



# FINANCIAL AID NEWSLETTER

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## My Financial Aid

Fall semester begins August 31. If you are planning on attending Fall semester and have not yet filed a 2009-2010 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid), you should do so as soon as possible. The financial aid process takes time.

Once we receive your 2009-2010 FAFSA information, we will review it to determine if any additional information is needed to complete your financial aid file. You must have a completed financial aid file to be awarded financial aid funds for 2009 -2010.

Financial aid correspondence is sent to your MJC student email. If you have not activated your MJC Student Email account, you can do so now at [www.mjc.edu](http://www.mjc.edu). For assistance, contact

the MJC Help Desk at 575-7900. Make sure to check your MJC email account for important financial aid notifications. Submit requested documentation as soon as possible in order to avoid delays in the review and completion of your file. You must establish a financial aid security code if you wish to ask questions about your status by telephone or e-mail.



## MJC Scholarship Highlight

The 2009-2010 Scholarship ceremony was held on May 2nd, 2009. A total of 240 scholarships ranging from \$200 to \$2,000 were awarded to MJC students. Be on the look out for the new MJC Scholarship packet which will become available mid-October 2009.

For other scholarship opportunities visit our Web page:

[www.mjc.edu/financialaid](http://www.mjc.edu/financialaid)  
from left side menu  
click on "Scholarships."

## Your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

Most financial aid is awarded based on your financial need, which is also known as your financial eligibility. Federal Student Aid uses the data on your FAFSA to calculate an Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is an indicator of your family's financial ability to pay for education after high school. Your school will subtract your EFC from your total cost of attendance. The result is your financial need. The EFC is not the amount of money that your family is expected to pay for your education, nor is it the amount of financial aid that you will receive.

$$\text{Your college costs} - \text{Your EFC} = \text{Your financial need}$$

## Financial Aid Success Workshops

Financial Aid Success Workshops provide students with essential tools that will ensure their academic success. It also informs students of what takes place during the review of their financial aid file. To ensure success with the Financial Aid process, **all** FAFSA filers should attend this informative Financial Aid Success Workshop.

### WORKSHOP DATES:

*All workshops are held on the West Campus*

- June 11-Thursday at 10:00 a.m. in Sierra Hall 129
- June 17-Wednesday at 5:00 p.m. in Sierra Hall 129
- June 24-Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. in Sierra Hall 129