

# Financial Aid Information for Spring, 2010

***PRIORITY DATES for Financial Aid awarding by January 5 tuition due date\*\****

***\*\* To avoid being dropped from classes and to allow books to be charged beginning January 7 \*\****

- **November 1** FAFSA submitted online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)
- **December 1** Submit ALL documents requested by FA.
- **December 1** Loan Application must be received by Financial Aid Office

If FAFSA applications are submitted after December 1, the Financial Aid Office cannot guarantee that financial assistance will be posted to student accounts prior to the tuition due date and the beginning of classes.

## **OTHER Important Dates**

**January 7** Students who have financial aid awards that are more than tuition costs can charge books  
**(AID MUST BE AUTHORIZED)**

**February 12** Financial aid disbursement checks for students who have unspent funds will begin going out in the mail  
**(mailed from the business office)**

**Remember to “Stash Your Cash” toward summer tuition!**

**During the registration process, students will receive a schedule. To view the tuition amount due, log in to PTC Pathway at <http://pathways.ptc.edu>.**

**Once registration is entered, the student becomes responsible for tuition and fees. If a student decides not to attend, it is the student’s responsibility to drop classes as soon as possible or at least prior to the beginning of the term. Failure to do so may create a tuition debt on the student’s account.**

### **Applications, Criteria and Policies**

Following are the types of aid available and the required applications:

<b>Aid Type</b>	<b>Applications</b>
Grants: Federal Pell, FSEOG, SC Need-Based/FACG	FAFSA; PTC SC Need Based/Federal Certification Form
Federal Work Study	FAFSA, PTC SC Need Based/Federal Certification; Work Study Application
Federal Stafford Loan	FAFSA, PTC SC Need Based/Federal Certification; Loan Application, Entrance Counseling,
Lottery Tuition Assistance	FAFSA or Lottery Certification
LIFE Scholarship	PTC LIFE Certification Form

All necessary forms, eligibility information and policies can be obtained from the Financial Aid Office on the Lex Walters Campus, all County Center locations, the College Catalog and from the financial aid web page at [www.ptc.edu/fininfo/](http://www.ptc.edu/fininfo/)

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### **Application Process for Fall Aid**

The **2009-2010** FAFSA should be completed on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) immediately. PTC strongly encourages you to use the PTC Pre-application Worksheet to assist you in this process. Please review all information in the Pre-application Worksheet packet. Once you have submitted your FAFSA, the Financial Aid Office should receive your results within 5 days if electronically signing the application with a PIN or 10 days after mailing the signature page. Allow 2-3 weeks for aid eligibility to be determined. You will receive notification from the Federal Processor when your application has been received and then again when it has been processed. Please read all documents received from the Federal Processor and from Piedmont Technical College. Your timely response to requested information will determine when your aid is posted and if your registration for classes will be held or deleted.

**Students can check award information through their PTC Pathway account.** Initial awards are made on assumption of full-time enrollment. All initial notification of awards and requested documents will be mailed, so please ensure that your address is correct so that you won't miss out on important information. Students are advised to check their PTC Pathway account for adjustments made to awards.

When the financial aid process has been completed, aid will be posted onto the student's account. If the aid is more than tuition and fees, a credit balance will result which can be used toward book purchases. Any remaining funds will be mailed to your home address. **Remember: Full-time students will receive all FEDERAL PELL GRANT eligibility in the Fall/Spring semesters. Students who have been full time in the fall/spring will only be eligible for LTA in the summer. Students are responsible for good financial planning to save funds received in the fall and spring to use in the summer. It pays to "Stash your Cash."**

There are several federal and state policies that must be followed to continue to receive financial assistance. These policies include the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (SAP) and the Unearned Aid (Withdrawal) Policy. Guidelines of these policies are available in the PTC catalog and on-line at [www.ptc.edu/fininfo](http://www.ptc.edu/fininfo).

**Lottery Tuition Assistance Program** - (LTA) is available to S.C. residents who meet the required eligibility criteria. To receive LTA, complete the **2009-2010 FAFSA** unless you are a high school student or a student with a bachelor's degree. The FAFSA requirement has been waived for these students; however the Lottery Certification Form is required. If you are unable to complete the FAFSA, please contact Amelia Fricks at (864) 941-8375 to determine what your options may be.

LTA pays \$75 per credit hour (up to \$900 total) with a minimum of 6 credit hours. Students whose tuition is fully covered under a grant are not eligible for LTA. Assistance for books is not available under the LTA program.

**LIFE Scholarship** - The state scholarship program for SC high school graduates who earned a cumulative 3.0 GPA and meet all LIFE eligibility requirements. The PTC LIFE Certification form is used to determine LIFE Scholarship recipients. LIFE is a fall and spring scholarship program that covers full tuition and \$150 book stipend. LIFE recipients are not eligible for LTA in the summer.