



GUIDE TO FINANCIAL AID



START SMART AT TCC.

For most students, a college degree comes with a cap, a gown, a diploma – and a mountain of student loan debt that takes years to pay off. As affordable as TCC is, you may still be thinking, “Where am I going to get the money?” The fact is that there are a variety of ways to pay for college. We can help you explore some of your options.

STEPS FOR RECEIVING FINANCIAL AID

1. CREATE AN FSA ID.

Create an FSA ID at studentaid.ed.gov prior to completing the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). If you are a dependent student, your parent should also create an FSA ID.

2. COMPLETE THE FAFSA.

Complete your FAFSA online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Be sure to list Tidewater Community College as a school choice. TCC’s school code is **003712**. We recommend applying for financial aid at least 90 days before classes start, so don’t delay!

3. REVIEW YOUR STUDENT AID REPORT.

Around five business days after completing your FAFSA online, you’ll receive a Student Aid Report, which determines your eligibility for federal student aid. Review your report for accuracy.

4. FOLLOW UP WITH THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE.

Make sure the financial aid office at TCC has all the information needed to determine your eligibility. If you’re eligible for aid, we will post an aid offer showing the amount and types of aid available to you in your student portal.

March 1 of each year is TCC’s priority deadline for filing your FAFSA.

We encourage you to apply early to maximize your aid options, but if you miss the March 1 deadline you may still apply for aid. June 30 is the deadline each year to file the FAFSA for that aid year.



TYPES OF AID

GRANTS

Most TCC students receive financial assistance; grants and work-study funds never have to be paid back. tcc.edu/grants

LOANS

Federal student loans usually offer borrowers lower interest rates and more flexible repayment options than loans from banks. tcc.edu/loans

SCHOLARSHIPS

TCC and the TCC Educational Foundation offer tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships each year. tcc.edu/scholarships

MILITARY TUITION ASSISTANCE

TCC can help you maximize your Veterans Educational Benefits, Military Tuition Assistance and other methods of payment. tcc.edu/military

NEED HELP GETTING STARTED?

Contact us at 757-822-1111 or enroll@tcc.edu.

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