

Student Rights and Responsibilities

Students who apply for or receive financial aid have certain rights and responsibilities. Understanding these rights and obligations helps students make informed decisions about financing their education and maintaining eligibility for financial assistance.

Student Rights

Students have the right to:

- Know what financial aid programs are available and how to apply for them.
- Receive information regarding eligibility requirements, application procedures, deadlines, and selection criteria.
- Understand how financial need is determined and how financial aid awards are calculated.
- Receive a clear explanation of the terms and conditions of all financial aid awards.
- Review the Cost of Attendance used to determine financial aid eligibility.
- Know how and when financial aid funds will be disbursed.
- Be informed of the institution's policies regarding Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP), withdrawals, refunds, and Return of Title IV Funds.
- Request reconsideration of financial aid eligibility when special or unusual circumstances affect the family's financial situation.
- Access information regarding student loan interest rates, fees, repayment options, deferment, forbearance, and loan forgiveness programs.
- Request and receive a copy of applicable consumer information disclosures and institutional policies.

Student Responsibilities

Students receiving financial aid are responsible for:

- Completing all required financial aid applications and forms accurately and on time.
- Providing complete and truthful information on all financial aid documents.
- Submitting any additional documentation requested by the Financial Aid Office, including verification documents.
- Reviewing and understanding all financial aid communications and award notifications.
- Maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress as required by federal, state, and institutional policies.
- Reporting changes in enrollment status, academic program, housing arrangements, dependency status, or other circumstances that may affect financial aid eligibility.
- Using financial aid funds solely for educational expenses related to attendance at the Cleveland Institute of Art.

- Understanding the terms and conditions of any loans received, including repayment obligations.
- Completing required Federal Direct Loan Entrance Counseling and Exit Counseling.
- Notifying the Financial Aid Office of any outside scholarships, grants, tuition benefits, or other financial resources received.
- Maintaining current contact information with the college and responding promptly to requests for information.

Failure to meet these responsibilities may result in the reduction, cancellation, or repayment of financial aid funds and may affect future eligibility for financial assistance.

Questions

Students who have questions regarding their rights, responsibilities, or financial aid eligibility are encouraged to contact the Office of Financial Aid for assistance and guidance. Printed copies of financial aid consumer information are available upon request.