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HOW TO APPLY FOR 2023-2024 FINANCIAL AID

****AVAILABLE TO BE DONE 3 MONTHS EARLIER THAN PRIOR YEARS!!****

****COMPLETE STARTING OCTOBER 1****

****USE 2021 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 **2023-2024** academic year on the web at 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 only. If you are under the age of 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 1st so that you have your financial aid in place to pay for tuition and purchase books and supplies. Our federal school code is 002874. Use **2021** 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 the student and parent(s).

After submitting the FAFSA, you will see on the next page a link to start the state application for TAP (Tuition Assistance Program). If you miss that 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.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/. Use 2021 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, allow students to attend a SUNY or CUNY college tuition-free. For more information or to apply go to www.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 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. 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 or obtained from our office. APTS applications are available in early summer 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.

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