

Financial Aid Information for Advisors

The following are some general eligibility criteria for students who receive financial aid funding:

- Students must be pursuing an eligible degree or certificate program offered by Grays Harbor College. Certificates of Achievement are not considered eligible programs for financial aid purposes.
- Students are not eligible to receive financial aid at GHC for classes that are required for programs at other institutions unless the classes meet requirements for our transfer degrees.
- Students are limited to attempting 25% more college-level credits than their degrees/certificates require. Attempted credits include classes for which students receive I, V, W and F grades. Developmental classes are not included in this maximum. When students reach their maximum credit limit, their financial aid eligibility is exhausted unless they submit an appeal with a detailed academic plan.
- Students must enroll in classes that are required for the program they are pursuing, as additional classes will cause them to exceed the maximum number of credits allowed to earn their degree/certificate. If enough required classes are not available to make them full-time, students can receive financial aid funding for part-time attendance.
- Students are limited to enrolling in only 45 credits of developmental classes while receiving financial aid – if they need more, they must pay for them with their own funding.
- Students must meet the satisfactory academic standards for financial aid eligibility. This means that they must earn the number of credits for which they received funding and earn a 2.00 GPA each quarter.
- Before picking up their financial aid checks each quarter, students must have attended a least one session of each class for which they are registered (or at least 12 credits of classes for full-time students) and have their instructors sign the Financial Aid Attendance Sheet to verify this. Instructors should not sign this form unless the student has actually attended a class session. Failure to comply with this requirement can jeopardize the financial aid programs for all students.
- Students' financial aid award for a quarter is determined by the number of credits in which they are enrolled on the 5th day (or its equivalent) of a quarter.