

## **Clarendon College Office of Institutional Research Access and Affordability Report November 1, 2016**

### **Criteria Used to Admit Students**

Clarendon College (CC) has an open admission policy that allows for any student to apply for admission and enroll in classes. Public community colleges in the State of Texas have minimal general admission criteria for student applicants. Prior to the start of the term they are planning to attend classes, each student at CC must fill out an application for admission and submit official copies of their high school transcripts showing their graduation date or proof of high school equivalency completion (GED) to the admissions office. Students that have previously taken college courses elsewhere including dual credit coursework while in high school must also provide copies of their college transcripts showing all coursework taken and any certificates or degrees earned. In addition, academic students are required to provide their Texas Success Initiative Assessment (TSI) scores or meet exemption or waiver requirements for each area of the TSI (Reading, Writing and Math) prior to starting coursework at CC. Each student that is under the age of 22 on the first day of each semester and is attending a class or classes must supply proof of a bacterial meningitis vaccination or provide a completed exemption form stating the reason for not receiving the vaccination. All students that apply to CC are accepted and they are admitted upon enrolling in coursework.

### **Determining Financial Aid Eligibility for State and Federal Funding**

The student must have completed either the Texas Application for State Financial Aid (TASFA) to be eligible for state financial aid or the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to be eligible for federal financial aid at CC. The individual requirements to receive each type of financial aid vary depending on the type of award. CC posts a full listing of the aid available to students in its catalog as well as on the Financial Aid page on its website under Admissions. All students wishing to receive need-based financial aid must show financial need. Determination of need is the student's Cost of Attendance (COA) minus the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) and other awards. A report listing students with their EFC and remaining need is used to award State of Texas and Federal aid with those students having the greatest need being funded first. Dependent upon the award, the student's EFC and grade point average (GPA) are also used with the remaining need for determination of grant funds.

### **Gross Family Income**

Tuition and required fees for one year at full-time status (12 SCH per semester) are \$2,328 for In-District students, \$2,664 for Branch Maintenance Taxing District students, \$2,880 for Out-of-District students, and \$3,624 for Out-of-State students. The average gross family income for Donley County is \$46,343 which results in a student paying out-of-pocket for in-district tuition and fees for one year of full-time attendance at CC contributing 5% of their gross family income for tuition and fees. The median gross family income for the State of Texas is \$55,653 resulting in a student paying out-of-pocket for out-of-district tuition and fees for one year of full-time attendance at CC contributing 5% of their gross family income for tuition and fees.

### **Analysis**

Since CC is an open-admission community college, a student's admission and eligibility for state or federal financial aid is not affected by factors such as their age, race, ethnicity, gender, residency within Texas, or parent's education level. CC's admission policies, financial aid policies, tuition and required fees are comparable to those of other small-school colleges (enrollment <5,000 students) in Texas.