STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

I. PURPOSE

This regulation describes the conditions under which students can apply for financial assistance.

II. LEGAL REFERENCE

Title IV of the 2008 Higher Education Opportunity Act, Texas Administrative Code Title 19, Chapter 21 and 22.

III. POLICY

A. Wharton County Junior College shall establish and publish procedures for students seeking financial assistance. The procedures shall include, but not necessarily be limited to, all aspects of federal assistance programs, state-based programs, college/campus-based programs, and third party based programs.

B. Wharton County Junior College’s procedures for students seeking financial assistance will be in compliance with all federal laws and mandates, all state laws and statutes, and in accordance with third party stipulations.

(POLICY APPROVAL: 6-24-14, Board of Trustees)

IV. PROCEDURES

A. Procedures, established by the Director of Financial Aid, for students seeking financial assistance will be published in the college’s catalog and made available to students and the general public on the college website and other approved sources. The Director of Financial Aid is responsible for ensuring all procedures are in compliance with federal, state and third party mandates.

B. Procedures for students seeking financial assistance will be updated on an annual basis, or if federal or state law dictates, on an immediate basis.

C. Procedures for determining satisfactory academic progress (SAP) will be in compliance with federal regulations and statutes and published in the college catalog and made available on the college website.

D. Procedures for students who are denied federal financial aid and choose to appeal their eligibility status will be in compliance with federal regulations and statutes and published in the college catalog and made available on the college website.

E. Records of applications by students for financial assistance and federal financial aid appeals will be maintained in the Office of Financial Aid.