ELIGIBILITY RULES AND AWARDING POLICY

1. Once you have received a Pell grant for 12 full-time semesters, or the equivalent, you will no longer be eligible for additional Pell grants. Equivalency will be indicated to you on your Student Aid Report (SAR) in semesters used and lifetime eligibility remaining. Equivalency will be indicated on the National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS) website in a percentage used, with the maximum lifetime eligibility being 600 percent.

2. If you are enrolling for the first time on or after July 1, 2012, you must have a high school diploma or recognized equivalent (such as a General Education Development certificate (GED) or completion of a state-recognized homeschooling program).

3. If you have earned a bachelor's degree from any four-year institution (including a bachelor’s degree from a foreign country, if it is evaluated by the Registrar as being equivalent to a domestic bachelor’s degree), you are not eligible to receive Federal Pell and FSEOG, and the Maryland State part-time grants.

4. You must notify the financial aid office in writing if there is any change in information. If you have received financial aid based on inaccurate information, you must repay the amount received. If you do not provide all the requested information necessary to determine eligibility, you will be denied financial aid. WWCC reserves the right to reduce or cancel your aid at any time.

5. All financial aid is estimated, subject to change, and conditional upon fulfilling responsibilities. You are solely responsible for all charges incurred, even if your financial aid eligibility should change or if you decide to drop, withdraw, or stop attending classes. If you withdraw or stop attending classes prior to the 60 percent point of the term, a percentage of financial aid received must be returned to the federal government. The amount to be returned is based on the number of days that you actually attended. If you withdraw or stop attending classes after completing at least 60 percent of the term, you are eligible for 100 percent of the federal financial aid funds received.

6. The Federal Pell grant offered is based on full-time attendance until one week before the refund date, and then it is prorated if you are registered less than full time. The Federal Pell grant is not awarded for enrollment of less than three (3) credits in a semester.

7. You are responsible for the balance due on your account if estimated aid is not sufficient to pay your charges. You must pay by the published payment deadline or make a payment arrangement with the Business Office. WWCC deadline dates can be found on your billing statement and in the credit class schedule booklet.

8. Credit balance refunds will be mailed by the Business Office, typically during the fifth week of classes. The funds are to be used for indirect educational expenses.