



Important Information

Remember to check out our [important dates](#) for the latest information on when disbursements or financial aid refunds will happen.

Apply for scholarships now if you have done so already!
Remember the FAFSA application will be available for the 2019-2020 academic year on October 1, 2018.

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**Applying for
Scholarships
just got easier!
Apply Now!**

Completing Your FAFSA

To apply for most federal financial aid, including federal and state grants, you will need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The Student Financial Aid & Scholarships Office at Tri-C offers free FAFSA Completion Days to assist you and your family through this process. October 1 is the first day that you can file a FAFSA for the corresponding academic year. Call us for more information or to make an appointment at 216-987-6000. If you plan to start school in the Fall 2018, Spring 2019, or Summer 2019, it is not too late! Call us today!

You will need to bring the following information:

- You and your parents (if applicable) FSA ID. If you need to create one, go to www.fsaaid.gov
- If you filed taxes, please bring your 2016 federal tax return or any income information for tax year 2016. IRS transcripts can be ordered by going to <https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript>
- If you are a dependent student, please bring your parents income information with you

VIDEO Student Testimonial



My parents helped me complete the FAFSA

Taylor H., college senior

Find out why Taylor H. thinks the financial aid application process is "pretty simple."

[Video Transcript](#)

I HAVE APPLIED FOR FINANCIAL AID, WHAT HAPPENS NOW?

Many times students are confused on what their next steps may be after they have completed and submitted their FAFSA. They are unsure of how much their financial aid will be and how they will pay their school expenses such as tuition, books and other fees.

The Student Financial Aid and Scholarships Office provides outreach to students through their My Tri-C Space account to help them navigate the financial aid process. This allows them to receive an official award letter from the college in a timely manner.

Email confirmations are sent to students notifying them that their FAFSA has been received and to log onto their My Tri-C Space to view additional requirements. Once their financial aid is processed, the financial aid award letter is made available to students. A financial aid award letter is a collection of different types of financial aid from multiple sources. It is intended to help students fill the gap between their ability to pay, their expected family contribution or EFC, and the cost of attendance or COA. *The Award Letter consists of three areas:*

Need Calculation				Cost of Attendance	
Cost of Attendance	\$9,862.00	Books and Supplies		\$1,700.00	
Estimated Family Contribution	\$3,689.00	Institutional Fees		\$100.00	
Initial Need	\$6,173.00	Personal Expenses		\$1,500.00	
Outside Resource	\$0.00	Room and Board		\$3,000.00	
Need	\$6,173.00	In-County Tuition and Fees		\$2,062.00	
		Transportation		\$1,500.00	
		Total:		\$9,862.00	
Expected Enrollment Status					
Full Time					
Financial Aid Award by Term for the 2018-2019 Processing Year					
	Fall 2018		Spring 2019		
	Status	Amount	Status	Amount	Total
Fund					
Federal Pell Grant	Accepted	\$1,223.00	Accepted	\$1,222.00	\$2,445.00
Federal Work-Study	Accepted	\$1,500.00	Accepted	\$1,500.00	\$3,000.00
Direct Subsidized Loan	Offered	\$364.00	Offered	\$364.00	\$728.00
Direct Unsubsidized Loan	Offered	\$1,845.00	Offered	\$1,844.00	\$3,689.00
Totals		\$4,932.00		\$4,930.00	\$9,862.00

1) *The Need calculation*- The school uses this number to determine how much and what type of aid a student may be eligible for. This number is calculated by using the student's cost of attendance and subtracting it by the student's expected family contribution.

2) *The Cost of Attendance*- the COA is the cornerstone of establishing a student's financial need. This calculation takes into account a student's direct and indirect costs. An example of indirect costs includes room and board, travel and personal expenses. This allows the students to receive their maximum eligibility. Direct costs may include tuition, fees and books.

3) *Financial Aid Awards by Term* – This is broken down by the entire academic year (fall and spring) and will include the students estimated awards such as grants, loans, work study and additional resources. The award letter is based on a full time enrollment status (class registration of 12 credits or more).

- Grants are a source of free money that students do not have to pay back. Grants will adjust based on enrollment.
- Work-Study is a need based program that allows the student to work and earn money while they are taking classes.
- Loans are a low interest rate program that allows students to borrow money from the Department of Education and pay it back later. Loans are considered the last option once all other funding options have been exhausted.

You can view your financial aid award letter by following these instructions:

- ***Go to: www.tri-c.edu/mytricspace***
- ***Click on "View My Financial Aid Award"***
- ***Select the appropriate aid year (i.e. 2018/2019)***
- ***Click on "Award Overview"***

Financial aid is a vital part of students' success in reaching their goals of obtaining higher education. The Student Financial Aid and Scholarships Office is committed to helping our students achieve their goals. For more information on obtaining and understanding your financial aid award letter please contact us at **216-987-6000 option #2**.

Student Spotlight:

Mohamed Ag Almahamoud



Mohamed Ag Almahamoud is a native of Mali and graduated from high school in 2011 in his native country where he spoke French as his first language. Mohamed joined Cuyahoga Community College in 2014 and started as an ESL student to improve his English and pursue his career. He has shown so much leadership in the time he has been at Tri-C. Mohamed is currently a Student Ambassador for the college and also serves as the President of the Student Government. Mohamed has won one of the Frances Franklin essay awards/scholarships for 1819 and was also named Student of the Year in the 17-18 award year. While at Tri-C Mohamed has also earned Certificate of Merit received from the Black American Council Mentoring Program, Certificate of Academic Excellence and has also been named as an Advanced and Distinguished Certified Leader.

How has your experience been at Tri-C?

"Tri-C has given me one of the best experiences in my life. I have learned how to get out my comfort zone and be the best person I have never believed I could be. I believe that the main purpose of my life is to serve others. Tri-C has given me the opportunity to take the lead and serve my peers by being a Student Ambassador and the President of the Metro Campus student government and utilize all the unlimited resources available here. Also, my life has been impacted by so many people while at Tri-C. My professors and the faculty members inspired me to keep going even when I was going through hardship."

What advice do you have for students who are just starting Tri-C?

"The advice that I have for new students is first of all, Tri-C is the best place to start anything they would like to do in the future. I will urge them to take advantage of the unlimited resources available at Tri-C and ask a lot of questions."

What will you pursue after you finish your degree here and what job would you love to have in the future?

"After obtaining my associate of science degree, I would like to pursue my education at Cleveland State University to get my bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering and Math. Also, "to whom much is given, much is always required" Tri-C has given me the opportunity to be the best version of myself. I have gained a lot of experience working as a Student Ambassador and as the President of Metro Student Government. I will be happy to take advantage of any job opportunity that Tri-C can offer me to be able to use my experience and help my peers back."

Student Resources:

Benefits Access/Project Go!



Cuyahoga Community College has partnered with the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS) and the Ohio Benefit Bank (OBB) and the Cleveland Food Bank to break down barriers to college completion.

CashCourse

Take advantage and expand your financial knowledge! Learn more about what CashCourse has to offer you!

A colorful banner for 'CashCourse: Your Real-Life Money Guide.' The banner features various financial icons like a dollar sign, a calculator, a laptop, a coffee cup, and a credit card. Below the banner, there are three columns of information:

- School Administrator:** If you're enrolled in CashCourse, create an account to create student assignments, track student progress, and download workshop kits and marketing resources. Includes a briefcase icon, a 'Get Started.' button, and a link for 'Already enrolled? Log in.'
- Students:** CashCourse is your guide to making informed financial choices. Get prepared for whatever life has in store. Register for a **free account** and take charge of your money. Includes a briefcase icon, a 'Register Now.' button, and a link for 'Already registered? Log in.'
- Other:** If you aren't affiliated with a college or university, you can still register for CashCourse. Create an account and get access to all of CashCourse's great resources. Includes a briefcase icon, a 'Register Now.' button, and a link for 'Already registered? Log in.'

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