

FINANCIAL AID

The following sources of educational financial assistance may be available to WTC students:

- Federal Pell Grant
- State Grant
- Community Based Scholarships
- Veteran's Educational Benefits
 - Apply online at www.GIBILL.va.gov

SCHOOL CODE: 016258

WWW.FAFSA.GOV

Applying For Financial Aid



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HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Complete and submit your *free* application at www.FAFSA.gov for federal student aid.

Apply for a PIN number at www.pin.ed.gov. This PIN will allow you to sign your FAFSA electronically. If you are providing parent information on the FAFSA, your parent must also apply for a PIN. ***Keep your PIN number in a secure place. You might need to use this number in the future.***

Gather the following information before you apply:

- Your Social Security number and your parents' Social Security numbers, if you are providing parent information.
- Your driver's license number, if you have one.
- Your Alien Registration Number (green card) or a permanent residence card if you are not a U.S. citizen

Sign your application with your PIN number and your parents' PIN number, if you are providing parent information. Your application will be processed, and you will receive your *Student Aid Report (SAR)* by email or postal mail.

Wait 4 to 5 business days

and contact your financial aid department to finalize your financial aid.

You can contact the Federal Government at 800-433-3243 for help with your application or contact the financial aid department at WTC (352) 726-2430.

TIPS TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION:

Before you complete your FAFSA application, you need to have filed your tax return. You will need to wait up to two weeks for the IRS income information to be available for electronic IRS tax return filers, and up to eight weeks for paper IRS tax return filers.

The **IRS Data Retrieval Tool** on your application is the best and easiest way to provide accurate tax information. Use it to transfer your IRS income information into your FAFSA and, if you are married, your spouse's.

If you are unable or choose not to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool in FAFSA and your application is selected for verification, you will need to submit an **IRS tax return transcript** to the school—not a photocopy of the income tax return. **To obtain an IRS tax return transcript, go to <http://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript> and click on the “Get Transcript Online” link, or call (800) 908-9946. You may also go to our local IRS office at 3300 SW 34th Ave., Ocala, 34474. Make sure to request the “IRS tax return transcript”, **not** the “IRS tax account transcript.”** You will need your Social Security Number, date of birth, and the address on file with the IRS.

If you are married and you and your spouse filed separate tax returns, you will not be able to use the Data Retrieval Tool. You must submit an IRS tax return transcript for both you & your spouse.

If you get federal student aid based on incorrect information, you will have to pay it back. You may also have to pay fines and fees.

STUDENT AID ELIGIBILITY:

- Have a High School Diploma or a GED
- Be working toward a certificate in an eligible program.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Have a valid Social Security Number.
- Register with the Selective Service, if required.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress once in school.
- Certify that you are not in default on a federal student loan and do not owe money on a federal student grant.
- Certify that you will use federal student aid only for educational purposes.

Even if you are ineligible for federal aid, you should complete the FAFSA because you may be eligible for nonfederal aid from states and private institutions.

If you are convicted of a drug-related offense after you submit the FAFSA, you might lose eligibility for federal student aid, and you might be liable for returning any financial aid you received during a period of ineligibility.

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