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Beaufort Promise Program Procedure

Beaufort Promise Scholarship Program Guidelines

1. The Beaufort Promise Scholarship Program is a “last-dollar” scholarship program for students enrolled in credit and non-credit courses at Beaufort County Community College (BCCC). “Last-dollar” means that the College will apply all other federal and state grants and local Foundation scholarships towards a student’s tuition and fees prior to using funds designated for the Beaufort Promise Scholarship Program. Prior to May 11, 2023, the College will cover the cost of tuition and fees for all students, no matter the number of credit hours taken, non-residency in the College’s service area (Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell and Washington Counties), or citizenship status. During the period prior to the final day of Spring Semester 2023, the College will use federal money to cover tuition and fees for students that do not meet the following guidelines (see #2 et al. below).
2. As of May 12, 2023, the following guidelines will apply to the program.
3. Eligibility for the Beaufort Promise Scholarship requires that credit students take at least nine (9) or more credits in their official program of study and complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Non-credit students must enroll in a program of 50 or more contact hours that leads to an initial certification recognized by the College.
4. Credit students must present an official high school or college transcript that shows an official grade point average (GPA) of 2.0 to apply for the Beaufort Promise Scholarship. Moreover, once enrolled at BCCC and in receipt of funds through the Beaufort Promise Scholarship, both credit and non-credit students must continue to make satisfactory academic progress (SAP) in their official program of study and retain an overall GPA of 2.0 or the equivalent for non-credit programs. If a student’s GPA falls below a 2.0 while enrolled at BCCC, he/she will not be eligible for Beaufort Promise in the subsequent semester. However, if the student’s GPA rises to at least a 2.0 in the subsequent semester, he/she will be eligible for Beaufort Promise in the next semester of attendance (summer sessions excepted).

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5. Students must be residents of Beaufort, Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties to be eligible to apply for the Beaufort Promise Scholarship. Students must provide documentary proof of residency in one of these counties, such as a driver's license, a bill in the name of the student applicant showing an address within the four-county region, or some other form of acceptable proof of service area residency approved by the College.
6. In order to receive funding from Beaufort County through funds allocated for subsidizing the Beaufort Promise Scholarship, students must be United States citizens and must prove residency in Beaufort County through one of the means detailed in #5 above. Students who can prove residency in Beaufort County but not U.S. citizenship may still qualify for the Beaufort Promise Scholarship through private funds provided by the College's Foundation. The College will track all funds from Beaufort County separately from all other funds used to support Beaufort Promise and will not use Beaufort County funds to support any student not meeting the requirements of these guidelines.
7. The College will cover the tuition and fees for students from Hyde, Tyrrell, and Washington Counties who meet the criteria established in #3, #4, and #5 above from scholarship funds provided by the College Foundation as well as from federal COVID-19 assistance funds through October 31, 2023. These funds are designated as Beaufort Promise Scholarship funds.
8. Students or prospective students must resolve all debts to the College prior to obtaining or maintaining eligibility for Beaufort Promise.

References

Legal References: *Enter legal references here*

SACSCOC References: *Enter SACSCOC references here*

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History

Leadership Council Review/Approval Dates: *Enter date(s) here*

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