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Financial aid is available to Moraine Valley students who prove eligibility and are enrolled in approved programs. Types of funds available to assist students include the following:

**Federal Funds**

Pell Grant

Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)

Work Study Program (FWSP)

Family Educational Loan (formerly Guaranteed Student Loan)

**State Funds**

Illinois State Monetary Award Program

Illinois Incentive for Access Program

Merit Recognition Scholarship

Police/Fire Officer Survivor Grant

Grant Program for Dependents of Correctional Officers

**Military Awards**

Veterans Administration (Veterans Educational Assistance Benefits)

Illinois Veterans Grant

Illinois National Guard/Naval Militia Grants

MIA/POW Scholarship

**Other Funds**

Adult Center Scholarship

Joanne Casolari Memorial Scholarship

College Activities Award of Excellence

Jane Crawley Scholarship

Daniel Creer Memorial Scholarship

Faculty Association Scholarship

Forensics Scholarship

Illinois Health Improvement Association Scholarship

Barbara J. Lehrman Scholarship

Moraine Valley Distinguished Scholar Award

Moraine Valley Leadership Award

Moraine Valley Memorial Scholarship

Kevin Pressley Memorial Scholarship

Student Government Association Book Scholarship

Support Staff Association Scholarship

Currently, the Moraine Valley Community College Foundation has the following scholarships available:

- Joann Karen Basick Memorial Scholarship, available to female students returning to school after being away from the academic environment for a minimum of 10 years
- Center for Disability Services Scholarship, available to students utilizing the center

- Michael J. Dickinson Memorial Scholarship for Men, available to male students returning to school after being away from the academic environment for a minimum of 10 years.
- Foundation Scholarship, available to students who are related to a Moraine Valley graduate
- John Gubbay Scholarship, available to students enrolled in college credit courses
- Nancy Blane Guerra Scholarship, available to a Moraine Valley transfer student
- Palos Park Service League Returning Women's Scholarship, available to students enrolled in the Returning Woman Program
- Steven A. Spencer Scholarship, available to students in the Nursing Program
- Subdivision Scholarships, available to students enrolled in college credit courses

Detailed information about these scholarships is available in the Financial Aid Office.

**Application for Financial Aid**—To apply for financial aid at Moraine Valley, applicants should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and the Moraine Valley application for financial aid. Application forms are available at local high schools and at the Financial Aid Office.

Early application enhances students' chances of obtaining financial aid. Qualified applicants whose files are complete by June 1 will receive priority consideration. Since processing financial aid generally takes four to six weeks, students must plan well in advance of the time they will begin their course of study. To qualify for financial aid, a student must meet the following criteria:

- be a citizen of the United States or a permanent resident;
- be enrolled at Moraine Valley in an eligible program which is at least 16 credit hours in length. (Students enrolled only in developmental/remedial classes or the Intensive English Language Program are ineligible.);
- demonstrate financial need; and
- have the potential to complete the educational program chosen. An eighth-semester high school transcript indicating graduation date or a GED certificate is required. In the absence of these documents, a student must qualify by means of a testing program.

Students who qualify for federal and/or state funds will be informed of how and when they will receive their financial aid award.



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**Academic Standards of Progress for Recipients of Financial Aid**—According to federal and state guidelines, students must maintain satisfactory academic progress to be eligible to receive financial assistance.

Moraine Valley has established the following standards of progress for students receiving federal and state financial assistance:

- To be eligible for financial assistance, students must maintain a minimum cumulative 2.0 grade point average, which includes developmental and remedial courses.
- Students must earn credit for 67 (66.6) percent of the cumulative hours in which they enroll.
- A student's eligibility for financial aid at Moraine Valley will terminate when the student has attempted 93 credit hours. Credit hours attempted include developmental courses, remedial courses and transferred hours.
- Students who transfer hours from another institution which count toward the completion of their program at Moraine Valley will have those hours counted in their maximum of 93 hours attempted.

Repeated courses will be counted in hours attempted, but only the most recent grade received will be computed into the grade point average. The hours for that course will not be added to hours earned.

Courses in which students receive "W" or "I" will count as hours attempted but not as hours earned. They will not be included in the grade point average.

Student records will be reviewed at the end of each semester, including the summer session. If a student's grade point average is below 2.0 and/or the student has earned less than 67 (66.6) percent of the hours attempted, a letter will be sent to the student stating the following:

- The criterion for academic progress has not been met.
- The criterion of 67 (66.6) percent of cumulative credits earned in relation to hours attempted and a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average must be achieved in the next semester of enrollment. If not, the student will not be eligible for federal and/or state financial assistance until such criteria have been met.

**Procedure for Appeal and Reinstatement**—Reinstatement will automatically occur after classes have been taken at the student's own expense, a minimum 2.0 grade point average has been achieved, and 67 (66.6) percent of hours attempted have been earned.

If the student is of the opinion that unavoidable circumstances were the cause of lack of achievement, an appeal form for reinstatement of eligibility for federal/state funds may be submitted to the Financial Aid Committee.

The determination of the appeal will be one of the charges of the Financial Aid Committee.

Students who apply for financial aid for the first time who have a previous history at Moraine Valley must have a minimum 2.0 cumulative grade point average and have earned 67 (66.6) percent of hours attempted to be eligible for federal/state funds. The student's record will be reviewed as if he or she had been on aid.

### **Refund Policy and Repayment of Financial Aid**

According to the updated version (Section 668.22) of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998, students receiving Title IV funds (Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG and Federal Family Education Loans) and who withdraw from all their classes (officially or unofficially) will be subject to the federal and Moraine Valley's refund policy.

Moraine Valley Community College's refund policy related to student withdrawal states that in order to receive a tuition refund, it is a student's responsibility to officially drop courses in the Registration Office within the following refund deadlines:

- 100%—before the end of the first week in which the class is scheduled;
- 50%—before the end of the second week in which the class is scheduled; and
- Full tuition charged—after the second week in which the class is scheduled

(Refunds for short-term classes vary according to the length of the course.)

The federal refund policy states that the student may retain only the amount of aid that he/she has earned (as a result of the prorated amount of time the student has been in school for the semester.) Any aid that is not earned must be returned to its source. Some federal programs, such as grants, may have smaller amounts to be refunded based on the particular aid program and the student's date of withdrawal. The student will be responsible for any tuition balance resulting from the refund(s).

Further details and examples can be obtained in the Financial Aid Office.



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### Veterans

Veterans who enroll in Moraine Valley courses may be eligible for the Illinois Veterans Grant (IVG). To qualify, a veteran must have the following:

- been a resident of Illinois prior to and within six months after having served in the armed forces of the United States;
- served at least one year of continuous active duty; and
- received an honorable discharge.

According to state guidelines, students must maintain a minimum cumulative 2.0 grade point average (GPA), which includes developmental and remedial courses, to remain eligible for the grant.

Student records will be reviewed at the end of each semester. If a student's GPA is below 2.0, a letter will be sent to the student stating the criterion for academic progress has not been met.

A minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA must be achieved in the next semester of enrollment for continued eligibility. A student will not be eligible for the grant until the criterion has been met.

To be eligible for Veterans Administration Educational Benefits, you must be a degree- or certificate-seeking student in an approved accredited transfer/career certificate program and making satisfactory academic progress according to college standards.

**Credit for Military Service**—Veterans of United States military service may be granted credit for their military service training. Credit is given only to honorably discharged veterans who have one year or more of active military service. To receive credit, a veteran must provide the Records Department with a copy of the Separation Record (Form DD214) and an evaluation request form.

