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HOW TO APPLY FOR 2026-2027 FINANCIAL AID

USE 2024 TAXES AND FINANCES

FEDERAL AID (FAFSA): Go to <https://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 2026-2027 FAFSA using 2024 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).

Federal Student Aid Information Center: **(800) 433-3243**

STATE AID: You can apply for 2026-2027 NYS Tuition Assistance Program (**TAP**) at the following webpage <https://www.hesc.ny.gov/NYSTAP>. NYS requires your adjusted gross income on line 37 from your 2024 NYS IT-201 tax return to complete this application. SUNY Niagara college code is 2215. You can also search NIAGARA to enter our college on the application.

Excelsior Scholarship is a New York State tuition-based scholarship awarded to students to cover tuition only. This is based on a \$125,000 household income for the 2024 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.

SCHOLARSHIPS: You can apply for scholarships on our website at <https://sunyniagara.edu/scholarships/>. You will complete a general application, then that will be sent to all scholarships you are eligible for. If, anything additional is needed, you will be notified through your student email. Email: scholarships@niagaracc.suny.edu

SUNY Niagara Veterans Services: <https://sunyniagara.edu/veterans/>

Email: veteranssvcs@niagaracc.suny.edu

If you are interested in applying for a **Federal student loan**, you must complete the FAFSA, complete the Master Promissory Note <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://sunyniagara.edu/financial-aid-forms/>

If you are a parent interested in a **Parent Plus Loan**, please visit <https://studentaid.gov/plus-app/> for information and to apply online. Please note the Direct PLUS Loan Master Promissory Note must be completed. <https://studentaid.gov/mpn/parentplus/landing>

Contact the Financial Aid Office at 716-614-6266 or email us at FinAid@niagaracc.suny.edu



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