Students in need of financial assistance to fund their education should begin the process of applying for aid by completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). Federal, state, and local financial aid programs are available to students enrolled in a curriculum that leads to an associate degree, certificate, or diploma. Awards may be made for less than 6 credit hours per session. The information provided on the Free Application for Federal Student Aid determines the eligibility for federal financial assistance such as Pell Grant, SEOG (Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant) and Federal Work-Study. Additionally, many states offer grants and scholarships to qualifying students. Students are encouraged to contact the Financial Aid Office or the Student Services Office for more information on available resources. Financial Aid application deadlines may vary by state. There are local and institutional scholarships available. In addition, federal and state financial aid opportunities are available, but they have specific eligibility requirements. Students are encouraged to contact the Financial Aid Office or the Student Services Office for more information.