

To receive financial aid, a student must be qualified to study at the college level. For financial aid purposes, a student with a high school diploma or high school equivalency diploma is considered qualified.

A student without a high school diploma can be eligible for financial aid if he/she passes a federally approved test, called an “ability-to-benefit” test. The Accuplacer test, which is administered at Southeastern Illinois College, is an approved test. However, the test must not be administered by Southeastern Illinois College personnel. So, students who wish to receive financial aid based on ability-to-benefit must take the Accuplacer at another college in this area. Rend Lake College is recommended but there are other colleges in the area that are acceptable. A student must score 43 or above in reading, 47 or above in writing, and 60 or above in numerical skills to be eligible for financial aid. These scores are set in accordance with the U.S. Department of Education.

Once passing scores are received by the Southeastern Illinois College Admissions Office, a student is qualified to receive financial aid, assuming all other eligibility requirements are met.

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