

Financial Aid Checklist 2023-2024

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FAFSA: Free Application for	1. Go to <u>www.studentaid.gov</u> and click the <i>Apply Now</i> button.
Federal Student Aid	First-time applicants will need to create a Federal Student Aid ID (also known as an FSA ID,
(PELL, Federal Student Loans,	used as an electronic signature) – click the <i>Start Here</i> button and <i>Create and FSA ID</i> .
Federal Work Study)	
SUNY Ulster Code: 002880	If you have already completed the FAFSA application in the past – click the Log In button.
FAFSA Questions? Call 1-800-433-3243	*Dependent students: One parent will also need to create an FSA ID for themselves.
	2. Confirm the 2023-24 application year is selected – continue through the application,
	confirm you have not skipped over any questions before signing and submitting.
	3. Be ready to provide your Social Security number, your Alien Registration number (if you're not a U.S. citizen), your 2021 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).
	*Dependent students: you will also need most of the above information for your parent(s).
	** 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.
TAP: Tuition Assistance Program	1. Students can apply for TAP and part-time TAP when completing the FAFSA online.
SUNY Ulster TAP Code: 2230	After you have signed and submitted the FAFSA, a link will be available for a limited time to
	Continue to the New York State TAP Application, click on the specified link.
TAP Questions?	
Call 888-697-4372	2. Be ready to provide your (and if dependent, your parents) 2021 New York State income tax returns.
	First-time applicants will need to create a User ID and HESC Pin.
	This is NOT the same thing as your FSA ID!
	If you have already submitted the FAFSA and the NYS TAP Application link has expired, see the separate instructions for "How to access the TAP application without going through the FAFSA" available under <u>Financial Aid Forms</u> .
APTS: Aid for Part-Time Study	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) 2021 NYS Tax Return to the Financial Aid Office.
Excelsior Scholarship: Free	1. Apply at <u>www.hesc.ny.gov</u> (this application is only available for a limited time each
Tuition for eligible full-time	year, check with the Financial Aid office to see when it will be available.)
students	
	You must complete the FAFSA and TAP applications first!
Federal Direct Stafford Loans	1. Complete the FAFSA first!
(Student Loans)	2. Complete a Student Federal Direct Stafford Loan cover sheet (available under
Optional	Financial Aid Forms). Sign and return form to the Financial Aid Office.
Optional	3. Complete your Entrance Counseling and Mater Promissory Note (MPN) - Go to
	www.studentaid.gov, hover over Complete Aid Process (detailed instructions are also
	available on the website).

For more information on <u>Applying for Financial Aid</u>, <u>Forms and Applications</u>, and <u>Financial Aid FAQ's</u> – please visit the <u>Financial Aid</u> page of SUNY Ulster's website!

For more information on <u>Scholarships</u>, please contact the Foundation Office at 845-687-5283.