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**Bishop State Financial Aid is on Facebook**

Join our group today and receive important updates on financial aid, registration, share your concerns, ask questions, etc.

**Steps FOR Applying FOR Financial Aid**

- **Step One**
  Student must apply for pin (and parent if student is dependent)
  www.pin.ed.gov

- **Step Two**
  Locate most recent student and parent Federal Tax Return

- **Step Three**
  Apply for Federal Aid
  www.fafsa.ed.gov

- **Step Four**
  Insert Bishop State Community College and school code 001030 when directed by the site

- **Step Five**
  Sign electronically with pin

- **Step Six**
  Submit

**Nondiscriminatory Statement**

The Alabama State Board of Education through the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education proclaims nondiscriminatory practices in Alabama two-year institutions under the jurisdiction of the Alabama State Board of Education. It is the official policy of the Alabama Department of Postsecondary Education and Bishop State Community College that no persons shall, on the basis of race, color, disability, sex, religion, creed, national origin, or age, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any programs, activity or employment.

**Accreditation**

Bishop State Community College is accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to award associate degrees, certificates, and short certificates. Contact the Commission on Colleges at 1866 Southern Lane, Decatur, Georgia 30033-4097 or call (404) 679-4500 for questions about the accreditation of Bishop State Community College.
PROGRAMS
Bishop State Community College (BSCC) participates in the following Federal, State and Institutional Financial Aid Programs:
• Academic Competitiveness Grant
• Alabama Student Assistant Grant
• Federal Pell Grant
• Federal Work Study Program
• Scholarships
• Supplemental Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
• VA Educational Benefits

FINANCIAL AID “PRIORITY” PROCESSING DEADLINES
• Fall Semester       June 1st
• Spring Semester     November 1st
• Summer Semester     March 1st

FINANCIAL AID SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATION DEADLINES
(High schools have priority until 4/1)
• Fall Semester       June 15th
• Spring Semester     November 2nd

ACADEMIC YEAR
A financial aid academic year = 30 weeks of instructional time (two 15-week terms) with at least 24 hours.

STANDARDS OF ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)
All students’ cumulative attempted hours, transfer credits, and cumulative GPA are taken into consideration, regardless of how tuition was paid, and regardless of when courses were taken. Students are evaluated at the end of an academic year by a SAP Evaluation. Less than full-time students will be evaluated after two semesters.

NUMBER OF HOURS ATTEMPTED WITH GPA REQUIREMENT
12-21.............................................................. 1.50
22-32.............................................................. 1.75
33 or more.................................................... 2.00

• Each student is required to successfully complete 67% of all credit hours attempted, including transfer hours.
• Attempted hours are the credit hours in which the student is enrolled after the drop/add period and includes grades of A, B, C, D, F, IP, I, and W.

DEVELOPMENTAL COURSES
• Students required to enroll in developmental coursework may attempt up to 30 credit hours in developmental courses (per federal guidelines).
• These courses will not be counted in the student’s maximum time frame to complete his or her program of study.

REPEATED COURSES
• Repeated courses will be counted as attempted hours in calculating the maximum time frame.
• Courses repeated for the purpose of grade improvement will NOT be funded with federal aid.
• However, if a student is required by his or her program of study to repeat a course, the repetition is considered as continuation in the program of study, therefore fundable.

MAXIMUM TIME FRAME ASSOCIATE DEGREE AND CERTIFICATE PROGRAMS
Enrolled students may receive financial aid for attempting up to 150% of the total credit hours required for the degree.

BANKRUPTCY
Courses placed in “bankruptcy” by the College will still count as attempted hours.

CHANGE OF MAJOR OR PROGRAM
BSCC students are allowed to change their major twice while receiving financial aid, until the student reaches his or her maximum time frame.

CLOCK HOUR PROGRAMS
Federal regulations require that Federal Pell grant amounts for the non-degree programs listed below will be calculated differently from other programs leading to an Associate Degree. The regular institutional credit hours will be converted to Federal Title IV credit hours as follows:

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Cabinet Making • Carpentry
Emergency Medical Paramedic
Emergency Medical Services
Interpreter Training • Jewelry Design
Machine Tool Technology • Masonry
Management and Supervision
Medical Coding • Medical Transcription
Nail Technology • Plumbing
Practical Nursing • Watch Repair
Welding Technology

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