

## **HOW TO APPLY FOR 2024-2025 FINANCIAL AID**

**\*\*USE 2022 TAXES AND FINANCES\*\***

Thank you for your interest in attending SUNY Niagara; a community college sponsored by Niagara County!

We recommend that you file the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** for the **2024-2025** 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. If you are under the age of 24 and considered dependent your parent/guardian will also set up an FSA ID at a later time on the application.

Our federal school code to search for SUNY Niagara (NCCC) is **002874**; you will use **2022 Federal Tax** information to complete the application. Student/spouse/legal parents (whichever is applicable) will need to provide electronic consent on the FAFSA in order for the application to retrieve your tax information from the IRS. **This must be done in order to complete, sign, and submit the FAFSA, hand-written signatures will not be accepted.** \*For special circumstances, please inquire to the Financial Aid department.\*

You can apply for **TAP (Tuition Assistance Program)** using this website: [www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/](http://www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/). Use 2022 NYS taxes (specifically line 37 on your NYS tax form IT-201) to complete this form. To find SUNY Niagara (NCCC) on the application, type "Niagara" into the search bar and NCCC should populate with the code **2215**.

The **Excelsior Scholarship through New York State**, is a tuition-based scholarship awarded to students to cover tuition only. This is based on a \$125,000 household income for the 2022 tax year. Please visit <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/pay-for-college/financial-aid/types-of-financial-aid/nys-grants-scholarships-awards/the-excelsior-scholarship.html> to obtain all information including retaining the scholarship once awarded.

If you are interested in applying for a federal loan, you must complete the FAFSA, then sign and submit the "William Ford Federal Direct Loan Application" which can be printed online at [www.niagaracc.suny.edu](http://www.niagaracc.suny.edu) or obtained from our office. Please complete the E-MPN and Loan Entrance Counseling by using your FSA ID at <https://studentaid.gov/mpn/> in order for your loan application to be processed.

If you plan to attend part-time, please obtain part-time state applications which can be printed online at [www.niagaracc.suny.edu](http://www.niagaracc.suny.edu) or obtained from our office.

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).



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