



APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

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OSCEOLA TECHNICAL COLLEGE'S SCHOOL CODE IS: **031279**

STUDENTS BEGINNING THE SPRING SEMESTER WILL NEED TO COMPLETE THE 2020-2021 FAFSA. STUDENTS PLANNING TO ATTEND THE FALL SEMESTER OF 2021, NEED TO COMPLETE THE 2021-2022 FAFSA.

DOCUMENTS YOU WILL NEED TO APPLY:

- VALID GOVERNMENT ISSUED I.D.
- SOCIAL SECURITY CARD
- HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS OR GED (if you attended college, we will need transcripts from all the colleges you attended)

IF YOU ARE USING V.A. BENEFITS, YOU WILL NEED:

- VALID GOVERNMENT ISSUED I.D.
- SOCIAL SECURITY CARD
- HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPTS OR GED (if you attended college, we will need transcripts from all of the colleges you attended)
- CERTIFICATE OF ELIGIBILITY AND DD214

Financial Aid Office Hours:	
Monday/Wednesday/Friday	8:00am – 4pm
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2020–21 Federal Student Aid at a Glance

WHAT is federal student aid?

Federal student aid comes from the federal government—specifically, the U.S. Department of Education. It's money that helps a student pay for higher education expenses (i.e., college, career school, or graduate school expenses).

Federal student aid covers such expenses as tuition and fees, room and board, books and supplies, and transportation.

There are three main categories of federal student aid: grants, work-study funds, and loans. Check with your school's financial aid office to find out which programs the school participates in.

WHO gets federal student aid?.

Some of the most basic eligibility requirements for students are that you must

- demonstrate financial need (for most programs—to learn more about financial need, visit [StudentAid.gov/how-calculated](https://studentaid.gov/how-calculated));
- be a U.S. citizen or an eligible noncitizen;
- have a valid Social Security number;
- be registered with Selective Service, if you're a male (you must register between the ages of 18 and 25);
- be enrolled or accepted for enrollment in an eligible degree or certificate program;
- be enrolled at least half-time (for most programs); and
- maintain satisfactory academic progress in college, career school, or graduate school.

See the full list of eligibility requirements at [StudentAid.gov/eligibility](https://studentaid.gov/eligibility).

Completing and submitting the FAFSA® form is free and quick, and it gives you access to the largest sources of financial aid to pay for college or career school—federal, state, and school sources. If you need a print-out of the FAFSA® PDF, call 1-800-4-FED-AID (1-800-433-3243) or 334-523-2691 (TTY for the deaf or hard of hearing 1-800-730-8913).

HOW do you apply for federal student aid?.

1. **To apply for federal student aid, you must complete the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®)* form at fafsa.gov.** The FAFSA form is available every Oct. 1 for the next school year. If you plan to attend college from July 1, 2020–June 30, 2021, submit a 2020–21 FAFSA form.

Fill it out as soon as possible to meet school and state deadlines. Schools and states often use FAFSA information to award nonfederal aid, but their deadlines vary. Check with the schools that you're interested in for their deadlines, and find state and federal FAFSA deadlines at [StudentAid.gov/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/fafsa).

2. **Students and parents are required to use an FSA ID (an account username and password combination) to sign their FAFSA® form online and to access information about their financial aid on U.S. Department of Education websites.** Your FSA ID is used to confirm your identity and electronically sign your federal student aid documents. Your FSA ID has the same legal status as a written signature. Don't give your FSA ID to anyone or allow anyone to create an FSA ID for you. To create an FSA ID, visit [StudentAid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch).
3. After you apply, you'll receive a Student Aid Report, or SAR. Your SAR contains the information reported on your FAFSA form and usually includes your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is a number (not a dollar amount) used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid. Review your SAR information to make sure it's correct. The school(s) you list on your FAFSA® form will get your SAR data electronically.
4. **Contact the schools you might attend.** Make sure the financial aid office at each school you're interested in has all the information needed to determine your eligibility. If you're eligible, each school's financial aid office will send you an aid offer showing the amount and types of aid (from all sources) the school will offer you. You can compare the aid offers you received and see which school is the most affordable once financial aid is taken into account.