



## Full Tuition Assistance Program FAQ

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**1. Who is eligible for the Full Tuition Assistance program?**

New and continuing Tri-C students who live in Cuyahoga County, have experienced a financial hardship and plan to enroll in credit or noncredit programs between the Fall 2020 and Fall 2021 semester\*

**2. What does the Full Tuition Assistance program cover?**

It covers tuition and institutional fees for credit programs, up to 15 credits per semester, for one year. Alternatively, it can be used to cover the full length of any noncredit program.

**3. How do I apply for the Full Tuition Assistance program?**

Interested students must complete the Full Tuition Assistance program application at [tri-c.edu/tuitionassistance](https://tri-c.edu/tuitionassistance) to determine eligibility.

**4. Do I need to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) in addition to the program application?**

Yes, all applicants must complete the FAFSA in order to determine financial hardship. Summer 2021 students should complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA; Fall 2021 students should complete the 2021-2022 FAFSA.

**5. Can I apply for the Full Tuition Assistance program if I already receive tuition remission?**

Yes. Students who receive tuition remission may receive program funding for fees not covered by tuition remission.

**6. Am I eligible for Full Tuition Assistance if I have enough Pell Grant funds to cover my tuition and institutional fees?**

If your tuition and institutional fees are fully covered by a Pell Grant, scholarships and/or other resources, you are not eligible to receive funds from the Full Tuition Assistance program. All other funds for which you are eligible are considered first when determining eligibility for this award.

**7. Am I eligible for the Full Tuition Assistance program if I've already completed a bachelor's degree?**

Even if you are no longer eligible for a Pell Grant, pandemic-related financial hardship or loss of income may qualify you for the program. Income guidelines will determine your eligibility.

**8. Am I eligible for the Full Tuition Assistance program if I've exhausted my Pell Grant eligibility (used the lifetime eligibility limit)?**

Even if you've exhausted your lifetime eligibility, pandemic-related financial hardship or loss of income

may qualify you for the program. Income guidelines will determine your eligibility.

**9. Can I use an external scholarship and Full Tuition Assistance funds to pay my tuition and institutional fees?**

Based on the terms of the external scholarship, we may need to apply those funds to your tuition and institutional fees first. We will review options with eligible students individually.

**10. Is there a deadline to apply for the Full Tuition Assistance program?**

The registration deadlines are May 24 for Summer 2021 and Aug. 23 for Fall 2021.

**11. How will I know if I'm approved for the Full Tuition Assistance program?**

Once you have completed all of the steps required, you will be notified of your eligibility.

**12. Is there a minimum GPA required for the Full Tuition Assistance program?**

All students with an academic history must have a 2.0 cumulative GPA to receive the scholarship and all selected scholarship recipients must maintain a 2.0 for eligibility.

**13. Am I eligible for the Full Tuition Assistance program if I lost my Pell Grant due to failure to maintain Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)?**

Pandemic-related financial hardship or loss of income may still qualify you for the program; however, regaining Pell eligibility through an approved SAP appeal or other means may make you ineligible for Full Tuition Assistance funds.

**14. What happens if I withdraw from or fail courses after receiving funds from the Full Tuition Assistance program?**

Students must maintain good academic standing in order to qualify for and continue receiving funds through the Full Tuition Assistance program. This includes completing all courses each semester.

**15. Are College Credit Plus (CCP) students eligible for the Full Tuition Assistance program?**

CCP students still enrolled in high school are not eligible to receive financial aid. However, CCP students who graduate and enroll in regular programs may be eligible for the Full Tuition Assistance program.

**16. Can I apply for the Full Tuition Assistance program if I'm not eligible to complete the FAFSA?**

The FAFSA is required for all students interested in the Full Tuition Assistance program in order to determine financial hardship due to a loss or change in income. Students who are not eligible to complete the FAFSA may be eligible for other scholarships.

**17. How long does the Full Tuition Assistance program last?**

\*The scholarship will accept students until Fall of 2021 and the scholarship will end the Spring 2022 semester.

**18. Are international students eligible for the Full Tuition Assistance program?**

You must be a resident of Cuyahoga County to be eligible.