# **JOB DESCRIPTION**



Position Title: Financial Aid Assistant

**Department:** Financial Aid **Employment Category:** Classified Staff

**Primary Location:** Douglas Campus or

Sierra Vista Campus

FLSA Classification: Non-exempt

Parameters: 40 hours/week; 12 months/year Pay Grade: CS06

<u>Position Summary:</u> The Financial Aid Assistant is responsible for providing financial aid services to students, resolving student problems with financial aid issues, providing application information for scholarships, grants, and other financial aid programs. Ensuring student understanding of policies and procedures related to financial aid and supervising student workers.

**Essential Functions:** As defined under the Americans with Disabilities Act, may include any of the following tasks, knowledge, skills, and other characteristics. This list is ILLUSTRATIVE ONLY, and is not a comprehensive listing of all functions and tasks performed by incumbents of this class.

**<u>Duties and Responsibilities:</u>** Within the scope of college policies and procedures, this position:

Performs exceptional customer services for students, employees, and the public by responding to inquiries concerning financial aid eligibility while ensuring students understand all policies and procedures related to their financial aid records

Interviews and assists students seeking financial aid, reviews applications and all pertinent documentation to ensure student eligibility requirements are satisfied in accordance with college, local, state and federal rules and regulations

Collects documentation and information for processing of applications; prepares student files for processing

Performs other related duties as assigned

<u>General Expectations:</u> Employees are expected to accomplish assigned duties in an efficient, effective and competent manner and to strive for improvement and excellence in all work performed. Additionally, employees must understand the comprehensive role of the community college and cooperate and work harmoniously with students, faculty and staff, and the public. Employees will follow all college policies, rules, regulations and guidelines as they relate to this position.

### **Education and Experience Requirements:**

Associate's degree from a regionally accredited institution of higher learning recognized by the US Department of Education

One year related experience

An equivalent combination of education and/or experience from which comparable knowledge, skills and abilities have been achieved may be considered.

### **Knowledge, Skills and Abilities:**

Knowledge of and ability to follow college policies and procedures Knowledge of current financial aid principles and techniques

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Knowledge of federal, state, and local laws, regulations and guidelines related to assigned work Knowledge of current technologies and word processing, database, presentation, and spreadsheet software, specifically Microsoft Office applications

Skill maintaining and reconciling financial aid records

Skill in basic math and bookkeeping practices and procedures

Ability to communicate effectively, verbally and in writing, and to relate to others in a professional, helpful manner

Ability to relate to a diverse population and to maintain composure when faced with difficult situations

Ability to multi-task, organize, prioritize, and follow multiple projects and tasks through to completion with attention to detail

Ability to work independently while contributing to a team environment

Ability to effectively identify and resolve problems and to maintain strict confidentiality related to sensitive information

Ability to analyze problems, identify solutions, and take appropriate action to resolve problems using independent judgment and decision-making processes

Ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with other departmental staff, faculty, students and the public

**Work Environment:** Work is primarily performed under general supervision. Incumbent generally performs work in a typical office setting with appropriate climate controls.

**Physical Requirements:** Essential functions of this position require: lifting, manual dexterity, ability to communicate.

Sedentary Work: Exerting up to 10 pounds of force occasionally and/or a negligible amount of force frequently or constantly to lift, carry, push, pull or otherwise move objects, including the human body; involves sitting majority of time; walking and standing are required only occasionally and all other sedentary criteria are met

Mental Application: Utilizes memory for details, verbal instructions, emotional stability, critical thinking, adaptability and creative problem solving skills are important

#### Reports to: Director of Financial Aid

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