

## HOW TO APPLY FOR 2022-2023 FINANCIAL AID

**\*\*AVAILABLE TO BE DONE 3 MONTHS EARLIER THAN PRIOR YEARS!!\*\***  
**\*\*COMPLETE STARTING OCTOBER 1\*\***  
**\*\*USE 2020 TAXES AND FINANCES\*\***

Thank you for your interest in attending Niagara County Community College.

We recommend that you file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for the **2022-2023** academic year on the web at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov). You will choose “Log In”. Enter your (the student’s) FSA ID (user name and password). If you do not have an FSA ID, click on “Create an Account”. Your user name and password identify you in the FAFSA system and allow you to sign the FAFSA electronically online. If under age 24 and considered dependent, your parent will also set up an FSA ID at a later time on the application.

You should try to file your FAFSA by April 1<sup>st</sup> so that you have your financial aid in place to pay for tuition and to purchase books and supplies. Our federal school code is 002874. Use **2020** taxes and finances (**Note: It is not the prior year’s information; it is the year prior to that**) to complete the application. Use the IRS link to transfer tax information onto your FAFSA for you and, if you are dependent, for your parents. You will see this link at the point where you put tax information in for student and parent(s).

If you plan to attend full-time (12 or more credit hours), you should file the state Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) application. After submitting the FAFSA, you will see on the next page a link to start the state application. If you miss the link, you must wait 3 – 4 days until FAFSA is done processing. You will get an email when your FAFSA has been processed. The website to apply for TAP is [www.hesc.ny.gov](http://www.hesc.ny.gov) or [tabweb.org](http://tabweb.org). Use 2020 NYS taxes to complete this form. Our school code for TAP is 2215.

The Excelsior Scholarship through New York State, in combination with other student financial aid programs, allows students to attend a SUNY or CUNY college tuition-free. For more information or to apply click [HERE](#) or go to [hesc.ny.gov](http://hesc.ny.gov), Pay tab, Grants Scholarships & Loan Programs, NYS Scholarships & Awards, Excelsior Scholarship.

If you are interested in applying for a federal loan, you must file the FAFSA and complete the “William Ford Federal Direct Loan Acceptance Agreement” which can be printed online at [www.niagaracc.suny.edu](http://www.niagaracc.suny.edu) or obtained from our office. Also required for a loan is a master promissory note and entrance counseling which are completed online at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov). You will need your FSA ID to complete these steps.

If you plan to attend part-time, please obtain the state Aid for Part Time Study (APTS) application which can be printed online at [www.niagaracc.suny.edu](http://www.niagaracc.suny.edu) or obtained from our office. APTS applications are available in early spring for the upcoming semesters.

Should you have any questions, please feel free to contact our Financial Aid Office at 716 614-6266 or email us at [FinAid@niagaracc.suny.edu](mailto:FinAid@niagaracc.suny.edu).