

Lee offers student discounts, free books

The Lee College Board of Regents on Monday unanimously approved a student support plan that will provide free books to all students this summer and save full-time students up to \$400 on tuition and fees during the Fall 2021 and Spring 2022 terms. The support plan is another way Lee College is striving to help all students continue their educational goals and overcome the impact of the coronavirus pandemic.

“Lee College’s student assistance for summer, fall and spring is designed to encourage students not only to finish the journey they started previously at Lee College, but it will hopefully attract many students who were going to enter college last fall but postponed their plans due to the pandemic,” said Dr. Douglas Walcerz, provost and vice president of academic and student affairs at Lee College. “Now that we are closer to the end of the pandemic than the beginning, we look forward to more and more students feeling confident about enrolling and finishing their degree or certificate here at Lee College.”

Although degree seeking and certificate seeking students are required to complete the FAFSA or TAFSA to receive the benefits, this assistance is considered a first-dollar scholarship that is awarded to each student regardless of the amount of financial aid they receive.

Because the program is designed to encourage persistence, students must take advantage of the Fall 2021 assistance to be eligible for the Spring 2022 assistance. Plan details are outlined below:

Summer 2021

1. Dual-credit, and degree- and certificate-seeking students will receive free books via the myBooks program.
2. Degree- and certificate-seeking students must complete the FAFSA/TASFA to qualify for benefits.
3. Benefits are paid by the college, regardless of how much financial aid a student receives.

Fall 2021

1. The fall support plan only applies to degree- and certificate-seeking students (non-dual credit).
2. Students will receive free books via the myBooks program.
3. Students must complete the FAFSA/TAFSA to qualify for these benefits.
4. Benefits are paid by the College regardless of how much financial aid a student receives.
5. Students will receive a discount on tuition and fees of \$400 for full-time enrollment, or \$200 discount on tuition and fees for half-time enrollment. There is no discount for student enrolled at less than half-time.
6. Students who pass all of their fall courses with a C or better receive the same assistance for free books and the same discount on tuition and fees on their spring courses.

Spring 2022

1. The spring assistance only applies to degree- and certificate-seeking students who received free books and tuition discounts in the fall semester. Students who were not enrolled in the fall are not eligible for free books or a discount on tuition and fees in the spring.
2. Free books and tuition discounts are paid by the College regardless of how much financial aid a student receives.
3. Full-time students will receive a discount on tuition and fees of \$400 and half-time students will receive a discount on tuition and fees of \$200. Students who pass all of their fall courses with a C or better receive free books and a discount on tuition and fees of \$400 for full-time students and \$200 for half-time students.

Students who have one enrollment intensity in the fall, e.g., full-time, and a different enrollment intensity in the spring, e.g., part-time, receive the corresponding discount in each semester.

4. Students who will be within 15 semester credit hours of completing an associate degree by the end of the fall semester receive an additional \$100 discount if they meet with an academic advisor and sign a completion plan prior to Friday, Oct. 29, 2021.

Lee College advisors will be available to help explain the student support program and answer any questions students or their parents may have about how to qualify for the discounts.