

How and When to Apply for Federal Student Aid

Students must complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at [https:// studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa) to apply for federal student aid. The FAFSA is available October 1st of each year and must be completed annually for each year the student will be attending college. Students attending Summer 2023, Fall 2023, and Spring 2024 must complete the 2023-2024 FAFSA.

Students must also complete the appropriate financial aid forms, as requested by the NCC Financial Aid Office. Some aid is limited and is on a first- come, first-served basis; those students who apply early will receive priority.

To help you in the application process please see the Financial Aid Application Checklist below:

- Complete the FAFSA and submit all verification documentation to NCC Financial Aid Office by the NCC Priority Deadline (see the NCC Priority Deadlines below) (NCC school code: 009236).
- You can still apply for financial aid after the NCC Priority Deadline but NCC cannot guarantee that your financial aid will be available by payment deadline.
- Review the Student Aid Report (SAR) sent to you by the Department of Education to determine if additional steps are required and to confirm your FAFSA is complete and successfully submitted.
- Make sure you have completed the NCC Admissions process and are accepted into a financial aid eligible program. (NCC Admissions Office: nashua@ccsnh.edu or 578.8908). NCC will receive your FAFSA 7 to 10 days after it has been processed and will contact you via email.
- Respond to all correspondence from NCC Financial Aid Office and provide all information requested.
- Receive a Financial Aid Offer listing the aid you are eligible to receive.

If you accept Direct Loans, then you must:

- Be registered for six (6) eligible credits minimum and Complete Loan Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note at <https://studentaid.gov/h/complete-aid-process>
- Accept your aid online through the Student Information System (SIS). Accepting your aid and completing the loan requirements gives you a payment deferment of the accepted amounts.

We strongly suggest you register for classes before accepting aid so you will be able to accurately determine how much aid you need. Class registration can be completed with your advisor.