CASE Scholarship Policy Statement

The main purpose of the CASE Scholarship is that it is used as a retention mechanism. It is focused on helping students increase their ability to persist. Students receiving the CASE Scholarship must show, in various ways outlined below, a commitment to technology. The CASE Scholarship process is competitive. Students must provide compelling rationale through their personal statement and commitment to advanced technology in order to be awarded a scholarship.

Advanced Technology classes are defined for the purpose of the CASE Scholarship as: Computer Information Systems, Computer Science, all Engineering disciplines including Civil and Mechanical Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Computer Software Engineering Technology, and Multi-Media. Also included in advanced technology is any cooperative education experience that was completed in an advanced technology discipline.

There are three categories of students who may apply for the CASE Scholarship

Scenario #1) students have successfully completed 12 credits in advanced technology coursework prior to the term they are applying for the CASE scholarship

Scenario #1) students are eligible for a full-term scholarship from CASE. CASE may pay for up to 12 credits of classes. Those credits must consist of at least 4 credits of advanced technology coursework.

Rationale for Scenario #1 – In order for CASE to pay for 12 credits students must demonstrate a commitment to advanced technology coursework. This commitment is demonstrated by successfully completing 12 credits of advanced technology coursework.

Scenario #2) students who have not accumulated 12 credits in advanced technology prior to the term they are applying for the CASE scholarship and have successfully completed CIS 100

Scenario #2) students are eligible for a partial term scholarship from CASE. CASE may pay for up to 4 credits of classes. Those credits must be in one of the advanced technology areas or CAS 133B.

Rationale for Scenario #2 – Because students have not demonstrated a commitment to advanced technology by successfully completing 12 credits in advanced technology they are considered to be still exploring the advanced technology arena. Students who have successfully completed CIS 100, which includes a broad range of career exploration, have demonstrated an interest in advanced technology. Therefore they are eligible to gain support for further exploration of this interest with a partial term scholarship. CAS 133B is included as an option for the partial term scholarship because it is a prerequisite for many of the entry level advanced technology courses.

Scenario #3) students who have not accumulated 12 credits in advanced technology prior to the term they are applying for the CASE scholarship and have not successfully completed CIS 100
Scenario #3) students are not eligible for a CASE scholarship. Students will need to reapply after they have either:
   a. successfully completed 12 credits in advanced technology
      or
   b. successfully completed CIS 100

Rationale for Scenario #3 – Because students have not demonstrated a commitment to advanced technology by successfully completing 12 credits of advanced technology and students have not demonstrated an interest in advanced technology by successfully completing CIS 100 then students are not eligible for a CASE scholarship.

Co-Enrolled Students

Students who are co-enrolled with PCC and another institution are eligible for the CASE scholarship if they are taking class(es) at PCC. The CASE scholarship can only pay for credits taken at PCC.

1. First, it must be determined which institution is the “home institution”. The home institution will determine where the student’s financial aid will be distributed.

2. If the home institution in PCC then the process for reporting the scholarship to financial aid will stay consistent with the process we use for students who are not co-enrolled.

3. If the home institution is not PCC then it is the student’s legal responsibility to report the CASE scholarship to the home institution’s financial aid office.