

# START PLANNING EARLY

The key to financing your education is to start planning early.

The more you know about how financial aid works, the better prepared you'll be to pay for college.

For the most current financial aid information, visit the Stark State financial aid webpage at [starkstate.edu/finaid](http://starkstate.edu/finaid).

We're happy to help you in person, too. If you have any questions about the financial aid process, stop in Gateway Student Services at main campus or in Akron.

### Hours

Monday through Wednesday, 8 a.m.-6:30 p.m.  
Thursday and Friday, 8 a.m.-4:30 p.m.  
(closed at 3 p.m. on Fridays during spring break and June and July)

You can also email [studentservices@starkstate.edu](mailto:studentservices@starkstate.edu) or call us at 330-494-6170 ext. 4301.

## Scholarships

You may be eligible for scholarship assistance. A complete list of scholarships is available at [starkstate.edu/scholarships](http://starkstate.edu/scholarships). Scholarship awards are divided between fall and spring semesters, unless otherwise designated by the donor.

**If you think you don't qualify for scholarships – think again.**

## SCHOLARSHIP MYTHS

### You **DON'T** have to

#### be a certain age.

Students of all ages are using SSC scholarship dollars.

#### have financial need.

Our scholarships go to students of all income levels.

#### live in a certain area.

Stark State scholarship recipients come from all over.

#### pass a test or have a high GPA.

Many scholarships are based on other factors.

#### pay back the money.

It's a gift from good-hearted donors who want to help you get a good education.

#### fill out lots of complicated forms.

Just answer a few easy questions at [starkstate.edu/scholarships](http://starkstate.edu/scholarships) (click on the blue button).



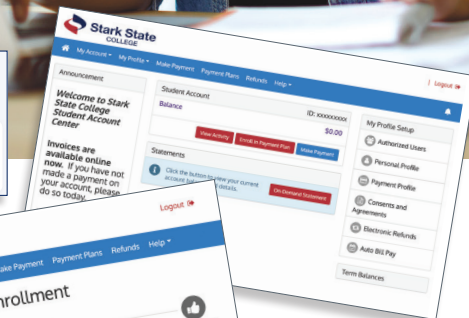
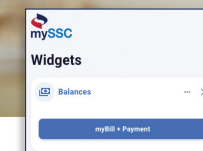
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## paying for college

financial aid • scholarships • payment portal



**Spend less. Earn more. Go further.**

## Applying for financial aid

To help you pay for college using federal aid such as grants, work study and loans, you are required to file the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** every year. *The Stark State College school code is 011141.*

### Preparing to fill out the FAFSA

The FAFSA process is quicker and easier when you have a username and password called an FSA ID. If your parent is providing information on your FAFSA, he or she will need his or her own FSA ID as well. Learn more about the FSA ID and how to create yours at [studentaid.gov/fsaid](http://studentaid.gov/fsaid).

Gather information; the FAFSA asks questions about you and your finances, so have all your applicable information handy, including

- Social Security number
- alien registration number (if applicable)
- federal tax information and tax returns
- records of untaxed income (if applicable)
- cash, savings and checking account balances
- investments other than the home in which you live.

if you plan to attend Stark State College	submit FAFSA for	use your income and tax information from	priority deadline
spring 2025	2024-2025	2022	Nov. 1
summer 2025	2025-2026	2023	April 1
fall 2025	2025-2026	2023	July 1
spring 2026	2025-2026	2023	Nov. 1
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### Filling out the FAFSA

Each October, the FAFSA is available for the next school year. It is important to fill it out every year as soon as possible to meet deadlines. **You can complete and submit the FAFSA electronically at [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov).**

### FAFSA follow-up

After you submit your FAFSA, the results will be sent to Stark State College within 7-10 business days.

process timeline		
You will receive an email from the US Dept. of Education within a few days letting you know your FAFSA was processed.	Stark State College may request additional information via your Stark State email account. Please respond promptly.	After review, we will send you an email that your award package is ready for your review via mySSC.

*Check your email regularly to avoid missing financial updates and being held responsible for your account balance.*

## Using myBill+Payment

Your statement balance is available **only online** via mySSC; it will not be mailed to you. Select a payment option using **myBill+Payment** via **mySSC**.

- > **available 24/7**
- > **real-time information**

- + balance
- + statement
- + payment center
- + refunds
- + 1098T form
- + and more

### You'll see:

#### announcements

- payment dates
- other deadlines

#### student account

- view activity
- enroll in a payment plan
- make a payment

#### statements

- view and print your account balance

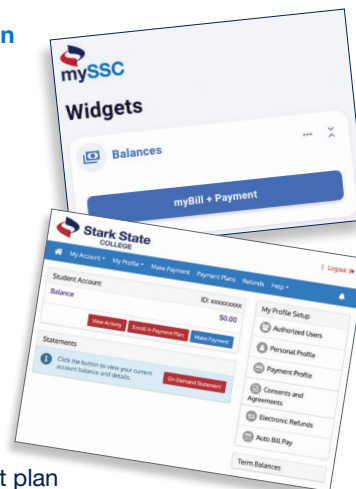
#### My Profile

- authorize users
- update personal profile
- set up payment profile, autopay and refund preferences (important for receiving financial aid and other refunds)

### Refunds

If your account has an overpayment or you're expecting a financial aid refund, you have two options and will need to select one in My Profile:

1. direct deposit to your bank/savings account
2. mailed check; verify your current mailing address in My Profile



## Payment options

Visit [starkstate.edu/payment](http://starkstate.edu/payment) for due dates.

### PAY IN FULL

Payment of tuition and fees may be made in full

- online using **myBill+Payment** via **mySSC**
- at the cashier's window, S300 (main campus)
- deposited in the payment drop box on the third floor of the Student Services Building
- at SSC Akron at the College Store
- by mail: Bursar's Office, 6200 Frank Ave. NW, N. Canton, OH 44720.

Fees may be paid with cash, check, money order, debit card or Visa/MasterCard/Discover card. There will be a 3.5 % processing fee on credit card transactions.

Do not send cash in the mail or drop box. If you are paying by mail, enclose the statement with your payment. The most accurate way to view your current tuition and fees is online via myBill+Payment.

### PAYMENT PLAN

You have the option of a payment plan that allows you to pay your tuition and fees in installments. A \$25 fee per semester is assessed, but no interest is charged.

Go to **myBill+Payment** via **mySSC** to set up your payment plan.

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#### questions about payment

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#### mySSC

myssc.starkstate.edu