

## **Garnet Career Center FINANCIAL AID POLICY**

Garnet Career Center is eligible to participate in financial aid programs. Students or prospective students who need financial assistance may apply for aid upon qualification through the following programs:

**Federal Pell Grant Program, Work Force Opportunity Investment Act (WIOA), WV PT HEAPS and WV HEAPS Workforce Development Funds or Veterans Affairs (VA) and various other programs through DHHR, VRS, Unemployment, and Workers Compensation.**

Garnet Career Center does not participate in Federal Student Loan programs, and will not certify Federal Direct Student Loans. Detailed information concerning Federal Title IV assistance (Federal Pell Grant) may be found in the Federal Student guide. Additional copies and/or information may be obtained from the school financial aid office. Students should complete the FAFSA at [www.FAFSA.ed.gov](http://www.FAFSA.ed.gov) and list Garnet as a school choice. (015675)

Prospective students interested in Work Force Opportunity Investment Act funding must be certified as eligible by the State Department of Employment Security and must complete a FAFSA; information pertaining to specific eligibility criteria may be obtained from your local unemployment/WorkForce office. Eligible students are selected by Employment Security on a first come, first serve basis until funds are exhausted.

Students remain eligible for their financial assistance programs so long as there is no change in their student status which would nullify their eligibility, and so long as they maintain satisfactory academic progress.

Our Financial Aid Office will provide guidance and assistance in preparing and processing financial aid applications. For additional information and assistance call 304-348-6195.

Garnet Career Center has estimated indirect living costs for students as \$9,000 living alone and \$6,500 if still living at home with parents. These indirect living costs were obtained through the data used to qualify students for financial aid.

**Garnet Career Center/Outside Scholarships:** Inquire upon enrollment for eligibility.

Scholarships generally require submission of a FAFSA. Garnet scholarships require completion of the FAFSA. Certain scholarships require Garnet Financial Aid to submit GPA information by a specified date. Students GPA's will be calculated based on grading periods with a GPA at the midpoint and end of each grading period, using the current grade in courses completed at the end of each grading period. GPA consists of a value for each letter grade. Letter grades are awarded based on total number of graded assignments for each course ex. A 90-100-4 pts; B 80-89.9- 3 pts; C 70-79.9- 2 Pts; D 60-69.9 1 Pt; F 0 credit/pts. These values are divided by the total number of courses completed at time GPA is requested and at the end of the course for a final GPA.

Practical Nursing uses a different point scale for letter grade values. Please see each program handbook or syllabus for the particular grading point system and grading periods.

**Kanawha County Schools Employee/Employee Dependent Scholarship:** Scholarship for ½ tuition per enrollment period, for KCS employees or their direct dependents. Dependents must be claimed on KCS employee's federal taxes for prior year, or employee must show custody and/or child support payments, and submit a valid KCS ID card.

**Kanawha County Schools ACE Advantage tuition Scholarship: GED/TASC Scholarships:** Awarded for attendance at Garnet to qualified applicants upon completion of application for tuition only once per program year. Effective July 1, 2019, four awards of 25% of course tuition up to \$500 maximum, Full-time and part time programs.

### **FINANCIAL AID DISBURSEMENTS**

Disbursements of Federal Pell Grant funds are made by payment periods. A payment period is a block of attendance hours, usually defined as 450 hours or, for courses of less than 900 hours, ½ the course length. Tuition, fees, and other charges for the course are charged against the student's disbursement(s), with any remaining funds distributed to the student in whole or in part within 14 days of the disbursement. Students may have their financial aid refunds budgeted for them; Garnet encourages this practice.

Financial Aid programs at Garnet are "Need Based Grant Programs", and are awarded to students on a first come, first serve basis, according to Federal mandate procedures. Some students may be requested to provide verifying documentation to support their request for aid. Such students will be notified, in writing or via email, by the Financial Aid Office, and aid will not be disbursed until the requested documents have been delivered to the Financial Aid office.