

## **Financial Game Plan Resource Guide**

### **Why is this important?**

The Financial Game Plan has been designed to walk you through the steps necessary to understand what it will take to reach your academic and life goals. There are factors outside the classroom that are just as important to your success as what happens inside the classroom. To complete your plan you will have to accomplish the following activities, but please remember that everything that you are asked to do will contribute to your success.

- Know your current financial aid package and financial situation
- Think about your future financial aid package and financial situation
- Research your possible educational/career path

### **What are the requirements?**

Fall 2017: Attend one SparkPoint Financial Game Plan workshop where you will learn how to complete the Financial Game Plan. You will also learn what services and resources are available to help you complete it.

Spring 2018: Turn in a copy of your completed Financial Game Plan to Grace Beltran at [beltranh@smccd.edu](mailto:beltranh@smccd.edu) by March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2018. SparkPoint staff will return them with feedback and recommendations for support services.

### **What if I need help?**

You can work on the Financial Game Plan on your own, but we recommend that you use the following SparkPoint resources.

**SparkPoint** will provide Financial Game Plan workshops, lab hours and one-on-one financial coaching appointments to help you complete your Plan. There is also helpful information on this Resource Guide and on the SparkPoint website.

SparkPoint also provides other services to students and community members to support life outside the classroom. Our goal is to make sure that challenges with money, food, transportation, child care, housing, work, or anything else doesn't get in the way of you achieving your educational goals and life goals. Our Services include: financial coaching, public benefits support, food pantry access, free tax services, the Grove Scholarship, the free legal clinic, employment services and connections to other resources.

For more information, visit <http://skylinecollege.edu/sparkpoint/>. You can also contact SparkPoint directly at [skylinesparkpoint@smccd.edu](mailto:skylinesparkpoint@smccd.edu) or by calling 650-738-7035.

**Additional Resources:**

**TRiO Student Support Services** offers free comprehensive services that promote academic success for first-generation students, low-income students and/or students with disabilities.

For more information, <http://skylinecollege.edu/trio/index.php>. You can also contact the TRiO office directly at 650-738-4139.

**Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS)** is designed to improve access, retention and completion of educational goals for low income and educationally disadvantaged students. (Ex: book grants, school supplies and fee waivers for transfer applications).

For more information, visit <http://skylinecollege.edu/eops/>. You can also contact the EOPS office directly at [skyeops@smccd.edu](mailto:skyeops@smccd.edu) or by calling 650-738-4139.

**The Financial Aid Office** is here to empower you to meet the costs of attending college. They offer access to many resources, including fee waivers, grants, scholarships, work study programs and loans that are geared towards making college affordable.

-Your financial aid package information is in your WebSmart account.

- The 18/19 FAFSA and Dream Act Applications are available to renew as of October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017.

- The 17/18 Skyline College Institutional Scholarship application opens on November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2017 and closes March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2017. To research potential scholarships go to

<http://www.skylinecollege.edu/financialaid/scholarships.php>

For more information, visit <http://skylinecollege.edu/financialaid/>. You can also contact the Financial Aid office directly at [skyfaoffice@smccd.edu](mailto:skyfaoffice@smccd.edu) or by calling 650-738-4236.

**The Career Services Center** offers a one-on-one career counseling, workshops, computers and other resources to assist you as you develop a personalized employment plan for finding an immediate job or for a long-term career.

For more information, visit <http://skylinecollege.edu/careercenter/>. You can also contact the Career Services Center directly at [skycareers@smccd.edu](mailto:skycareers@smccd.edu) or by calling 650-738-4337.

**The Transfer Center** supports students' efforts to transfer to a 4-year university by providing orientations, workshops, counseling and opportunities to engage with university representatives.

Please use the following financial aid calculators to complete your Financial Game Plan:

-For UCs, use: <https://saservices.berkeley.edu/calculator/>

-For CSUs, use: <http://www.sfsu.edu/~finaid/NPC/npcalc.htm>

-For private universities, use <https://npc.collegeboard.org/student/app/usfca>

-For any university, use: <https://nces.ed.gov/ipeds/netpricecalculator/>

For more information, visit <http://skylinecollege.edu/transfercenter/>. You can also contact the Transfer Center directly at [skytc@smccd.edu](mailto:skytc@smccd.edu) or by calling 650-738-4232.