

SOUTH FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE
Financial Aid Information
for Basic Law Enforcement Academy Students

- Complete the current year Free Application for Federal Student Aid-FAFSA (current and subsequent year, if program crosses two school years). Available at www.fafsa.gov.
- Please contact the Financial Aid Office two weeks after submitting your FAFSA, so that we may review your financial record to ensure that your funds will be available for starting the BLE program. **Note: All college/technical school transcripts need to be on file in the Admission Office.**
- You will see an annual amount on your Panther Central Account under Financial Aid Awards, which the Department of Education has awarded you; however, the BLE program is a non-traditional program, meaning it is less than a regular academic year. Therefore, federal regulations require the annual amount be prorated (reduced according to the program). Once the proration is complete, the accurate amount will be updated on your Panther Central account. This amount will be approximately 80% of the annual award.

PLEASE NOTE: THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE DOES NOT KNOW WHAT MAJOR YOU WILL BE CHOOSING WHEN YOU SUBMIT A FAFSA! CONSEQUENTLY THE AMOUNT OF PELL AWARD INITIALLY COMPUTED IS BASED ON A TRADITIONAL PROGRAM AND ONLY WILL BE PRORATED ONCE WE KNOW YOU HAVE REGISTERED IN THE BLE PROGRAM!

- Upon registration, please come to the Financial Aid Office to verify your financial aid record is complete and ready for processing. We suggest you complete a vocational scholarship application at this time in case your Pell award does not cover all tuition and fees. The application is available on the SFSC website, under Future Students, Financial Aid & Scholarships, Forms, 2016-17 Forms, then open [Vocational Scholarship Application](#).
- We will also provide verification of eligible aid which is required by the Criminal Justice Coordinator.
- Please note that the award is disbursed in two payments, therefore your first payment may not be enough to cover the entire program. The rest of your fees will be put on hold until the second half of your award(s) is posted and applied towards your balance due.
- After one-half of the program hours are successfully completed and remaining fees are paid, if you have any funds remaining from your second disbursement you will receive a check at the Cashiers Office approximately one week later.
- If you are NOT eligible for Federal funds, the college offers a tuition payment plan available through your Panther Central account. Please contact the Cashier's Office regarding any questions about the tuition payment plan.
- If you are applying for a Federal Student Loan, please contact the Coordinator in the Financial Aid Office for eligibility, information, and loan limits.

Important: Second payments (disbursements) will only be made if you have successfully completed first half of the program!