

# Financial Aid News Bulletin

## Off-Campus Programs

SPRING 2011

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Welcome to Spring...well almost! The **Financial Aid Office for Off-Campus Programs** is wrapping up Fall 2010 in preparation to begin packaging Spring Only 2011 financial aid. As we enter a new semester there are always questions concerning packaging, refunds, and grade level changes to name a few. We hope that this newsletter will help answer some of those questions. Take a few minutes and read it through then if you have further questions you can contact the staff at your Program Center for assistance or contact the Financial Aid Office at 1-800-664-2681, ext. 2 or via email at [OCPFA@cmich.edu](mailto:OCPFA@cmich.edu).

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### Fall Wrap-up

**November 1** was the deadline for filing a FAFSA to be receive FALL ONLY Federal Aid. If you owe a balance on Fall semester please contact the Financial Services Office at 1-800-664-2681, ext. 6 for assistance.

### SPRING PACKAGING

- Spring only packaging begins the week of November 15
- An electronic award notification will be sent to your cmich e-mail once you are packaged. Notices will begin to go out around November 30.
- If you are already packaged for Fall/Spring but you are attending Spring only you need to cancel your FALL aid through the Federal Loan Adjustment Form at [www.cel.cmich.edu/forms/122.pdf](http://www.cel.cmich.edu/forms/122.pdf)

### SPRING REFUNDS & REGISTRATION

- Information on Spring refunds will be available sometime in December at: [www.cmich.edu/University\\_Billing\\_Office/Refunds/Electronic\\_Refund\\_Payment\\_Dates.htm](http://www.cmich.edu/University_Billing_Office/Refunds/Electronic_Refund_Payment_Dates.htm)
- The minimum credit hour requirement to be eligible for federal financial aid AND for deferment on prior loans is 6 credit hours per semester. Dropping below 6 credits at anytime during the semester will affect your aid eligibility.
- Enrollment is reported electronically by the Registrar's Office each month through the National Student Loan Clearinghouse as long as you are registered minimum half-time. Subsequent changes in enrollment are also reported monthly. View your information on NSLC through iCentral.

## GRADE LEVEL CHANGES

- **Financial Aid for prospective FALL graduates will be canceled for the Spring semester!!**
- Undergraduates moving into a GRADUATE Program must notify our office at [OCPFA@cmich.edu](mailto:OCPFA@cmich.edu) once you are granted **regular** Graduate admission to request repackaging at the graduate level.
- UNDERGRADUATE Grade level increases based Fall semester grades need to be requested through the 2010-11 Federal Loan Adjustment Form located at: [www.cel.cmich.edu/forms/122.pdf](http://www.cel.cmich.edu/forms/122.pdf). These requests will be reviewed mid to late January.

## TRANSFER STUDENTS & BOOK VOUCHERS

- Spring Federal Financial Aid eligibility at CMU is affected by prior school use of federal funds from Summer and/or Fall 2010.
- NEW STUDENTS – CMU Off-Campus Programs does not have a book voucher program. Plan to purchase your books for Spring I out-of-pocket as financial aid refunds will not be available until after the semester begins.

## REPORTING OUTSIDE AID

- All outside resources including Employer Tuition Assistance, Scholarships, and Agency resources must be reported to the Financial Aid Office via the Student FA Status Page found on iCentral.
- Resources reported **after** federal aid is processed will result in a bill back to your student account.

## INFORMATION RESOURCES

- The 2009-10 Financial Aid Manual found on the OCP website at [www.cel.cmich.edu](http://www.cel.cmich.edu) – will be updated in December. In the interim the information in the manual has few changes and remains useful for answering questions.

## 2011 TIMELINES

### ***Upcoming Dates to Remember***

- *OCP Textbook Scholarship Applications for Spring 2011 will be available December 1, 2010 on the Off-Campus Programs website [www.cel.cmich.edu](http://www.cel.cmich.edu) and must be submitted no later than January 12, 2011*
- *Filing deadline for the 2010-11 FAFSA for Spring ONLY or Fall/Spring Financial Aid is March 15, 2011*
- *Filing deadline for the 2010-11 FAFSA for Summer ONLY Financial Aid is June 1, 2011*
- *The 2010-11 OCP Summer Application (Internal Supplemental Form) will be available mid-February 2011*
- *OCP Scholarship Applications for the 2011-12 Academic Year will be available March 1, 2011*
- *The 2011-12 FAFSA will be available at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) after January 1, 2011*