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Southwestern Illinois College

Office of Financial Aid and Student Employment

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FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

Complete both sides of this form, (**BLACK INK ONLY).** Your signature and date are required *at the bottom of the front and back* of this application. To avoid delays in determining your eligibility, return this form to the Financial Aid and Student Employment Office as soon as possible. F**inancial aid correspondence will be sent to the address you, the student, have on file with Enrollment Services and/or emailed to you at your SWIC email address.**

Important Eligibility Information

To qualify for financial aid you have to be a high school graduate, have your GED, or have successfully completed home schooling at the secondary level before we can determine your financial aid eligibility.

You must be in a financial aid eligible program, be enrolled in eligible classes, and plan to receive a degree or certificate from SWIC in order to receive financial aid. Not all degrees and certificates are eligible for financial aid. Check eSTORM for information about your declared program. Eligible classes for financial aid purposes are those courses required for your degree or certificate.

New students and continuing students that have a break in enrollment for three or more semesters must meet with a SWIC counselor for academic advisement/counseling before financial aid will be awarded.

Student Information

1. SWIC Student ID Number _____ Student's birth date _____

2. Name _____
   Last First Middle Maiden

3. Student's phone (_____)_____ Home phone (_____)_____
   (Area Code) (Area Code)

4. Were you, your spouse, or your parent or step-parent active duty military during 2011?

   ☐YES ☐NO

   4a. If you answered 'Yes' to question four (4) please circle who the person is in relation to you.

   You (student) Spouse Parent Step-parent

   4b. If you answered 'Yes' to question four (4) what rank is this person? ☐ Enlisted ☐ Officer

   4c. If you answered 'Yes' to question four (4), how many months active duty was this person during 2011? _____

Release of Information to the campus bookstore. A "yes" or "no" response from you (the student) plus your signature and date, is required for the release of your information to the campus bookstore, operated by Barnes and Noble.

If I have sufficient financial aid funds, I authorize SWIC to provide the campus bookstore (operated by Barnes and Noble) with information (name, SWIC ID#, available funds) to allow me to charge required books and supplies against those funds. I understand that this authorization is in effect for the 2012-2013 academic year, or until I revoke it in writing and that if my financial aid is reduced or cancelled, I am liable for any unpaid charges.

☐ **Yes**, release my information to the campus bookstore (Barnes and Noble).

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Student's Signature Date

☐ **No**, do not release my information to the campus bookstore (Barnes and Noble). I will not use financial aid funds to charge books.

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Student's Signature Date

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APPLICANT – (Student's) Statement

I certify I have read and understand the following:

- The address I have on file in Enrollment Services will be used for correspondence from Southwestern. I must inform Enrollment Services immediately of any address changes. Financial Aid refund checks will be mailed to this address. Email correspondence is sent to your SWIC email address.
- I agree to verify (give proof of) any information given on any financial aid application/form if it is requested. In addition, I understand this verification may result in an update to information on my Student Aid Report (SAR) and may result in a change to my financial aid eligibility.
- Southwestern Illinois College has a responsibility to cancel all financial aid if irregularities or discrepancies are found, and to investigate all cases of suspected fraud and/or abuse.
- I must make satisfactory academic progress for financial aid as defined by the Department of Education and Southwestern Illinois College to maintain eligibility for financial aid. A copy of these requirements is available online at www.swic.edu/finaid-handbook/ and in the Financial Aid and Student Employment Office.
- I understand my rights and responsibilities as published in *Funding Education Beyond High School* from the Department of Education. Copies are available at the Financial Aid and Student Employment Office or at http://studentaid.ed.gov.
- I cannot receive financial aid from two schools at the same time.
- I must be enrolled in a Financial Aid eligible program at Southwestern Illinois College in order to receive financial aid. Not all associate or certificate programs are eligible for financial aid. You must be enrolled in an eligible financial aid program within ten (10) class days of the official start of each semester (excluding Saturday classes) as stated in the college catalog.
- I understand that if the Department of Education or SWIC questions the validity of my high school graduation, I will need to turn in a copy of my official high school transcript and diploma to the Financial Aid and Student Employment Office.
- My financial aid file is not complete until aid is awarded and I have received an award letter in the mail or awards are posted to my eSTORM account. I understand that any changes to my financial aid information and/or enrollment may result in aid being reduced or canceled at anytime.
- I certify that I will use any money I receive under Title IV programs only for expenses related to my study at Southwestern Illinois College.
- I understand that current academic year financial aid funds cannot be used to pay prior academic year expenses owed to SWIC.
- I understand that if I withdraw from all of my classes at any time after financial aid is awarded, I may owe a repayment of financial aid funds.
- I certify that I do not owe a refund on any grant or loan, am not in default on any loan or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay any defaulted loan, and have not borrowed in excess of the loan limits, under the Title IV programs, at any institution.
- I understand that I must be in and attending six (6) financial aid eligible credit hours at the time of my loan disbursement or my loans funds will be returned. Also, if I drop below six (6) hours and I am due any subsequent loan disbursements they may be canceled and my eligibility may be affected for future financial aid.

The amount of aid you receive will be based on your enrollment as of the financial aid census date. The census date is ten (10) class days after the start of the fall and spring semesters (excluding Saturday) as published in the college schedule. On the census date, the financial aid office will 'freeze' your award at the correct amount based on actual credit hours enrolled at this time. If you enroll in late-starting classes after the financial aid census date, those classes will not be eligible for financial aid. For summer semesters the census date is five (5) class days after the start of the official start of the semester. Aid will also be adjusted (reduced) any time during the year if the change in enrollment is due to a canceled class or the student is reported as having never attended the class. Financial aid awards are based on courses needed to receive your degree.

I declare, under penalty of perjury, that all information reported on this application is true and correct, to the best of my knowledge, and that entering false or misleading statements on this, or any other financial aid form, may subject me to federal and/or state penalties.

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Student's Signature	**SWIC Student ID Number**	**Date**