Student Financial Aid and the Disney College Program
Frequently Asked Questions

Am I able to use financial aid while participating in the Disney College Program?

Federal Grants – As long as you meet all of the federal regulations (for example, academic progress, verification, etc.) your federal grants may be used. Additional steps must be taken for this to happen. You would need to contact Laura Gaugler, Student Financial Aid, lgaugle1@kent.edu, for the procedures to receive your financial aid.

State Grants – State grants received from Ohio may not be used while participating in the Disney College Program. We would have to contact the state administrator, if you have grants through another state, to determine your eligibility to receive the funds while participating in the program.

Institutional Scholarships – You will not be eligible to receive your institutional scholarships while participating in the Disney College Program. If your scholarships are renewable each year, you may want to check what the renewal requirements are, as you may not be eligible to receive your scholarships after returning from the program. If you do not meet the renewal requirements, and your scholarship is denied, there is always the opportunity to appeal the denial. For additional questions regarding your institutional scholarships and the Disney College Program, contact Laura Gaugler, lgaugle1@kent.edu.

External Scholarships – You will want to contact the scholarship provider to determine if you would be eligible to receive their scholarship while participating in the Disney College Program.

Other Types of Financial Aid – These will have to be reviewed on a case by case basis by Laura Gaugler. Contact her for additional information, lgaugle1@kent.edu.

Why would I need financial aid?

Some students use their financial aid to help cover the costs of the transportation to and from the Walt Disney Program or any other expense that you would have, as a result of your participation in the program.

How many hours did I need to take to receive financial aid?

The Student Financial Aid Office looks at the number of hours you are transferring back to Kent State, hours that would be applied to your transcript. A copy of the Undergraduate Application for Transient Work would need to be completed as well as other paperwork, which is determined by the aid that you have. The number of hours that you will be transferring back to Kent determines the type and amount of aid that you are able to receive. As each student financial aid package is different, a blanket statement can not be provided. They do not allow you to take more then 6 hrs in a semester.

How do I prevent my student loans from going into repayment?

After you complete the required paperwork, Laura Gaugler will notify your lenders that you are participating in the Disney College Program. The required paperwork depends on the type of financial aid that you have.

Who do I talk to if I want to use my financial aid while participating in the Disney College Program?

Laura Gaugler, Financial Aid Counselor, is the staff member in the Student Financial Aid Office that works with the Disney College Program. You may contact her via e-mail, lgaugle1@kent.edu for any additional questions. If you prefer, you may also schedule an appointment to discuss your questions about your financial aid options.

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