

# Financial Aid News



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## Financial Aid Begins with FAFSA...

HCCC school code is 012954.

**File your 2024-2025 FAFSA for Fall 2024 by May 15 to meet the state deadline for renewal students.**

**Use your 2022 federal tax return.**

**Go to [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) to begin.**

**Some changes for the 2024-2025 FAFSA include the following:**

- Both students and parents must create an FSA ID before you begin. To create the FSA ID, click here: <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>
- New methodology will be introduced to calculate and determine applicant eligibility. The Expected Family Contribution (EFC) will be replaced with the Student Aid Index (SAI)
- Rather than importing your tax information using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, applicants will consent to providing their Federal Tax Information (FTI) via a direct data share with the IRS. This simplifies the applicant's experience.
- The net worth of family farms and small businesses will now be required as part of the application.

**Resources to assist for filing the FAFSA application are available at the following websites:**

Federal Student Aid Website  
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>

HCCC website  
<https://www.hccc.edu/paying-for-college/financial-aid/fafsa-changes.html>

**How to Get an FSA ID for Individuals Without A Social Security Number:**

Go to:  
[https://www.nasfaa.org/uploads/documents/FSA\\_ID\\_without\\_SSN.pdf](https://www.nasfaa.org/uploads/documents/FSA_ID_without_SSN.pdf)

Spanish:  
[https://www.nasfaa.org/uploads/documents/Spanish\\_FSA\\_ID\\_without\\_SSN.pdf](https://www.nasfaa.org/uploads/documents/Spanish_FSA_ID_without_SSN.pdf)

**Complete your application now and begin your journey to funding your education!**

You could be eligible for a Pell grant, Federal Work Study, and state grants such as TAG or CCOG.

**File your 2023-2024 FAFSA for the Spring 2024 term only by February 15, 2024, state deadline!**

## Winning with Financial Literacy

Financial Literacy events for the Spring 2024 semester both virtual and in person:

### February

**Tax Return Basics**  
Learn the education tax benefits and more!

### March and April

**FAFSA Days** once a week at both the Journal Square and North Hudson Campuses.  
Get assistance with completing the 2024-25 FAFSA application.

*Dates and times of each event will be announced via flyer later in the semester.*

Book Voucher available January 2, 2024, through February 16, 2024



*Financial Aid and Admissions staff assisted students at the NJRC (New Jersey Reentry Corporation) Training and Employment Center in Kearny, NJ on Thursday, January 11, as part of our outreach program for Culinary students.*

### USE THE SELF SERVICE FEATURE FOR FINANCIAL AID THROUGH LIBERTY LINK NOW!

Did you know that you can get the following information from the Self-Service Financial Aid?

- Submit Missing Documents to complete your Financial Aid file
- Review your Checklist and List of Resources
- Verify if you are meeting Satisfactory Academic Progress
- View your Financial Aid Offer Letter to see your Awards for the Academic Year
- Log in to Liberty Link <https://libertylink.hccc.edu/student> and click on "Financial Aid" on your account's welcome screen to get started in completing your funding.

## News from HESAA about the 2024-2025 FAFSA!

Due to federal processing delays this year, HESAA (and colleges/universities) will not receive students' data for several more weeks. This will directly impact our work here at HESAA in processing state aid but will load student award eligibility into NJFAMS as quickly as possible upon receipt of this data.

NJ Dreamers will be able to access the NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application by the end of January. It will again be available in NJFAMS.

To help support students and their families, HESAA has expanded our calendar of free webinars to support participants in understanding and completing the application process. Our webinar schedule can be found at:

**FAFSA Completion Workshops:**  
<https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/FAFSA.aspx>

**NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application Completion Workshops for NJ Dreamers:**  
<https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/NJAlternativeApplication.aspx>





# Attention Alumni and Graduating Seniors with Student Loans

Go to [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) and complete your exit counseling and find out about repayment options!

## Financial Aid Tips

- Reach out to HCCC resources such as tutoring, and advising and counseling for assistance.
- Review your financial aid awards at [libertylink.hccc.edu/student](http://libertylink.hccc.edu/student)
- Read emails for important information.

**Fund your education with scholarships!** Visit the HCCC scholarship website at <https://www.hccc.edu/paying-for-college/scholarships/index.html>

### Complete your SAP appeal now!

The deadline is within the first two weeks of your enrollment semester.

Go to <https://www.hccc.edu/paying-for-college/financial-aid/federal-verification.html>

### Need to speak with your financial aid advisor to discuss your file?

Make an appointment through Navigate360 now at <https://hccc.campus.eab.com/home>

## Financial Aid Humor

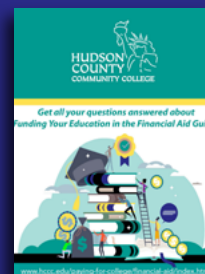
I'm at college because Hogwarts wouldn't accept FAFSA!

One does not simply get financial aid!

I look forward to filling out the FAFSA forms!  
Said no one ever...

### NOW AVAILABLE

for your use and information is "A Guide to Financial Aid," a comprehensive guide to help get a better understanding of the options for financial aid and how to maximize college financial aid.



### The Guide is available online here.

You are encouraged to keep it handy in case you are approached by students with questions regarding aid. If you have any questions or come into contact with students who have additional questions, please contact the Financial Aid Office at 201.360.4200 or [financial\\_aid@hccc.edu](mailto:financial_aid@hccc.edu).

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**What does attendance in class mean when funding your education?**

**Class attendance – required to receive federal and state aid!**

**If you are registered for classes in one or more of the Course Modalities:**

- Online – delivered online in CANVAS
- On-Campus – meet in person at a specific location and specific dates and times
- Remote - meet via video conferencing
- Hybrid/On-Campus – both online and in person
- Hybrid/Remote – both online and via video conferencing

**Must be actively engaged in classes.**

**What does academic engagement mean?**

- Attend Class
- Submit an academic assignment
- Take an assessment or an exam
- Participate in tutorial webinar or other interactive computer assisted instruction
- Participate in a study group, group project, or online discussion
- Interact with an instructor about academic matters

**Consequences of non-attendance for financial aid:**

- Reduced aid
- Canceled aid

**Consequences of non-attendance to the end of term may result in:**

- Adjustment in financial aid
- Repayment of financial aid

**Attendance will be verified after all classes begin!**

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