



# financial aid guide

## APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

### COMPLETE YOUR FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID (FAFSA)

#### #1 go to StudentAid.gov

- hover over the *FAFSA Form menu* and choose *Complete the FAFSA Form*
- *first time filing a FAFSA* - choose *Start New Form* and create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) account, then verify phone number and email address for easier access.
- *filed a FAFSA before* - choose the *Access Existing Form* button to continue

#### #2 choose *student or parent* accordingly

#### #3 complete each section

- > *student identity information/state of legal residence* - social security number, permanent address and date legal residence was established in the state
- > *provide consent and approval or be ineligible for federal student aid* - provide consent and approval for tax information to be loaded directly from the IRS to your FAFSA application
- > *personal circumstances* - provide information to establish dependency status

#### DEPENDENT STUDENT

required parent information includes:

- first and last name, date of birth, social security number, email address (this address must be used for the parent's FSA ID)
- if parent(s) are married, information must be supplied for both parents (stepparent) in the order they appear on their taxes

a message will be sent to the parent(s) at the provided email as contributor requiring the download of tax information from the IRS

#### #4 > *demographics/financials* - students provide demographic and financial information

#### #5 > *school selection* - Stark State school code: 011141

#### #6 > *sign and complete* - read information, check box and select sign

#### CONFIRMATION PAGE is available to print

The Department of Education will notify you in 1-3 business days whether your FAFSA can be processed successfully.

Stark State will send notifications to your college email

- when your FAFSA is received at Stark State (within 5-7 business days)
- about an incomplete FAFSA or other unfulfilled requirements, including uncompleted mandatory items on your financial aid dashboard (in mySSC)
- when your financial aid award offer is ready

If you're required to make a correction to your FAFSA, please contact the College for assistance. **Once you've been admitted to the college, all financial aid communication will go to your Stark State email.**

#### FSA ID LOGIN INFORMATION save for future use

email \_\_\_\_\_

username \_\_\_\_\_

password \_\_\_\_\_

challenge answer #1 \_\_\_\_\_

challenge answer #2 \_\_\_\_\_

challenge answer #3 \_\_\_\_\_

challenge answer #4 \_\_\_\_\_

save key \_\_\_\_\_

Stark State school code 011141

secure code \_\_\_\_\_

## YOUR FINANCIAL AID AWARD

Financial aid award offers are viewable on your financial aid dashboard in mySSC 24 hours after all requirements are complete: [mySSC > financial aid > your financial aid dashboard > award offer](#)

All awards are initially calculated for full-time (12 or more credit hours per semester) attendance; amounts will be adjusted according to your actual attendance.

## FINANCIAL AID TUITION AND BOOKS PROCESS

Grants and loans are applied directly to your tuition and fees once all requirements are complete.

You can choose to use your financial aid in the Stark State College Store. Books and supplies can be charged to your account using any excess funds after payment of tuition and fees by informing the College Store associate when you check out.

Excess funds are returned to you according to the Stark State distribution of funds schedule found at [starkstate.edu/costsdisbursement](#).

Set up your refund preference:  
[mySSC > myBill+Payment > refunds](#).

## GRANT PROGRAMS AND PROCESS

Each student is automatically awarded any federal grants for which they qualify. Unlike student loans, grants do not have to be paid back.

Read about the grant programs awarded through Stark State, visit [starkstate.edu/grants-and-work-programs](#).

## STUDENT LOAN PROGRAMS

Depending on eligibility, you'll see one or both of these federal student loan options on your dashboard:

**subsidized loan** eligibility is based on financial need; the U.S. Department of Education pays the interest while you are in school at least half time (6 credit hours)

**unsubsidized loan** eligibility is not based on financial need; interest accrues on this loan while you are in school, during grace periods and during deferment or forbearance periods

The FSA ID required to complete this form is the same as that used to complete the FAFSA.

All subsidized and unsubsidized loans incur a 1.094% origination fee by the Department of Education that will be taken out of your loan award before it is credited to your account.

You must be enrolled for a minimum of 6 credit hours to be eligible for the federal student loan programs.

## STUDENT LOAN PROCESS

Accept your loans by logging in to [mySSC > financial aid > your financial aid dashboard > award offer](#) to accept the amount you need for the year.

Complete entrance counseling using your FSA ID, log in to your [StudentAid.gov](#) account and complete loan entrance counseling for undergraduate students

Complete your Master Promissory Note using your FSA ID, log in to your [StudentAid.gov](#) account and complete a Master Promissory Note for undergraduate students

## SCHOLARSHIP PROCESS

**Stark State scholarship** - complete the Stark State scholarship application at [starkstate.edu/scholarships](#).

**other scholarships** - if you receive a scholarship from an external source, have the check mailed to:

Stark State College  
Business and Finance Office  
6200 Frank Ave NW  
North Canton, OH 44720

Review our website for potential scholarship opportunities:  
[starkstate.edu/scholarships/external](#).

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