



Frequently Asked Financial Aid Questions

How do I apply for Financial Aid?	You will apply for Financial Aid by filling out the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid). The FAFSA is a free application. You can give the student our financial aid card that has the steps to apply on it. www.FAFSA.gov
What programs are eligible for Financial Aid?	Most of our degree seeking programs are eligible for aid. You can look in the catalog and it will indicated next to the program name whether it is FA eligible or not. The CNA course on its own is not eligible for aid, but when accepted into the nursing program it is eligible. Further questions can be referred to the FA staff.
Is there a deadline to complete the FAFSA?	<p>We have priority deadline for each semester. Those students that apply by the priority deadline will have their aid processed before tuition and fees are due. Students can apply after the priority deadline with the understanding that we won't guarantee their aid will be available to pay their fees or that their check will be available the Friday before classes begin.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">APPLICATION PRIORITY DEADLINES Fall – June 1st Spring – November 1st Summer – February 1st</p> <p>In order to meet the priority deadlines, all information must be turned in correct, complete, and ready to award by the priority date for the semester you wish to be awarded.</p>
Do I need to do a(n) ___ every semester?	<p>FAFSA: No. This has to be completed once a year. One school year will cover from July 1 to June 30 (Fall semester-Summer semester) of the next year.</p> <p>Entrance Loan Counseling: No, once you have completed entrance counseling you will not have to do it again.</p> <p>Master Promissory Note (MPN): No, once you sign an MPN it is good for 10 years.</p> <p>Exit Counseling: No, exit counseling should be completed once you leave EITC for good whether you are graduating or withdrawing.</p>
When can I pick up my FA check?	<p>Students can pick up their money the Friday before a semester begins unless they applied after the priority deadline. If they applied after the priority deadline, the soonest they would be able to pick up a check is two weeks after school starts. Students picking up checks after the original release date will need to do an attendance verification. Please refer students to the Cashier's Office for more explanation on the attendance verification form.</p> <p>If a student applies after the semester has started, there will be at least a two week wait from the time they receive their award letter to the time their check will be available for pick up from the cashier's office.</p> <p>All checks are to be picked up at the cashier's office with a government issued photo ID.</p>
Why do I have to fill out an attendance verification to pick up my check?	This is a Business Office question. Refer them to the cashier.

Does EITC offer short term loans to pay student fees?	No, EITC does not offer short term loans.
How do I pay my fees if we don't get our FA until after the fee deadline?	Tuition and fees will automatically be applied to your FA. The remaining amount of FA will be released in a check form to the student the Friday before the semester begins.
If I don't get FA until the Friday before classes begin, how do I get my books?	Students are responsible for having their books the first day of class. If a student is relying on their FA to buy books they will have to wait until checks are released to purchase the books. If they have other means of paying for the books they can purchase them before and reimburse themselves once the aid comes through.
Will I have to wait 30 days from the first day of class to receive my loan?	If the student is a first time borrower and has never attended college before then he will have to wait 30 days from the first day of the semester to receive his student loan.
Can I transfer my financial aid from another school?	Yes, the student will need to log into their FAFSA and make a correction. The student will need to add EITC's school code (011133) to their FAFSA. Once we receive the updated FAFSA, EITC will evaluate it for eligibility and then send out an award letter.
I haven't filed my taxes yet; can I still fill out a FAFSA?	<p>Yes, the student will have to indicate on the FAFSA that they have not filed and put in estimates of their income. Once the student has filed their taxes they will need to make a correction to their FAFSA. The student should use the IRS data retrieval tool in order to get the most accurate information.</p> <p>A student's file will not be awarded until the student has indicated that their taxes have been filed.</p>
I got this letter.....	<p>Missing information letter (on gold paper): The student will need to turn in the items listed on the letter. Most items will have an explanation of where to go to find the information (If no one in FA is available and you collect FA paperwork, inform the student it is their responsibility to make sure the paperwork is complete).</p> <p>Award Letter: All awards are based on full time (12+ credits) status. Pell grants will be adjusted according to credit load and eligibility. Awarded student loan amounts will be disbursed based on 6 or more credits, completed entrance counseling, a completed Master Promissory Note (MPN) and accept on WebAdvisor.</p> <p>Exit Loan Counseling: Student is either graduating or withdrawing and they must complete the exit loan counseling found on our website under Financial Aid, Loan Counseling.</p>
How do I do an in school loan deferment?	A student must be enrolled with at least 6 credits. Enrollment information is submitted to the National Student Clearing house on the 10 th day of classes and then every 30 days after that. If a student brings in a deferment form, give the form to the front desk. They will determine if the student is enrolled in school. They will then submit the information to the National Student Clearinghouse and they will notify the lender.
Scholarships?	Scholarship questions should be handled in the Foundation office with the exception of the State Opportunity Scholarship . If a student has a question about their Opportunity scholarship refer them to Financial Aid Director.