

## SUFFOLK COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## Policy Statement

Financial Aid Tuition DeferralsBackground

Tuition and fees are usually payable at the time of registration. Payment may be deferred, however, if the student is expected to receive some form of financial aid. For example, a deferral may be considered when all the necessary financial aid papers are on file but the student is experiencing some delay in the matriculation process.

This statement sets forth guidelines for determining the appropriate type(s) of financial aid against which a tuition deferral may be offered.

Further information may be found in the S.C.C.C. Financial Aid Procedures Manual and the College Catalog.

Policy

For eligible students, consider the various financial aid programs in accordance with the following order and criteria. The parents' federal tax returns (or student's, if claiming independent status) are needed for each.

The first preference should be a College-controlled program such as the Supplementary Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG), the Educational Opportunity Program (EOP), the Nursing Scholarship or Nursing Loan Programs. The individual's file must be completed in accordance with the S.C.C.C. Financial Aid Procedures Manual.

If the student is not eligible for one of these, the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant (BEOG) should be considered next. This requires a completed College Scholarship Service Financial Aid Form or Basic Grant Application. Eligibility for this program will be judged according to guidelines in the Basic Educational Opportunity Grant Handbook published by the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare.

If the student does not qualify for College-based or BEOG assistance, the New York State Higher Education Services Corporation loan program should be the next alternative. Refer to the College standard procedure on processing these deferrals.

Should the student choose not to apply for a NYSHESC loan, or if in the judgement of the financial aid counselor it is not a viable alternative, a deferment may be granted against the New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP). This requires a completed TAP application and a postcard verifying receipt of the application by NYSHESC.