Financial Aid Information

1. Submit your FAFSA
   www.fafsa.gov
   CCA’s Priority deadlines
   - May 1: Fall & Spring
   - Nov 1: Spring Only
   - April 1: Summer

2a. Your Aid is Awarded
   - Award letter will be mailed to you
   - Can also access in your My CCA
   - Amounts of initial award based on full-time enrollment (12 or more credit hours)
   - Must enroll for at least 6 credit hours to receive Colorado Student Grant, Work Study & Direct Student Loans.
   - If you are awarded and choose to accept Direct Loans
     Submit paper loan request form
     Must do online loan counseling & sign Promissory Note
   - If you are awarded Work Study, obtain contract, find job & complete a Work Study Packet

2b. Aid released and refund
   - If aid money remains it is a refund
   - Refund money is transferred through HigherOne to your choice of your bank account, the HigherOne debit card, or a check mailed to you.
   - Refund become available within 10 days after Census Date.
   - NOTE: entire refund process could take up 4 weeks after the 1st day of classes.

3. Staying eligible for Financial Aid
   - You MUST maintain Satisfactory & Measurable Academic Progress (SAP/MAP) each semester
   - Minimum Cumulative GPA of 2.0
   - Complete at least 67% of all classes enrolled in with passing grade
   - Complete your degree/certificate within 150% credits of program’s length.
   - Zero (0%) Completion Rate for any semester = Automatic aid suspension

4. Withdrawing/Dropping Classes
   - Aid amount is based on total # of credit hours enrolled in each semester.
   - You have until the Last Day to Drop (Census Date) to drop classes and receive a refund of tuition & fees (these dropped classes will not appear on your transcript).
   - If you officially or unofficially withdraw/drop, or are withdrawn by an instructor from all your classes AFTER Census
     - You will be charged for the amount of aid you must repay.
     - May be required to pay back portion of financial aid you did not earn to the Federal Government.

The ways you can get your refund
- Grants, scholarships & loans are released/dispursed after Census Date (Last day to drop classes)
  - Census Date is approximately 3 weeks after 1st day of class each semester
  - 1st-time loan borrowers = disbursement 30 days after first day of regularly scheduled courses
  - Late Start Classes = approximately 1 week after first day of late start class
  - Aid is applied to charges owing on your student account.

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