

Start your financial aid application for 2026–27 today!

YES,
ALREADY
😊

You could qualify for:

Grants & Scholarships

Free money you don't have to repay!

Work Study

On-campus jobs for students

Loans

Borrowed money you will repay with interest

4 Things to Know

1

You must apply every school year.

- Even if you've received aid before, you must submit a new FAFSA to be considered for aid for the Fall 2026, Spring 2027, and Summer 2027 semesters.

2

Apply early — don't wait to complete your FAFSA!

- Send your FAFSA as soon as you can (by April 1 at the latest) to maximize your aid.

Some aid, like grants and work-study, is limited and given to early applicants.

3

Apply even if you are not sure of your plans or eligibility.

- Even if you're not yet sure about your enrollment plans for future semesters, you can apply now!

Your eligibility can only be determined after you apply. Submit your FAFSA to know how much aid you qualify for!

4

Renewing is easier than you think!

- If you've applied before, most students complete the renewal in just minutes.

Want help?

Contact Financial Aid! Make an appointment, call, or visit our offices

Email: financial_aid@hccc.edu
Text: (201) 744-2767
[Schedule an Appointment](#)

Journal Square Campus
2nd Floor
Phone: (201) 360-4200

North Hudson Campus
Phone: (201) 360-4214

How to renew your FAFSA

HCCC
FASFA
School Code
012954

1

Sign in at [StudentAid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)

- Use your FSA ID.
- Choose FAFSA Renewal.

Are you a NJ Dreamer?

Use the NJ State Alternative Financial Aid Application instead of FAFSA.

<https://www.hesaa.org/pages/njalternativeapplication.aspx>

2

Check and update your information

- Your old FAFSA info will be filled in.
- Update details and use the IRS tool for income.



3

Ask family to update (if needed)

- If your parent, stepparent, or spouse is listed, invite them to review and sign. (They are called “contributors” on the FAFSA.)
- Your FAFSA is not complete until they do!

4

Sign and submit

- Use your FSA ID to sign.
- Click Submit when all sections are done.

5

Watch your HCCC email

- Respond to requests for more info or documents.
- You'll get an aid offer after your FAFSA is processed.



First time applying for financial aid?

- ✓ Start by [creating an account](#)
- ✓ Watch our [tutorials](#)
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