The goal of the Financial Literacy Program at Miles Community College is to help students fully understand the basic knowledge of their student loans and budgeting while in college. We have many goals and objectives in place to achieve these goals and are excited with the progress and turn out we have received during the fall semester.

Miles Community College has hired a part time Financial Literacy Program Coordinator, the program coordinator will be in charge of all aspects of the grant. Including the reporting, budgeting, and all appointments with students.

To incorporate Financial Literacy to all new students, MCC will be implementing the Transit program during the First Year Seminar class (First Year Pioneer). This will allow the Transit program to reach approximately 40 students during the fall semester. This student base will be all traditional new students. We will also be using the Dollar and Sense workbooks to help with the student loan section of the class.

Miles Community College will be implementing an advisory council for the Financial Literacy Program. We are focused on this program being a campus wide effort, we will have facility, staff, and a student advocate represented on the board. The advisory board will meet twice a semester to discuss the current status of the program, and also to incorporate new ideas. Minutes from these meetings will be kept to ensure progress with the council is being continued.

During the fall semester, the financial literacy program will focus on individual appointments with at risk students. These appointments will be focused on entrance counseling and budgeting. The goal of the individual appointments is the student’s financial success, we want to insure that the students understand all aspects of their student loans and budgeting while in college. Also, during the fall semester the program coordinator will be meeting with all of the athletes at Miles Community College, meeting with these students in a team atmosphere will help get the word out around campus about the program. Meeting with all the athletes will help the program reach approximately 100 students on campus. The goal with the group meetings is to generate some individual appointments for student athletes.

In the spring semester, the financial literacy program will focus on individual appointments for exit counseling. We will be meeting with every graduating student during the spring semester. These appointments will ensure that each student who is graduating knows exactly what they will be paying in student loans when their repayment begins. Also how to create savings plans for their repayment plans.

With these plans Miles Community College hopes to create a program for all students to guarantee their financial success.