



Applying for Federal Financial Aid (Pell, Loans, Work-Study)

1. Complete and submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov.

2. Create an **FSA ID and password** for you and your parent, if applicable
This is used to sign the FAFSA.

Using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool through fafsa.gov is the easiest way to complete your FAFSA with accurate tax information. It is highly recommended.

If you are not able to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, you will need:

- your 2017 Federal tax returns
- your parents' 2017 Federal tax returns, if applicable
- untaxed income information

Remember to list Erie Community College on the FAFSA.

ECC's Federal school code:

010684

This is the code for all three campuses

3. Take the link to NYS TAP on the confirmation page.

What Happens Next?

An e-mail message will be sent within three to five business days with directions for viewing your **Student Aid Report (SAR)**. Review this carefully; if changes are necessary go to fafsa.gov and make your corrections.

If additional information is required, SUNY Erie will notify you at your assigned ECC email; new students will also receive a paper letter.

SUNY Erie will process aid based on your FAFSA. All students will receive an email award notice at your assigned ECC email; new students will also receive a paper award letter.

You can view your aid progress, view missing information, and accept or decline awards at selfservice.ecc.edu/student.

Priority deadlines:

Some aid has limited funding, we recommend **filing the FAFSA as soon as possible**.



Applying for NYS Aid (TAP, APTS, Excelsior Scholarship, Part-Time Study Scholarship)

Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)

1. Take the link on the confirmation page of your FAFSA. If you miss this link you will need to wait five business days before applying at www.tap.hesc.ny.gov.

2. Create a user name and personal identification number (PIN).

3. Information will be transferred from your FAFSA application. Follow the instructions, be sure to correct any errors.

You will receive a TAP award/denial notice within 3 - 5 weeks.

Remember to list Erie Community College on the TAP Application.

ECC's TAP school code:

2065

Aids for Part-Time Study (APTS)

Aid for Part-Time Study (APTS) provides grant assistance for eligible part-time students enrolled in approved undergraduate studies.

Applications are available at www.ecc.edu/aid-forms or in the Office of Financial Aid.

APTS applications are processed directly in the Financial Aid Office.

Funds are limited.

Excelsior Scholarship

This program covers tuition for eligible SUNY students.

Apply at www.hesc.ny.gov/excelsior

NOTE: Applications available at select times of year.

To be eligible you must:

- Be a NYS resident
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Have a combined federal adjusted gross income of \$125,000 or less

NOTE: You must complete at least 12 credits per term and 30 credits per year.

Part-Time Scholarship

This program provides scholarships to part-time students attending a community college.

Students can receive up to \$1500 per semester for up to 2 years.

Apply at www.hesc.gov

NOTE: Applications available at select times of year.

To be eligible you must:

- Be a NYS resident
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
- Have a combined federal adjusted gross income of \$125,000 or less

NOTE: You must complete at least 6 credits but less than 12 credits per term.