

Financial Aid

How can financial aid be used?

Financial Aid can be used to pay tuition and fees as well as other expenses such as books, supplies, rent, transportation, and other living expenses.

Who is eligible for financial aid?

There are state and federal sources of financial aid. If you are a U.S. Citizen or Permanent Resident of the U.S., you can apply for federal and state financial aid using the FAFSA. If you are ineligible for federal financial aid due to immigration status, you can apply for state financial aid using the WASFA. More information is available about the financial aid application process at lowercolumbia.edu/financial-aid.

What types financial aid are available?

Grants

Grants are need-based aid that generally does not have to be repaid. They include: Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), and Washington College Grant, College Bound Scholarship and Passport to College.

Work-Study Employment

Students can request a work-study job as part of their Financial Aid package. LCC staff will help students determine their eligibility. Students may work on or off campus for up to 19 hours a week while attending school. LCC participates in both the federal and state work-study programs. A limited number of student help jobs are also available.

Loans

LCC offers Federal Direct Loans and parent (PLUS) loans up to the cost of attendance. The maximum loan amount awarded depends on student need, dependent status, and year in college. Students must complete loan counseling, a master promissory note and submit a loan worksheet. PLUS applicants use a separate loan application.

Scholarships

LCC's online scholarship application system allows students to apply for multiple scholarships with a single application. Awards amounts vary. Scholarship applications are typically available during spring quarter for the upcoming academic year.

Veterans

Resident veterans who served in a combat zone or who provided direct support to American soldiers in a combat zone may qualify for special tuition rates and other financial aid. Assistance with completing the process to apply for college funds, veteran's health benefits and other help is provided by the Veterans' Affairs Coordinator's office. To get started, veterans need Copy #4 of their DD Form 214, Report of Separation from Active Service.

Veterans - VA Pending Payment Compliance

In accordance with Title 38 US Code 3679 subsection (e), this school adopts the following additional provisions for any students using U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) Post 9/11 G.I. Bill® (Ch. 33) or Vocational Rehabilitation and Employment (Ch. 31) benefits, while payment to the institution is pending from the VA. This school will not:

- Prevent the students enrollment;
- Assess a late penalty fee to;
- Require student secure alternative or additional funding;
- Deny their access to any resources (access to classes, libraries, or other institutional facilities) available to other students who have satisfied their tuition and fee bills to the institution.

However, to qualify for this provision, such students may be required to:

- Produce the Certificate of Eligibility by the first day of class;
- Provide written request to be certified;
- Provide additional information needed to properly certify the enrollment as described in other institutional policies

How to apply for financial aid

Students apply for financial aid online through the LCC website at lowercolumbia.edu/financial-aid. Computers are available for student use in the Admissions Center. Priority deadlines are set for each quarter to allow 3-6 weeks for an application to be processed. Priority dates are published at lowercolumbia.edu/financial-aid and in the LCC class schedule.

How to know if financial aid is awarded

Students will be notified of any financial aid awards through the Financial Aid Portal at lowercolumbia.edu/financial-aid/portal. Students should read their award notice carefully.

If a student applies for Financial Aid and registers for classes, it is assumed they are accepting the financial

aid award. Students who decide not to attend LCC must notify Financial Aid to cancel their award by Friday of the first week of classes.

The student should also review information about class changes or academic progress that might affect the award.

Maintaining financial aid eligibility

To continue receiving financial aid, students must meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress standards established by the applicable state and federal financial aid programs. Students who fail to meet these standards may be placed on financial aid warning or lose their financial aid. Students can review Satisfactory Academic Progress standards online at lowercolumbia.edu/financial/aid.

Reinstating financial aid eligibility

If financial aid eligibility was suspended at LCC, a student may request that their financial aid eligibility be reinstated once they have met the standards for reinstatement. Information about the reinstatement process is available in the Financial Aid Office.

See below for contact and other Important Information.

Phone number for Financial Aid: **(360) 442-2390**

Phone number for student loan coordinator: **(360) 442-2393**

Phone number for Veterans' Office: **(360) 442-2395**

Webpage for Financial Aid: **lowercolumbia.edu/financial-aid**

Webpage for student employment: **lowercolumbia.edu/student-employment**

Webpage for scholarships: **lowercolumbia.edu/scholarships**

Webpage for Financial Aid Handbook and forms: **lowercolumbia.edu/financial-aid/forms**

Webpage for Financial Aid Portal: **lowercolumbia.edu/financial-aid/portal**

Webpage for FAFSA: **fafsa.gov**

Located in Admissions Center (ADC)