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**Montgomery GI Bill (Active Duty)** – This program of education benefits is for students who enter active duty for the first time after June 30, 1985. The student must, with certain exceptions, serve continuously on active duty for three years of a 3-year enlistment, or for a lesser benefit, two years of an initial active duty obligation of less than three years. A student also may qualify for benefits by initially serving two continuous years on active duty, followed by four years of Selected Reserve Service.

**Montgomery GI Bill (Selected Reserve)** – This program of education benefits is for reservists of the armed forces as well as the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. To be eligible for this program, a reservist must have a 6-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve, complete Initial Active Duty for Training, have a high school diploma or its equivalent, and remain in good standing in a drilling Selected Reserve Unit.

If a student has a parent who is a military veteran with a disability, the student may qualify for help from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Benefits may be awarded for pursuit of associate, bachelor, or graduate degrees at colleges and universities.

## **VOCATIONAL REHABILITATION ASSISTANCE**

The State of Georgia Rehabilitation Service provides assistance to students with physical limitations. Usually fees are paid for eligible students. To apply, a student should contact the Rehabilitation Service Office in their home county.

## **STUDENTS' RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

Students receiving financial aid have certain rights and responsibilities. The applicant must, without exception, report any of the following changes to the South Georgia State College: (a) withdrawal from school, (b) transfer to another school, (c) any change in enrollment status, (d) name change, (e) address change or parents' address change, and (f) joining military service.

The financial aid applicant is responsible for obtaining, completing, and filing the proper financial aid application, statements, forms, etc., each year on a timely basis. The applicant has the right to seek and receive full information and counseling from the Office of Financial Aid in regard to any financial matter. If the family's financial circumstances change due to death, divorce, marriage, disability, long-term unemployment or low income, the applicant's eligibility may change. The applicant must take the initiative in notifying the office of these changes.

Correct information must be provided on all financial aid forms. False reporting of information on financial aid application forms is a violation of law and may be considered a criminal offense that could result in indictment under the U.S. Criminal Code.

An applicant for financial aid must return all additional documentation, verification, corrections, and/or new information requested by either the Office of Financial Aid or the agency to which the financial aid application or confidential statement was submitted.

The applicant is responsible for reading and understanding all forms requiring signature and for getting copies of them. Applicants must accept responsibility for all agreements signed. A student accepting a Federal College Work Study Award must perform the work that is agreed upon by the applicant and the supervisor before funds will be disbursed. The student is also responsible for understanding the school's refund procedures and policies.

## **STUDENT ACCOUNTS**

South Georgia State College uses a student account system of payment for financial aid. On registration day, students register for their courses and then fees are deducted from the student account. If the award does not provide the total amount of the fees, the student must be prepared to pay the balance. If there is a balance due the student, the funds from the student's account may be used to purchase books. **Federal College Work Study awards are not included in the student account system and are not available at registration to pay fees.**

Students have the option to have their excess funds electronically disbursed to the checking or savings account that they designate. If students do not elect direct deposit, a paper check will be issued and mailed to the student's most current address on file. This disbursement will take place within fourteen (14) days after Financial Aid funds have been posted to students' accounts. Any student who withdraws from all courses immediately following the drop/add period will not receive an award balance refund. These funds are refunded to the respective financial aid programs. Any student who withdraws from all classes after receiving an award balance refund may be required to repay portions of that award balance refund.