



First-time Applicants and Continuing Students: 2025-2026 FAFSA

HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID: 2025-2026 AWARD YEAR (SUMMER 2025, FALL 2025, SPRING 2026)

STEP ONE: ACCESS THE 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov

- Use your Federal Student Aid Identification (FSA ID) to complete and sign your FAFSA
- One contributor (dependent students) should use his/her FSA ID to sign the FAFSA
- You must sign and mail the “Signature Page” if you or your contributor do not use your FSA ID
- Use 2023 income tax return or other income information
- Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to transfer your tax return information directly to your FAFSA
- **City Tech Federal College Code: 002696**
- Print a copy of your FAFSA and the Confirmation Page

STEP TWO: FILE YOUR New York State TAP and Other NYS Aid

- Use the OPTIONAL FEATURE LINK on your FAFSA “Submission Page”
- Use 2023 income information and NYS tax return (tax filers)
- Go to the Higher Education Services (HESC) Website: www.hesc.ny.gov if you did not complete the TAP application using the FAFSA link.
- Undocumented students may apply for NYS grants and scholarships at: www.hesc.ny.gov/dream/
- **City Tech’s TAP College Code: 1405**

STEP THREE: RESPONSES TO YOUR APPLICATIONS

- If you provide your e-mail address on your FAFSA, you will receive an electronic response; if you do not provide a valid email address, you will receive a response by postal mail
- If you do not receive a response within three weeks after filing your FAFSA or NYS Aid Application, contact the school’s Financial Aid Office
- For issues regarding your HESC Account, you may schedule a call with a representative at www.hesc.ny.gov/get-help/schedule-call

❖ ALTERNATIVE PROCESS

Electronic filing is the preferred way for City Tech students to apply for financial aid. However, if you wish, you may complete and mail a paper FAFSA. Download a paper FAFSA from: <http://www.fafsa.gov/options.htm>