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# Applying for Financial Aid

## SRTC School Code: 005615

#### 1. Know the School Year

Choose the school year you wish to attend from the chart below. This will ensure you submit the correct FAFSA for the terms you wish to attend.

FAFSA available 10/1/2020	2021-2022	Fall 2021	Spring 2022	Summer 2022	Use 2019 Income Information
FAFSA available 10/1/2021	2022-2023	Fall 2022	Spring 2023	Summer 2023	Use 2020 Income Information

#### 2. Collect Documents

Collect all necessary financial documents. Examples include Federal Tax Returns (1040), W2 forms, 1099s, unemployment statements and untaxed income statements, such as child support or disability statements. Students are required to provide their financial information on the FAFSA, and if applicable, financial information from their spouse, parent, and/or step-parent.

#### 3. Create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) User ID and Password

All students should create a FSA User ID and Password. For dependent students, a parent will also need to create an FSA User ID and Password. Your FSA User ID and Password serves as your electronic signature on the FAFSA, and will be used each year to renew your application. Please visit https://fsaid.ed.gov to create your User ID and Password.

#### 4. Go to www.fafsa.gov to complete your FAFSA. Select the correct school year from the drop down options.

Once you (and your parent) have your FSA User ID and Password, you can begin your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Refer to the chart above to select the correct school year for the terms you wish to attend. If you (and/or your parent) are given the option to transfer your tax information to your FAFSA from the IRS, we strongly encourage you to USE THIS OPTION. Be sure to click Transfer for your tax information to be populated on your FAFSA. This may significantly reduce the time necessary to process your financial aid. Not all students or parents can use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, for various reasons. If you are unable to use the IRS Data Retrieval Took, you will need to manually enter your tax information as it is appears on your tax document.

### Am I required to provide parent information?

If you can answer "Yes" to one of the questions below, you do NOT need parent information to complete your FAFSA.

- Are you 24 years of age?
- Are you married? (If married, you must include your spouse's income information)
- Do you have children or legal dependents that you financially support?
- Are you active duty military or a Veteran?

If you cannot answer "Yes" to one of the above questions, you MUST include parental information to complete your FAFSA. If extenuating circumstances exist where parental information is unavailable, the dependent student should contact the Financial Aid Office.

Fall Semester 2021	July 15, 2021	Fall Semester 2022	July 15, 2022			
Spring Semester 2022	November 20, 2021	Spring Semester 2023	November 20, 2022			
Summer Semester 2022	April 9, 2022	Summer Semester 2023	April 9, 2023			

### **Financial Aid Priority Dates**

Note: All required financial aid documents must be submitted by the Priority Dates. Financial aid applications/documents submitted after priority dates <u>will be</u> processed, but funds may not be available on the first day of classes to apply towards tuition and fees or to purchase books. Students submitting financial aid applications after the priority date should be prepared to self-pay fees. Once financial aid is awarded, a student may be eligible for reimbursement.

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