Financial Aid
Cape Fear Community College participates in Federal, State and local programs designed to assist students and their families in meeting the rising costs of obtaining a college education. While the family is seen as the primary source for educational funds, these programs can help meet the costs.

Types of Aid Available
PELL Grant – A PELL Grant is an award to help students pay for college. PELL is awarded to those student who have not earned a bachelor’s degree and who demonstrate exceptional financial need as determined by the Federal Government.

Supplemental Grants (SEOG)- Supplemental Grants, like PELL, are awarded to students with exceptional financial need who have not earned a bachelor’s degree.

College Work Study Program- “Work Study” provides financially qualified students the opportunity to earn money to help pay for college expenses.

A Stafford Loan- is a low-interest loan made to financially qualified students to help pay for college expenses. This loan must be repaid.

PLUS Loan- A PLUS loan is a loan made to qualified parents of students to help the family pay for college expenses. This loan must be repaid.

North Carolina Community College Grant- is designed to assist students who receive a small amount of PELL or are not eligible for PELL by a small margin.

Local Programs
Private Scholarships- Scholarships may be available to assist with educational costs. These scholarships may be based on financial need, academic excellence, or a combination of both.

Applying for Financial Aid
The free application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is needed to apply for the “financial aid package.” This financial aid package of aid may include PELL, SEOG, Work Study, NCSIG and loan eligibility.

The application for the federal aid program can be mailed to the processing center or sent to CFCC Financial Aid Office for electronic processing. Apply early, it can take up to 8 weeks.

Documentation
Certain documents are required for all students applying for financial aid. Additional documents are required based on the particular circumstances or information relating to the Student Aid Reports.

Awards/Notification
An award letter will notify you of the award of financial aid. This letter will list the dollar award and the program. (ex: PELL or SEOG). If you are not eligible to receive financial aid, you will receive a letter notifying you of your status.

Tuition/Fees/Books
After your award letter is received in the financial Aid Office, and account is set up for you in the computer system at CFCC. This account includes monies listed in your award letter.

When you register for classes, the amount of tuition and fees will be deducted from your electronic account. This will be done in the Business Office when you complete the registration procedures.

Books may be purchased in the CFCC Bookstore. When you complete a request form in the Financial Aid Office, your electronic account may be used to cover bookstore costs. If there are not enough monies in your account (award), you must pay the difference.
The Financial Aid Office will assist students in the application process based on a first come-first serve. Apply early!

For additional information about CFCC, contact us:
Financial Aid (910) 362-7055
Admissions (910) 362-7557
Fax (910) 362-7080
Internet-http://cfcc.edu

Useful Websites

Student Aid Home Page
www.ed.gov/studentaid

Government Services(Including Education) Available to Students
www.students.gov

College Search Based on Various Criteria
www.nces.ed.gov/ipeds/cool

Funding Your Education
www.ed.gov/prog_info/SFA/FYE

The Student Guide
www.ed.gov/prod_info/SFA/StudentGuide

FAFSA on the Web
www.fafsa.ed.gov

Helping Completing the FAFSA
www.ed.gov/prog_info/SFA/FAFSA

Federal School Codes
www.ed.gov/offices/OSFAP/Students/apply/search.html