



# GUIDE TO FINANCIAL AID



## NEED MONEY FOR COLLEGE?

The fact is there are a variety of ways to pay for college. We can help you explore some of your options, but it all starts with the FAFSA (*Free application for Federal Student Aid* form).

**DO YOU FAFSA?** *It's the critical first step to receiving financial aid for college.*

## FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

### 1. CREATE AN FSA ID.

Create an FSA ID at [studentaid.ed.gov](https://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 ONLINE.

Complete your FAFSA at <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>. 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!

*You will also need:*

- 2020 Federal Tax Return (student & parent)
- 2020 W2 Forms (student & parent)
- Asset/Investment information
- Other financial information

### 3. REVIEW YOUR STUDENT AID REPORT.

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

### 4. FOLLOW UP WITH TCC.

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 Message Center in SIS.

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## TYPES OF AID

### GRANTS

Most TCC students receive financial assistance; grants and work-study funds never have to be paid back. [tcc.edu/grants](https://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](https://tcc.edu/loans)

### SCHOLARSHIPS

TCC and the TCC Educational Foundation offer tens of thousands of dollars in scholarships each year. [tcc.edu/scholarships](https://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](https://tcc.edu/military)

## NEED HELP? CONTACT US

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