



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 2025-2026 the 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 parent (dependent students) should use his/her FSA ID to sign the FAFSA
- You must sign and mail the “Signature Page” if you or your parent 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. You would have to wait until after your FAFSA is processed
- Undocumented students may apply for NYS grants and scholarships at: www.hesc.ny.gov/dream/ • City Tech’s TAP College Code: 1405

STEP THREE: FILE YOUR CUNY SUPPLEMENT APPLICATION ON CUNYfirst

File the CUNY Supplement Form if you want to be considered for NYS Aid for Part-time Study (APTS)

- Log onto CUNYfirst at: <https://home.cunyfirst.cuny.edu>
- Select “Self Service” from the left menu
- Click on the “Student Center” link
- Under the “Finances” section, click on “Supplement Form”
- Select “NYT01” for “Institution”
- Select “2026” for “Aid Year”
- Click “OK”
- Answer all the questions on the form and click “Submit”

PLEASE NOTE: The CUNY Supplement form will not be available on CUNYfirst until March 2025.

STEP FOUR: 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, go to fafsa.gov or call 1.800.433.3243
- If you do not hear from HESC within three weeks of receiving your FAFSA response, go to www.hesc.ny.gov or call 1.888.697.4372

Alternative Process

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