



## IMPORTANT FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

- Students wishing to apply for and receive financial aid should do so at their earliest convenience. An opportune time to do this would be as soon as 2011 taxes have been completed. Not applying in a timely manner could result in delays in the financial aid process.
- In order to be considered for financial aid, Northland Community and Technical College (NCTC) must receive the initial results of your FAFSA before the end of your last term of enrollment for the academic year you are attending.
- To be considered for the Minnesota State Grant Programs (if you are eligible) your FAFSA must be received by the Federal Application Processing Center no later than two weeks after the start date of the first term for which you are applying.

### For 2012-2013 FAFSA:

- Apply for admission at the college campus you plan to attend or online at [www.northlandcollege.edu](http://www.northlandcollege.edu).
- Apply for financial aid **EARLY** and remember to **REAPPLY** for each school year. The new financial aid school year starts each fall semester.
- Go to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) to complete the FAFSA using 2011 federal tax information. At this site you can apply for your pin number by clicking on "Pin Site" located on the tool bar at the top of the page. **IT IS VERY IMPORTANT THAT YOU SAVE THIS FEDERAL PIN NUMBER!** You will need this number to apply for financial aid on-line and to complete the student loan process each year you are enrolled.
- **NOTE:** If you are under the age of 24, not married, or have no dependent children, you may be required to use your parent(s) income information. If so, one parent will need to apply for a PIN number. You will be able to use your assigned federal PIN number(s) to sign a renewal FAFSA.
- Go back to original website to fill out the FAFSA.
- **SCHOOL CODE is 002385 (Northland Community and Technical College will be listed with the Thief River Falls address----this is correct as East Grand Forks and Thief**

### **River Falls are one college.)**

- You will use your PIN number(s) to electronically sign the FAFSA application once you have filled in all information.
- Respond quickly and accurately to any requests for additional documentation or information needed.
- Students planning on attending summer term must have completed the 2011-2012 FAFSA. A separate award letter will be processed once students have registered for summer courses.
- Students interested in work study positions: Contact the campus work study contact for more information—Gail Johnson (EGF) and Mya Zutz (TRF). The work study program provides funds that are earned through part-time employment to assist students in financing the costs of education.
- Child care assistance may be available for MN residents. Please contact the Financial Aid Office.
- Explore other resources of assistance such as Vocational Rehabilitation, Job Service, MET, Tribal and Indian Scholarships, etc. *Note: Receiving outside agency funding including academic scholarships may reduce loan eligibility.*

## **FINANCIAL AID FACTS**

1. Students must have a declared major on file.
2. Students must have received an award letter prior to the semester start date to defer tuition/fees and/or charge books.
3. Award letters assume full-time status (12 credits). Adjustments will be made accordingly for less than 15 credits (State Grant) or less than 12 credits (Federal Pell Grant).
4. Students must be enrolled half-time (at least 6 credits) to remain eligible for most financial aid programs.
5. Part-time students (less than half-time/less than 5 credits) may be eligible for financial aid. Please review your award letter at <http://www.northlandcollege.edu/eservices/>. If you have further questions, please contact your Campus Financial Aid Office.

6. Students will be paid excess financial aid funds approximately two weeks after the start of each semester. (Excess means any amount left over after tuition, fees, and books have been deducted from awarded financial aid).
7. Students owing for distance/on-line courses through other institutes will need to pay the charges directly to those colleges. They are not deducted from financial aid disbursements processed at Northland Community and Technical College. If enrolled at another college, you may be able to pay on-line at their website.
8. Totally withdrawing from all of your classes may mean paying back financial aid funds.
9. Students must maintain satisfactory academic progress to receive financial aid. Please refer to Student Policy 3070.
10. Funding received from outside sources may affect loans. Outside sources include but are not limited to Vocational Rehabilitation, Veterans Funding, Job Service, MET, Tribal or State Indian Scholarships, Americorp, etc.
11. You may not receive more financial aid (including loans) than the established institutional budget.
12. Students may only receive financial aid from one college during any given semester they are enrolled.
13. If a student is only attending one semester, please let your Campus Financial Aid Office know.
14. Contact your Campus Financial Aid Office if you have questions or need additional information.