

WTC FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Welcome to Withlacoochee Technical College (WTC). Financial assistance is meant to supplement the efforts of the student and/or the student's family. The financial aid programs provided by WTC make it feasible for students who would normally be deprived of a technical education because of lack of funds to obtain the education they desire.

The following sources of educational financial assistance may be available to WTC students:

- **Federal Pell Grant** – apply [online](#)
- **State Tuition Assistance Grant** – apply [online](#)
- **Community Based Scholarships** – apply through WTC Student Services Department
- **Veterans' Educational Benefits** – apply [online](#)

NOTE: WTC does not participate in student loans.

HOW TO APPLY FOR FEDERAL STUDENT FINANCIAL AID (FSA)

[Complete and submit](#) your free application for federal student aid, also known as the FAFSA. States and colleges use FAFSA information to award their own grants, scholarships, and loans. But, since aid is limited, you have to meet the deadlines.

State FAFSA Deadlines:

Each state has its own deadline.

FLORDIA – May 15th of the current award year.

College FAFSA Deadlines:

Each college may have its own deadline that may differ from the state deadline. Check with the college(s) you are interested in attending. You may also want to ask your college about its definition of an application deadline.

Create an **FSA ID** which consists of a user-created **username** and **password**. This FSA identification (ID) allows users to electronically access personal information on Federal Student Aid websites as well as electronically sign your FAFSA application. If you are providing parent information, your parent must also create a username and password (separate and different from student's FSA ID). ***Keep this information in a secure place. You will need it to access any future FAFSA applications.***

Gather the following information before you apply:

- Your Social Security number and your parents' Social Security numbers, if you are providing parent information.
- Your Driver's License number, if you have one.

- Your Alien Registration number (green card) or permanent residence card if you are not a United States citizen.

Sign your application using your FSA ID and Password and your parents' FSA ID and Password, if you are providing parent information. It can take up to 5 business days for your FAFSA to be processed. Once your application has been processed, you will receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) by email or postal mail.

It is the student's responsibility to contact the financial aid department to finalize your financial aid.

NOTE: Finalized FAFSA application and all supporting documentation must be received by the WTC Financial Aid Office prior to the May 15th deadline to be eligible for approval and award.

You can contact the **Federal Government** at **800-433-3243** for help with your application or contact **WTC's Financial Aid Office** at **352-726-2430 Ext. 4316 or 4332**.

TIPS TO COMPLETE YOUR APPLICATION

The FAFSA application is based on prior-prior year financial income – actual tax data from the most recent completed filing will be required.

The **Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Data Retrieval Tool** on your application is the best and easiest way to provide accurate tax information. Use it to transfer your IRS income information into your FAFSA and, if you are married, your spouse's.

If you are unable or choose to not use the IRS Data Retrieval in FAFSA and your application is selected for verification, you will need to submit an IRS Tax Return Transcript to the school – not a photocopy of the income tax return. To obtain an IRS Tax Return Transcript, access the [“Get Your Tax Record”](#) portion of the IRS's website, scroll down, and click on the “Get Transcript Online” button, or call **1-800-908-9946**. You may also go to the local IRS Office located at 3300 SW 34th Avenue, Ocala, Florida 34474. Make sure to request the “IRS Tax **RETURN** Transcript”, not the “IRS Tax **ACCOUNT** Transcript”. You will need your Social Security Number, date of birth, and the address on file with the IRS.

If you are married and you and your spouse filed separate tax returns, or if you filed an amended tax return, you will not be able to use the Data Retrieval Tool. You must submit an IRS Tax Return Transcript for both you and your spouse.

If you get federal student aid based on incorrect information, you will have to pay it back. You may also have to pay fines and/or fees.

STUDENT AID ELIGIBILITY

- Have a High School Diploma or a GED® credential.
- Be working toward a certificate in an eligible program.
- Be a US Citizen or eligible non-citizen.
- Have a valid Social Security Number.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress once in school.
- Certify that you are not in default on a federal student loan and do not owe money on a federal student grant.
- Certify that you will use federal student aid only for educational purposes.

Even if you are ineligible for federal aid, you should complete the FAFSA because you may still be eligible for non-federal aid from State and Private Institutions.

If you are convicted of a drug-related offense after you submit the FAFSA, you might lose eligibility for federal student aid, and you might be liable for returning any financial aid you received during the period of ineligibility.

WTC Mission Statement:

To provide the highest quality academic and technical education for current and emerging careers in a competitive workforce.

TRAINING TODAY FOR TOMORROW'S WORKFORCE

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