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## Lee College Board Approves Discount Support Plan for GCCISD 2021 Graduates

Under this dynamic plan, GCCISD graduates who register for full-time will be discounted \$800 in tuition and fees while graduates who register for half-time will be discounted \$400 during the fall 2021 term.

To receive the discounts, students must be 2021 graduates of GCCISD, seeking a degree or certificate. Students must complete the FAFSA or TAFSA prior to registration, but the assistance is considered first-dollar, which means it is awarded to students regardless of the amount of financial aid they receive.

To encourage persistence at Lee College, these discounts will also apply for 2021 Goose Creek ISD graduates who apply in Fall 2021 and reapply in Spring 2022, as long as they maintain a C or higher in all of their classes.

### **The Student Assistance plan includes:**

- 2021 Goose Creek ISD graduates who enroll full-time will be discounted \$800 in tuition costs.
- 2021 Goose Creek ISD graduates who enroll half-time will be discounted \$400 in tuition costs.
- These conditions will also apply for Goose Creek ISD graduates who apply in Fall 2021 and re-apply in Spring 2022. (Must make a C or higher in all courses enrolled.)

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## **New Support Program Offers Students Discounts, Free Books**

Lee College is thrilled to offer a student support plan that will provide free books to all students this summer and save full-time students up to \$400 on tuition and fees during the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 terms. The support plan is another way Lee College is striving to help all students continue their educational goals and overcome the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

Although degree seeking and certificate seeking students are required to complete the FAFSA or TASFA to receive the benefits, this assistance is considered a first-dollar scholarship that is awarded to each student regardless of the amount of financial aid they receive.

Because the program is designed to encourage persistence, students must take advantage of the Fall 2021 assistance to be eligible for the Spring 2022 assistance. Plan details are outlined below:

### **SUMMER 2021**

1. Dual-credit, and degree- and certificate-seeking students will receive free books via the myBooks program.
2. Degree- and certificate-seeking students must complete the FAFSA/TASFA to qualify for benefits.
3. Benefits are paid by the College regardless of how much financial aid a student receives.

### **FALL 2021**

1. The fall support plan only applies to degree- and certificate-seeking students (non-dual credit).
2. Students will receive free books via the [myBooks](#) program.
3. Students must complete the FAFSA/TASFA to qualify for these benefits.
4. Benefits are paid by the College regardless of how much financial aid a student receives.
5. Students will receive a discount on tuition and fees of \$400 or \$200 for students who are full-time or half-time respectively. There is no discount for student enrolled at less than half-time.
6. Students who pass all of their fall courses with a C or better receive the same assistance for free books and the same discount on tuition and fees on their spring courses.

### **SPRING 2022**

1. The spring assistance only applies to degree- and certificate-seeking students who received free books and tuition discounts in the fall semester. Students who were not enrolled in the fall are not eligible for free books or a discount on tuition and fees in the spring.
2. Free books and tuition discounts are paid by the College regardless of how much financial aid a student receives.
3. Students who pass all of their fall courses with a C or better receive free books and a discount on tuition and fees of \$400 and \$200 for students who are full-time or half-time respectively. There is no discount for students enrolled less than half-time respectively. Students who have one enrollment intensity in the fall, e.g., full-time, and a different enrollment intensity in the spring, e.g., part-time, receive the corresponding discount in each semester.
4. Students who will be within 15 semester credit hours of completing an associate degree by the end of the fall semester receive an additional \$100 discount if they meet with an academic advisor and sign a completion plan prior to Friday, Oct. 29, 2021.

[Academic Advisors](#) will be available to help explain the student support program and answer any questions students or their parents may have about how to qualify for the discounts.

For assistance in filing for financial aid, contact the financial aid office at 281.425.6389 or [finaid@lee.edu](mailto:finaid@lee.edu). Additionally, personal one-on-one assistance is available at our Education Opportunity Center by calling 281.556.4506.

The Lee College Educational Opportunity Center (EOC) continues to help students ONE-ON-ONE with all of your get-into-college needs, including:

- Completing a FAFSA
- Completing a college application
- FAFSA verifications
- FAFSA corrections
- Checking status of your financial aid
- Assisting with scholarship applications

## Apply for Financial Aid Today!

The first step to getting financial help is to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you are not a US citizen, permanent resident, or eligible non-citizen, you will need to fill out the Texas Application for State Financial Aid TASFA Application instead of the FAFSA.

- [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)
- [Texas Application for State Financial Aid \(TASFA\)](#)
- [Solicitud de Ayuda Económica Estatal de Texas](#)

## Types of Financial Aid:

- [Grants](#) come from the federal or state government. Typically, you do not have to pay grants back – they are essentially free money.
- A [loan](#) is money you borrow that you have to pay back with interest.
- A [scholarship](#) is money given to you by a college or outside organization to help pay for your education or related expenses.
- The [federal work-study](#) (FWS) program provides jobs to students to help them pay for their educational expenses.

Additionally, our colleges offer a variety of veterans' benefits and programs that provide financial assistance to veterans and their dependents.

## Types of Grants for Community College Students

- # **Pell Grant**  
**Source:** Federal  
**Required Enrollment:** Determined by FAFSA results  
**Award Period:** Throughout the academic year  
**Limits on funds:** Six full-time years  
**Continued Eligibility:** Must apply each year. Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress  
**What it Covers:** Federal Pell Grant can be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies, transportation, living expenses, and child care.

- # **Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)**

**Source:** Federal

**Required Enrollment:** 6 hours

**Award Period:** Limited funds, first come basis. Students have to be Pell-eligible and priority is given to the highest need.

**Limits on funds:** None

**Continued Eligibility:** Must apply each year. Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress.

**What it Covers:** SEOG can be used for tuition, fees, books, supplies, transportation, living expenses, and child care

- # **Texas Public Education Grant (TPEG)**

**Source:** State

**Required Enrollment:** 6 hours

**Award Period:** Limited funds, first come basis

**Limits on funds:** None

**Continued Eligibility:** Must apply each year. Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress

**What it Covers:** TPEG can be used for education-related expenses.

- # **Texas Educational Opportunity Grant (TEOG)**

**Source:** State

**Required Enrollment:** 6 hours

**Award Period:** Limited funds, first-come basis

**Limits on funds:** Contact the Financial Aid office for restrictions

**Continued Eligibility:** Must apply each year. Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress the first year, 75% completion rate and 2.5 cumulative GPA for renewal years

**What it Covers:** TEOG can be used for education-related expenses.

**Unsure if you qualify? Please visit our FAQ. If you're still unsure, [chat](#) with us, and we will talk with you to help make the determination.**

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## STEP TO ENROLL

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Visit [ApplyTexas](#) to begin your Lee College application! **Current students will not need to complete a new application on Apply Texas.**

2. [Advising](#)

Visit with your advisor to discuss course options, placement, and enrollment.

3. [Registration](#)

Register for classes! Classes for Fall begin as early as Aug. 23, 2021.

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