



Check your TCAT Student Portal and Student Email often!

Updates regarding your application, enrollment status, financial aid, account balance and additional requirements will be communicated to you here.

Important Information Regarding Financial Aid:

Tuition is due on or before the first day of class each term. You may have to pay out of pocket for tuition if:

- You have not applied for financial aid by submitting a current FAFSA;
- You have not completed verification if required by the Dept. of Ed.;
- You have Defaulted on any Federal student loans;
- You are not eligible for enough financial aid to cover tuition;
- You have missed too many hours in prior terms and your financial aid has been recalculated.

Federal PELL and State Lottery grants are based on completed or “in-seat” hours. Per TCAT policies, you can miss the allotted amount of absence hours every term, but doing so can affect your Pell award and future disbursements - creating a situation where you may owe money for tuition, because you haven’t earned the Pell that has already been paid to you based on your registered hours. When this happens, we cannot pay you any more Pell until you have actually completed the hours you have been paid for.

If you are suspended for missing too many hours or not maintaining an 80% academic grade, the same logic applies. If and when you restart, you may have to complete the hours you have already been paid for before you can receive more Pell.

You will have to pay out pocket if you become ineligible for financial aid. This can mean a change in the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) on the FAFSA, conviction of a drug charge, or defaulting on a student loan.

If you have remaining funds in your financial aid account after all charges and fees have been paid, we will issue the balance as a refund check.

If you withdraw before earning all of your Pell grant award, you may owe money to the Dept. of Education.

Remember, financial aid awards are expected to be used to help offset the costs of education-related expenses such as tuition, school fees, on-campus room and board, books, supplies, and transportation to and from school.

**Please note: TCAT does not offer student loans (Federal or otherwise) or endorse any private lender. If you choose to secure a private loan to pay for your costs while attending TCAT, please understand that you are responsible for any contractual obligations and repayment of your loan directly to the lender. We urge you to plan well before you borrow and make careful plans to repay your debt to avoid any future adverse consequences.*

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