

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

1. What kinds of financial aid are available at Suncoast Technical College?

Adults can apply for a PELL grant from the Federal Government and/or for local scholarships associated with Suncoast. Some Suncoast programs are not eligible for PELL grants; however, most programs are eligible for local scholarship consideration. You can also select from various community organizations that offer scholarship opportunities to schools in the surrounding area. You can get additional information from a Financial Aid Specialist in Student Services.

2. How do I apply for a financial aid Pell grant?

Go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. Apply for PIN number. This is a 4 digit number you create yourself. This is what you use to sign your application electronically.

3. What information will I need to fill out the FAFSA online?

In order to fill out the FAFSA online you will need the previous year's tax returns for you and/or your parents.

4. What is your school code?

When asked what schools you want to receive your application, enter Suncoast's school code (013689). **Be sure to save and submit your application.**

5. What happens after I apply to FAFSA online?

One week after submitting your FAFSA online, YOU MUST CALL SUNCOAST TO VERIFY IF YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED AT SUNCOAST. At this time, you must meet with a Suncoast Financial Aid Specialist who will distribute additional information and explain what is required to complete your Suncoast financial aid file.

6. What documents will I need to bring?

This will be explained to you when you meet with a Financial Aid Specialist. At this meeting time, you will be given financial aid packets with information for you to complete and a list of documents that you will need to provide to Suncoast.

7. Am I required to have a high school diploma or a GED?

To be eligible for federal and state financial aid, you must have an official high school transcript or a GED from an accredited institution.

8. Is there a deadline to complete the financial aid packets?

All Title IV financial aid paperwork must be completed and returned to the financial aid office at least 30 days prior to the first day of class! April 1 of every year is the deadline. Paperwork that is NOT thoroughly complete will NOT be accepted. You will not receive any Title IV financial aid funds until you have gone through all of the appropriate steps and signed documents accepting your award in the Suncoast Financial Aid Office.

9. How do I contact the Suncoast Financial Aid Office?

SUNCOAST FINANCIAL AID OFFICE: (941) 924-1365 X62363 or X62318

The Financial Aid Office Hours at Suncoast are as follows:

Monday - Thursday 7:45 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Friday 7:45 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Late appointments available upon request.

FAFSA HELP LINE: 1-800-433-3243

10. How do I apply for other scholarships?

A scholarship application will be given to you when you meet with a Financial Aid Specialist. Thoroughly complete the application and provide the requested documentation. Return the completed forms to the Suncoast Financial Aid Office.

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