

## **HOW TO APPLY FOR 2025-2026 FINANCIAL AID**

**\*FAFSA and TAP release DECEMBER 2024 – WILL NEED 2023 TAXES\***

**FEDERAL AID (FAFSA):** Go to [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov). If you do not have an **FSA ID**, click on “Create an Account”, all information used to create this account must be specific to **you**, do not use anyone else’s phone number, email, etc. **All contributors (parent, student, spouse, etc.), will need their own FSA accounts.** If you have an FSA account, log in and follow the prompts to complete the **2025-2026 FAFSA** using **2023 tax information; to add our school, search the school code: 002874.**

When a student completes their application, they **enter contributor (parent/spouse) information**, which will be date of birth, social security number. The contributor will then receive an invitation via email. Contributors will follow the email link and complete their portion of the application, sign, and submit. **A FAFSA that has not been consented to, signed and submitted by contributor and student will not be processed. (Hand-written signatures will no longer be accepted).**

**\*For special circumstances please inquire in the Financial Aid Office\***

**STATE AID TAP:** You can apply for **2025-2026 TAP (Tuition Assistance Program)** The website to apply for TAP is [www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/](http://www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/). Use **2023 NYS tax (specifically line 37 on your NYS tax form IT-201)** to complete this form. Our school can be found on the application by searching, **“Niagara”** when adding a school.

The **Excelsior Scholarship** through New York State, is a tuition-based scholarship awarded to students to cover tuition only. This is based on a \$125,000 household income for the 2023 tax year. Please visit <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/find-aid/nys-grants-scholarships/excelsior-scholarship-program/> to obtain all information including retaining the scholarship once awarded.

If you are interested in applying for a **Federal student loan**, you must complete the FAFSA, complete the E-MPN <https://studentaid.gov/mpn/> and Loan Entrance Counseling <https://studentaid.gov/entrance-counseling/>, then sign and submit the “William Ford Federal Direct Loan Application” (found on our website or in our office). <https://www.niagaracc.suny.edu/fin-aid/financial-aid-forms/>

If you are a parent and interested in a **Parent Plus Loan**, please visit <https://studentaid.gov/plus-app/> for information and to apply online.

If you plan to attend part-time, please obtain **part-time state aid applications** which can be printed online at or obtained from our office and will need attached parent (dependent student)/student IT-201 tax form from 2023.

**Contact the Financial Aid Office at 716-614-6266 or email us at [FinAid@niagaracc.suny.edu](mailto:FinAid@niagaracc.suny.edu)**

