College, believing that every student is a person of worth regardless of financial status, will staff the Financial Aid Office with personnel who will handle each with concern and respect for the student's feelings and situation.

- F. The Financial Aid Office will be responsible for implementation of all federal, state, and local regulations to insure that aid is awarded in the spirit of the law and to insure a valid financial aid audit trail.

- G. The Financial Aid Office follows the National Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators (NASFAA) code of conduct and abides by the NASFAA's statement of ethic principles.