

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID



Student Financial Aid and Scholarships

Financial aid consisting of scholarships, grants, loans and part-time student employment is designed to supplement a student's own resources. Student financial aid may be available for an entire academic year or for part of the year. Students may only use financial aid at one institution per semester.

Per federal and state regulations, primary considerations in selecting financial aid recipients are based on financial need; U.S. citizenship or eligible non-citizenship status; and the potential to succeed in an academic program at Tri-C. Some types of financial aid are based on criteria other than financial need.

Check out Financial Aid TV, a collection of video clips providing quick answers to common questions.

Financial Aid Application Procedures

Students applying for financial aid must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Complete the FAFSA online at fafsa.gov or via the downloadable myStudentAid mobile app. Obtain complete information about procedures and the financial aid application process on the Student Financial Aid and Scholarships webpage

Students are strongly encouraged to complete the FAFSA and all required verification documentation at least eight weeks prior to the priority deadlines listed below:

Summer Session	May 1
Fall Semester	July 1
Spring Semester	December 1

Financial Aid Options

State Grant Program

Ohio College Opportunity Grants

Community college students who have received a Pell grant but may have exhausted all or part of the Pell grant within an academic year may be eligible to receive state grant aid, known as the Ohio College Opportunity Grant, from the Ohio Department of Higher Education to enroll in the summer term. Additionally, students who qualify for the Ohio Education Training Voucher funded by the Foster Care to Success are also eligible for the state grant based on financial need throughout the academic year.

Federal Programs

Pell Grants

The federal government makes Pell Grant funds available for tuition and other college-related expenses to undergraduate students who

demonstrate financial need and maintain satisfactory academic progress in their course of study. Pell Grant recipients are eligible to receive awards from this program to complete their first undergraduate bachelor's degree. Effective July 1, 2012, students are limited to 12 full-time semesters (24 equivalent half-time semesters) of Pell Grant eligibility, also called Pell Lifetime Eligibility. Students apply for the federal Pell Grant by completing the FAFSA.

Students may also take advantage of Year-Round Pell, a program that began in 2017-2018 to make funding available to students who exhausted their Pell eligibility for the award year during fall and spring semesters. Students wishing to take advantage of Year-Round Pell must be enrolled for at least six credit hours during the summer semester. Students must maintain Pell Lifetime Eligibility.

Students may not receive a federal Pell Grant from more than one school at a time.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG)

The FSEOG program provides grants to students who demonstrate exceptional financial need to help meet postsecondary education costs. FSEOG recipients are eligible to receive awards from this program for the period required to complete their first undergraduate bachelor's degree. Students apply for FSEOG funds by completing the FAFSA. Awards are contingent on availability of funds. Students who may be eligible for this program are encouraged to complete the FAFSA as early as possible each year to ensure full consideration.

Federal Direct Student Loan Program

These loans are also known as Stafford Loans. Students who apply for loans will be awarded either a subsidized or unsubsidized loan based on financial need. Students must be enrolled in at least six credit hours and maintain satisfactory academic progress in their course of study. During the in-school period, all interest is paid by the federal government on subsidized loans. Interest on unsubsidized loans will accrue from the time the loan is disbursed to the student. Loan amounts are based on a student's year in college and dependency status as established by the U.S. Department of Education. Repayment begins six months after the student leaves school or drops below six credits. Students must complete the FAFSA to be considered for the Direct Loan Program.

Parents may also choose to borrow a Parent Loan (PLUS) for students who are enrolled in at least six credit hours. Parent Loan applications are available at any Student Financial Aid and Scholarships office. Loans are awarded based on an approved credit check. Students must complete the FAFSA to apply for the PLUS Loan to ensure they are considered for all types of aid programs.

Federal Work-Study Program (FWS)

This federal program provides funds for part-time student employment, up to 20 hours per week at Tri-C or at a community service agency. Students apply for FWS funds by completing the FAFSA. Awards are contingent on availability of funds and need. Students who may be eligible for this program are encouraged to complete the FAFSA as early as possible each year to ensure full consideration.