

Paying for College



Financial Goal: little to no debt incurred from college education!

STEP ONE: fill out your [FAFSA](#). Be aware that the **NEED-BASED AID** that your FAFSA determines *might* not be enough to cover all college expenses.



◆ **Apply for FAFSA **OCTOBER 1st****

each year. Applying after October 1st may cause delay of possible funds and could cause you to miss out on possible additional free funding.

- ◆ No more worries about estimating taxes or waiting until taxes are available. The FAFSA now allows students to report tax information from a **prior-prior tax year (PPY)** allowing tax information from two years ago.



NEED HELP
completing the FAFSA?
Appointment Info:
[NeSCC Financial Aid](#)
[Help Center](#)



[7 Things You Need Before](#)
[You Fill Out the FAFSA](#)

STEP TWO: research additional financial help based on your talents and interests: academic, artistic, athletic, etc. This type of assistance is known as **MERIT-BASED AID**. For example, TRiO SSS at NeSCC has a limited number of scholarship awards available for qualified participants.*

Each academic year, submit an [online application for the General Northeast State Scholarship and the Educational Access/Diversity Scholarship.](#)

APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE
(NeSCC General Scholarship App)
EARLY NOVEMBER
(Ed Access & Diversity App)
EARLY MARCH

Set yourself apart from other applicants by providing specific information about yourself on application essay sections.

- Personal attribute or accomplishment that makes you unique and memorable.
- Impact of scholarship on education or family/personal circumstance.
- Description of participated activities. These can include volunteer work, community service, leadership, club officer, etc.
- *Be sure to select the option on the application that indicates **YOU ARE A TRiO PARTICIPANT**. TRiO has scholarships funded by an outreach organization within the college.

The NeSCC Scholarship Programs Office determines TRiO scholarship recipients.

NeSCC has a list of [EXTERNAL SCHOLARSHIPS](#) that can be used as another possible resource to help with the cost of college. **Remember:** Scholarships usually have specific criteria, require documentation and have strict deadlines! Check to ensure the application is complete, all required documentation is attached, and deadlines have been considered.

! VERY IMPORTANT

If you are considering dropping, auditing or withdrawing at any point in the semester, **FIRST SPEAK WITH [NeSCC Financial Aid - Room C2406](#)**. Otherwise, you could jeopardize scholarship funds and/or be required to pay back monies.