



Look for Financial Aid events happening during the semester, important information about student loans, financial literacy, and featured information in our financial literacy newsletter!

Tax Return Basics Workshop



The Financial Aid Office conducted our Spring 2025 Financial Literacy event on Tax Return Basics in the Student Center on March 20. Guest speaker Derkyl Payton of the Business Department spoke about the basics of filing a tax return and the deductions you may be eligible for. 40 people attended both in person and virtually. The program was in collaboration with the Business and Accounting Club, advised by Sharon Daughtry, Instructor, and President, Wilbert Dominquez.

NASFAA Leadership Conference



HCCC Financial Aid Team Sylvia Mendoza, Dean, Sheila Aitouakrim, Associate Director and Christine Petersen, Associate Director attended the NASFAA Leadership and Legislative Conference and Expo, February 9-12 in Washington D.C. at the Marriott Hotel. Topics discussed included several Pathways such as Association Leadership, Compliance Management, Financial Aid Management, FAAC Forum and Strategic Enrollment Management. Also pictured are Beth Maglione, Interim President and CEO of NASFAA and Karen McCarthy, Vice President of Public Policy & Federal Relations at NASFAA. Over 300 Financial Aid Administrators from across the country attended this great event.

Pell Grants for Summer Terms!

**Register for Summer Classes beginning April 1!
Complete your degree sooner.**

We encourage all students who registered for the summer terms and have been awarded a Pell Grant for the current academic year to access your financial aid awards and check your Summer Pell awards.

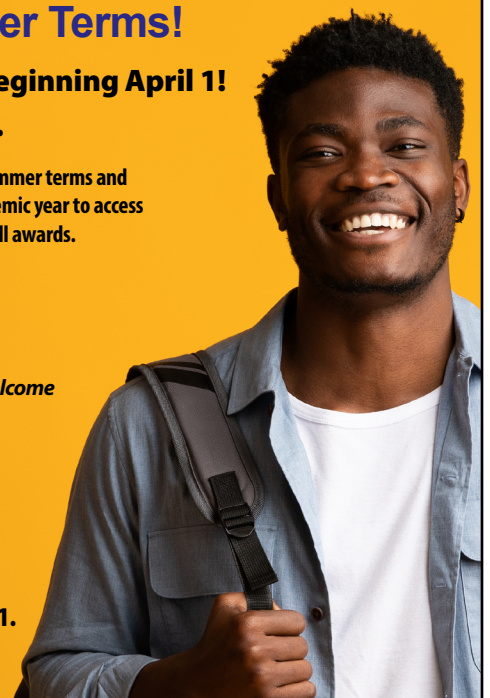
1. Go to Self-Service Financial Aid
2. Log in to <https://libertylink.hccc.edu/student>
3. Click on "Financial Aid" on your account's welcome screen
4. Select Financial Aid Counseling (Top Menu), select the option "My Awards"
5. Select award year: Fall 2024, Spring 2025
6. Review your 2025 Summer Award

Registration for Summer Terms begins April 1.

A fully eligible student enrolled full time can receive up to \$3,698

For summer Pell eligibility requirements, please go to:

<https://www.hccc.edu/paying-for-college/financial-aid/summer-grants/index.html>





Attention Alumni and Graduating Seniors with Student Loans

Go to studentaid.gov and complete your exit counseling and find out about repayment options!

Spotlight on Financial Aid Team Staff

Each newsletter will highlight a member of our team!

Assistant Director Ana Moran has been with the financial aid department for more than 20 years. Her focus is managing the Federal Work-Study program and serving as a financial aid adviser. She started as a work study student and graduated HCCC with an associate degree and a bachelor's degree in business administration from Capella University and a master's degree in educational psychology also from Capella University. She is a dedicated Financial Aid professional and thrives on assisting students in job placement, completing their financial aid files and a team player. She is always available to support students and her coworkers. Ana is a great asset and valuable member of our financial aid office.



Financial Aid Humor

I'm looking forward to the Apocalypse since it's apparently the only way that I won't have to pay back my student loans.



If federal loans/grants really are taken away, we need to do a student loan strike.

What are the initials of the last person that hurt you? F.A.F.S.A

Funding is Available for Summer 2025!

New Jersey State Tuition Aid Grant (TAG)

Benefits of Summer Enrollment

- Graduate sooner and start your career faster
- Take additional classes
- Shorten time to graduation

Eligibility Requirements for Summer TAG:

- Must have received a TAG award in the Fall 2024 and/or the Spring 2025 term
- Must be enrolled in at least six credit hours in the Summer 2025 term
- Must be enrolled in courses that count towards your graduation or academic major requirements

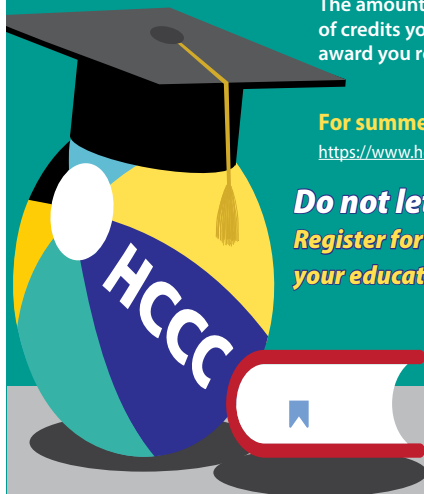
The amount of your Summer TAG will be prorated based on the number of credits you are enrolled in and will be based on the full-time TAG award you received during the Fall 2024 and/or Spring 2025 semesters.

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Do not let this opportunity pass you by.

Register for Summer classes and advance your education while saving money!



**Complete your
2025-2026 FAFSA Application
for the Fall 2025 semester
enrollment by April 15
to meet the state deadline
for grants!**

**Go to
<https://studentaid.gov/>
to begin.**

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