Dear Nexus Echo Scholar,

To facilitate the awarding of Nexus Echo scholarship funds in the future and to clarify any misunderstandings regarding the timeline for scholarship funds being applied to your account at VCSU.

Nexus Echo Scholarship Fact Sheet

• Recipients must maintain a GPA of 3.0 or higher in graduate degree coursework,
• Maintain satisfactory progress, defined as the successful completion of a minimum of twelve graduate credits per calendar year, and
• Submit a Project Nexus Echo Request for Funds indicating how many credits they have registered for the upcoming semester no later than three weeks after the registration opens for that semester.

The Nexus Echo scholar understands:
1. The burden of responsibility is on the Nexus Echo scholarship recipient to contact the Financial Aid Office in the event that they add or drop courses or withdraw from the university after registration for the semester and the submission of the Request for Funds.
2. Nexus Echo funds are federal government tuition support funds through the office of the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS). Excess or refunded tuition awards cannot and will not be awarded back to individual students; funds will only apply toward tuition and costs at Valley City State University. Therefore, it is critical that you follow the requirements in item #1 or you could be cancelled from the program and owe VSCU money.
3. Funds may only be used for tuition the first time a course is taken; in the event that a student wishes to re-take a course, he/she will be responsible for the tuition and fees.
4. The Nexus Echo scholar understands that billing notices will be available online shortly after registration. As a scholarship recipient it is important that you understand that the Nexus Echo scholarship will not be applied toward your charges until the last day to add/drop for each semester.

Thank you for reviewing this document to increase your understanding of the Nexus Echo scholarship process. Please call me with any questions or concerns.

If, in the future, you have a question about fees applied to your account or your account balance, please contact the Financial Aid Office and ask for Marcia or Betty.

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