

Financial Aid Process for SCSU Graduate Students

2005-2006 Academic Year

- **Eligible applicants for federal financial aid must be formally admitted by the Office of Graduate Studies**
- **Interested students must file their Free Application for Federal Student Financial Aid (FAFSA) by the “priority date” of March 11, 2005**
- **Graduate students are only eligible for federal student loans and employment during their period of enrollment at SCSU**
- **Minimum enrollment for financial aid eligibility per semester is six credits hours**
- **All interested graduate students need only to follow the simple directions (on the reverse side) to complete the Southern Connecticut State University Financial Aid Process for the Fall 2005 semester.**

**Southern CT State University
Financial Aid Application Process
2005-2006**

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

***** GRADUATE STUDENTS *****

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

***Complete the 2005-2006 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

- a) Via the web at www.fafsa.ed.gov or complete and mail a paper FAFSA to the federal processor.
- b) Utilize your 2004 student federal tax forms to complete the application.
- c) Sign the FAFSA thru electronic signature or print & mail signature page.
- d) Enter SCSU federal code (001406) on your FAFSA and housing code.
- e) Follow all instructions on the FAFSA; only complete & valid FAFSA can be considered for processing.

***Complete your FAFSA by March 11, 2005 to be considered for all available financial aid programs. Your FAFSA must be received by the federal processor by the “priority date” to be considered on time.**

Receipt of Institutional Student Information Report (ISIR)

SCSU receives all applicants' FAFSA data electronically, namely an ISIR. All ISIR are processed weekly through the SCSU computer system, which, in turn, produces applicants' 2005-2006 award notification on the SCSU Web Site for their review.

If an ISIR is “selected” for verification, the Office of Financial & Scholarships (OFAS) will request documentation from the student prior to the offer of an award for the Fall 2005 semester. All requested documentation will be requested in writing; each student applicant will be required to download the verification forms from our Web Site; complete the forms and mail them to the OFAS within ten business days in order to complete the verification process.

All financial aid applicants will receive notification of the status of their financial aid application upon the receipt of their ISIR from the federal processor.

Once a student receives his/her Award Notification via mail + SCSU email, he/she must go on-line to accept the financial aid award (s) that are being offered. No student loan can be processed by OFAS without the acceptance of his/her award (s).