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A Call to College Last Dollar Grant Guidelines

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Below are the guidelines adopted by A Call to College (ACTC), an Ohio non-profit corporation, for the application and awarding of Last Dollar Grants, and for setting forth the obligations of recipients. Guidelines may be amended at any time without prior notice by ACTC.

ACTC encourages students to apply for all possible sources of funding for their post-secondary education, including local, state, federal and college-based scholarships, grants and subsidized loans. ACTC does not guarantee that every Newark City School District student will receive financial aid to fund his/her post-secondary education. Students should not rely on, or plan to receive such assistance.

ACTC does not discriminate on the basis of sex, race, creed, color, national origin, physical disability or sexual orientation.

A. ELIGIBILITY—To be considered for a Last Dollar Grant, a student must:

1. be a graduate or graduating student of Newark City Schools as follows: Newark High School after 1991, Newark Digital Academy after 2018;
2. have a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of no less than 2.0 if a graduating high school student or an applicant who has never enrolled full-time in a post-secondary program; **or** have a post-secondary cumulative GPA of no less than 2.0; **or** have no less than a 2.0 GPA for the last term of full-time enrollment in a post-secondary program;
3. plan to attend full-time an accredited post-secondary school which accepts federal student aid;
4. file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and
5. apply for campus-based aid and other sources of financial aid for which the student feels he/she may be eligible by the applicable priority deadlines.

B. APPLICATION—To apply for a Last Dollar Grant, an eligible student must submit to the ACTC office by the applicable deadlines:

1. the Last Dollar Grant application by the priority deadline—applicants failing to meet this deadline may not receive funding;
2. a copy of the Student Aid Report (SAR) based on the FAFSA;
3. a copy of the Financial Aid Award Letter from the college the student plans to attend and
4. a copy of the student's latest grade card or an unofficial college transcript.

C. AWARDS

1. To be considered for a Last Dollar Grant, an eligible student must demonstrate unmet financial need in excess of one hundred dollars (\$100) as determined by the SAR, Financial Aid Award Letter, and financial aid received from other sources.
2. All Last Dollar Grant funds are paid directly to the post-secondary institution.
3. The maximum amount of each Last Dollar Grant and the total amount to be awarded will be determined each year by the Governing Board of ACTC and will be based on the availability of funds.
4. Award of a Last Dollar Grant for any term or year neither guarantees nor implies award of a subsequent grant.
5. Last Dollar Grants will be awarded for up to four years of undergraduate education to students who qualify each year, subject to the availability of funds.
6. All decisions of ACTC with respect to Last Dollar Grants are final but may be appealed under unusual circumstances.

D. EXPECTATIONS OF RECIPIENTS

1. Students must notify ACTC immediately if they do not attend college, leave or plan to change schools mid-year so adjustments may occur. It is the responsibility of the student to request funds to be returned to ACTC. Eligibility and/or re-awarding within the school year can only be processed once the unused portion of the grant is returned to ACTC.
2. Grant recipients shall volunteer up to four hours of service to ACTC for each year grant is received.