General Eligibility for Financial Aid

➡ **To receive financial aid administered through the Financial Aid Office, you must:**

1. Be admitted to an eligible degree-seeking program at Lakeshore Technical College.

2. Decide if you would like to apply for financial aid at LTC or at another institution if you are attending another college, university, technical or other school. <u>Federal rules permit students to receive financial aid from only one school at a time, per semester.</u>

3. Be a citizen, permanent resident of the United States or other eligible non-citizen as detailed in the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) instructions for federal and state financial aid programs.

4. All students who complete the FAFSA and who indicate they are U.S. citizens will have their citizenship status undergo a "match" with the Social Security Administration. Students who do not pass this match will be notified on their Student Aid Report (SAR). The Financial Aid Office will inform students via snail mail, student email, and MyLTC accounts that they are required to bring the original documentation that verifies their status to the Financial Aid Office to be examined and copied. Students will not be eligible for federal, state, and most forms of institutional aid if the Financial Aid Office is unable to confirm their citizenship status.

   Those students who indicate on the FAFSA they are eligible non-citizens will undergo a match with the United States Citizenship and Immigration Services (UCSIS) in the Department of Homeland Security. Those students who do not pass the match will be notified on their Student Aid Report (SAR). The Financial Aid Office will inform students via snail mail, student email and MyLTC accounts that they are required to bring the original documentation that verifies their status to the Financial Aid Office to be examined and copied. If documentation confirms eligible non-citizenship status, these documents will be sent to the Department of Homeland Security for secondary confirmation. Students will not be eligible for federal, state, and most forms of institutional aid if the Financial Aid Office is unable to confirm their eligible non-citizenship status.

5. Maintain satisfactory academic progress (SAP) according to [SAP policy](#) for financial aid recipients.

6. Students who have Bachelor Degrees or higher will only be eligible for student loans and federal work-study; no grant money is available.

7. Be in compliance with Selective Service Registration to receive federally funded student aid.

8. Have received a high school diploma, HSED, or a General Education Development (GED) certificate. All students are required to submit a final transcript verifying receipt of high school degree.

9. Be enrolled at least half-time for federal and state funded financial aid programs. Students who enroll less than half-time may only be eligible for the Federal Pell Grant.

10. Resolve any [drug conviction issues](#).

11. Not owe a refund to any federal grant or loan or be in default on any federal loan.

12. Complete all required documents to complete a financial aid file.

13. Avoid repeated classes. Financial aid is eligible for the same class more than once provided that the class is required by your curriculum and required for graduation, and provided that you have successfully completed the class only once prior. Successful completion for financial aid purposes is a grade of D or better (this may differ from your program's required grade). Students must also maintain satisfactory academic progress and not exceed the 150% maximum timeframe of the program's published credits.