

Financial Aid Checklist 2025-2026

<p>FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (PELL, Federal Student Loans, Federal Work Study) SUNY Ulster Code: 002880</p> <p>FAFSA Questions? Call 1-800-433-3243</p>	<p>____ 1. Go to www.studentaid.gov and hover over “FAFSA Form,” then click <i>Complete the FAFSA Form</i>. Click the button that says <i>Log In to Start</i>.</p> <p>First-time applicants will need to Create an Account. If you have already completed the FAFSA application in the past – enter your FSA ID and Password and click the <i>Log In</i> button.</p> <p>*Contributors for <i>Dependent</i> students will also need to create their own Account.</p> <p>____ 2. Continue through the application, confirm you have not skipped over any questions before signing and submitting.</p> <p>____ 3. Be ready to provide your Social Security number, your Alien Registration number (if you're not a U.S. citizen), your 2023 federal income tax returns, W-2s, and other records of money earned, bank statements and records of investments (if applicable), records of untaxed income (if applicable).</p> <p>*Dependent students: you will also need the above information for each contributor.</p> <p>** Students may be randomly selected for “Verification” by the Federal Department of Education or the SUNY Ulster Financial Aid Office, selected students will be notified by email and additional documentation may be required.</p>
<p>TAP/PT-TAP: Tuition Assistance Program/Part Time Tuition Assistance Program SUNY Ulster TAP Code: 2230</p> <p>TAP Questions? Call 888-697-4372 or Schedule an Appointment on the www.hesc.ny.gov website for a HESC Representative to contact you.</p>	<p>After you have completed the FAFSA – you may be given a link to Continue to the New York State TAP Application – not all students will receive this option – if this link is provided, it should be used. If you are not given this link, continue with the following steps.</p> <p>____ 1. Around 3-5 days after you have completed the FAFSA, you will receive an email from the Department of Education confirming that it has been processed. After you receive this email, you can then continue to the NYS TAP/PT-TAP application on www.hesc.ny.gov.</p> <p>____ 2. Scroll down to where it says “Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)” and click the button that says <i>Apply Now!</i></p> <p>____ 3. Under where it says “Didn’t apply for TAP through the FAFSA?” click on “Apply for TAP” and click the button that says “Start my application.” Be ready to provide your (and if dependent, your parents) 2023 New York State income tax returns.</p> <p>First-time applicants will need to create a User ID and HESC Pin. This is NOT the same thing as your Federal Student Aid Account! Parents do not need to create an account with HESC.</p>
<p>APTS: Aid for Part-Time Study offered by NYS.</p>	<p>____ 1. Aid for part-time study is available for students taking 3-11 credits. Submit the APTS application (available under Financial Aid Forms) and a signed copy of your (and if dependent, your parents) 2023 NYS Tax Return to the Financial Aid Office.</p>
<p>Excelsior Scholarship: Free Tuition for eligible full-time students</p>	<p>____ 1. Apply at www.hesc.ny.gov - this application is only available for a limited time each year (usually between May-June), sign up for text alerts online to be notified when the application becomes available. You must complete the FAFSA and TAP applications first!</p>
<p>Federal Direct Stafford Loans (Student Loans) *Optional*</p>	<p>____ 1. Complete the FAFSA first! ____ 2. Complete your Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note (MPN) - Go to www.studentaid.gov, hover over <i>Loans and Grants</i>. ____ 3. Complete a Student Federal Direct Stafford Loan cover sheet (available under Financial Aid Forms). Sign and return form to the Financial Aid Office.</p>

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For more information on [Scholarships](#), please contact the Foundation Office at 845-687-5283 or scholarships@sunyulster.edu.