



## **First-time Applicants and Continuing Students: 2026-2027 FAFSA**

# **HOW TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID: 2026-2027 AWARD YEAR (SUMMER 2026, FALL 2026, SPRING 2027)**

### **STEP ONE: ACCESS THE 2026-2027 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [fafsa.gov](https://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 2024 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 2024 income information and NYS tax return (tax filers)
- Go to the Higher Education Services (HESC) Website: [www.hesc.ny.gov](https://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/](https://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](https://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>