



12 STEPS TO TAKE THE STRESS OUT OF FINANCIAL AID

1 Create FSA ID - Student

Before the student completes the FAFSA, they must create an FSA ID at studentaid.gov/fsa-id.

2 Create FSA ID - Contributor

A contributor is the parent or legal guardian of the student. All contributors must have an FSA ID. Visit studentaid.gov/fsa-id. The FAFSA requires the Contributor's information unless the student is Independent.

3 Complete the FAFSA - Student

The student will complete all the sections of the FAFSA and invite the Contributor. The student will need to know the Contributor's email address. Only 1 Contributor needs to be invited to sign the student's FAFSA.

4 Accept the Invite - Contributor

The Contributor will login using their FSA ID and accept the invite by inputting the invite code. The student's FAFSA is not completed until the contributor accepts the invite, signs and submits the FAFSA.

5 Apply for TAP - Student

Visit hesc.ny.gov to complete the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) Application. Students are eligible for NYS aid if they are legal residents of New York State.

6 Explore OCC Foundation Scholarships

Apply at sunyocc.academicworks.com. Fill out the General Application and automatically be submitted as an applicant for over a couple dozen opportunities.

7 Understand Your Offer Letter

Your Financial Aid Package is the total aid offered to help cover your full-time costs. It may not cover the full amount, you may have a remaining balance to pay.

8 Accept Loans

Loan offers are available in MyOCC for your review and optional acceptance. Both Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note must be completed before your loan can be disbursed.

9 Apply for Federal Work Study

Want a job on campus? Fill out an interest form to see if you're eligible for this grant. Visit sunyocc.edu/work-study. To fill out a job application visit sunyocc.interviewexchange.com

10 Submit Certificate of Residence

Get tuition price reduced when you submit your COR. Visit sunyocc.edu/certificate-of-residence

11 Sign into MyOCC/Check Email

Visit sunyocc.edu/students to sign into your MyOCC. This is the hub for all of your education items.

12 Check Student Account

View your balance for the current term in your MyOCC under Student Account. If all aid is exhausted and there is still a balance, you can pay your bill online or sign up for a NelNet Payment Plan.