

# Financial Aid

NFHS College & Career Center – Room 222



## EASY AS 1-2-3

### Step 1 – As Soon As Possible

Apply for your **Federal Student Aid ID** (FSA ID) to create a username and password. Both a parent and student must create a **FSA ID**. (This ID serves as your signature on the FAFSA Application)

<http://fsaid.ed.gov/> : then go to the **FSA ID** tab

### Step 2 – After October 1<sup>st</sup> of Senior Year

Early FAFSA available October 1, 2020 for the 2021-2022 college year. Apply for Federal Aid (FAFSA)

<fafsa.ed.gov> (You will need your 2018 Federal Tax Return)

### Step 3 – Applying for Student Financial Aid is a two-step process

After submitting the FAFSA, you will be directed to your **CONFIRMATION PAGE**. Click on the New York State Resident link (**HESC**) and apply for State Aid (**TAP**). This will take you to the NYS Higher Education Website,

<hesc.ny.gov> (You will need your 2019 NYS Tax Return)

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## NFHS Financial Aid Programs

### **Financial Aid Help from NCCC**

You can now schedule an appointment for Virtual Financial Aid Help. Contact Ms. Fadel in our Career Center by email: [KFadel@nfschools.net](mailto:KFadel@nfschools.net) or by phone at 716-278-5800 and ask for the Career Center.

## Scholarship Information

**Niagara Falls High School Scholarship Bulletin** has a complete list of local college scholarships available.

Updated weekly, you can find this at: <http://www.nfschools.net/Page/776>; or you can Google Niagara Falls High School Scholarship Bulletin.

**Niagara County Community College Scholarship Foundation:** <http://niagaracc.suny.edu/scholarships/>

**College Rank Website** gives you the links to the top ten scholarship sites available:

<http://www.collegerank.net/best-scholarship-websites/>

# Financial Aid Application Process

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## FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

**Apply beginning October 1, 2020 for the 2021-2022 College Academic Year**

### Apply for a Federal Student Aid ID Number as soon as possible

- Log onto the FAFSA website ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov))
- Go to the FAFSA “FSA ID” site
- Apply for a “FSA ID” number
- Student and one parent must apply for a FSA ID
- Your FSA ID allows you to electronically sign when you submit the FAFSA

### Complete the FAFSA Worksheet (optional)

- This worksheet is **optional**; use it to transfer information to the online application

### Items Needed to Complete the FAFSA

- At least one parent or guardian
- List of colleges to which you are applying
- Federal Student Aid (FSA ID), your parent’s FSA ID
- Social security number
- Parent’s social security number and date of birth
- Driver’s license number (if you have one)
- Alien registration or permanent resident card (if you are not a U.S. Citizen)
- **2019 Federal and NYS tax returns; W-2’s, and other records of money earned (note: You may be able to transfer your federal tax return information into you FAFSA using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool)**
- Bank statements and records of investments (if applicable)
- Records of untaxed income (if applicable)

### FAFSA to TAP (NYS Tuition Assistance Program)

- When the FAFSA is submitted, and applicants are at the FAFSA CONFIRMATION PAGE – **Go to your state** – New York State (HESC.org) and complete the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) application.

**PRINT ALL CONFIRMATION FORMS**