



FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

1) Determine if you are a dependent or independent student.

- If you are 24 or older, you are an INDEPENDENT student.
- If you are under 24 years of age and do not meet the Department of Education's criteria for independent status, you are a DEPENDENT student. Your parents MUST do the application online with you, provide their income information, & sign this forms packet.
 - Will you be 24 or older by Dec. 31 of the school year for which you are applying for financial aid?
 - Will you be working toward a master's or doctorate degree (M.A., M.B.A., M.D., J.D., Ph.D., Ed.D., etc.)?
 - Are you married or separated but not divorced?
 - Do you have children who receive more than half of their support from you?
 - Do you have dependents (other than children or a spouse) that live with you and receive more than half of their support from you?
 - At any time since you turned age 13, were both of your parents deceased, were you in **foster care**, or were you a ward or dependent of the court?
 - Are you an **emancipated minor** or are you in a **legal guardianship** as determined by a court?
 - Are you an unaccompanied youth who is **homeless** or self-supporting and at risk of being homeless?
 - Are you currently serving on active duty in the U.S. armed forces for purposes other than training?
 - Are you a veteran of the U.S. armed forces?

2) Do your Application (FAFSA) online.

- Go to fsaid.ed.gov to create your FSA ID. *Note: for dependent students, your parents will need a FSA ID also.
- Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to do your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and complete the FAFSA. FCTC's Federal School Code is **012544**. (Enter this number & click "add", or search by name.)
- **If you need assistance with your FSA ID or your FAFSA, STOP & call 800.433.3243.**
- You may be required to provide a signed copy of your taxes to verify the tax information included on your FAFSA application. This would include parental taxes if you are a dependent student.
YOU SHOULD HAVE YOUR TAXES FILED PRIOR TO COMPLETING YOUR APPLICATION.
- If you claim you are not required to file taxes, complete the income section accurately.

3) **Read your student aid report.** If you do not receive an email with your student aid report attached, please call 800.433.3243 to check on the status of your application.

4) **Submit the following forms to the FCTC Financial Aid Office with your High School diploma or GED certificate (or transcripts) and your ID. If you are a DEPENDENT student, your parent MUST sign the Verification Worksheet.**

You may be asked to provide additional information at the discretion of the Financial Aid Office. If you can't, or refuse to, provide requested records, we will consider your application incomplete. Students must report any changes in address, phone number, etc. to Financial Aid within one week.

High School Completion

Students must provide identification as well as proof of receiving a high school diploma or GED. Please provide one of the following documents that indicate the student's high school completion status:

- A copy of the student's high school diploma.
- A copy of the student's final official high school transcript that shows the date when the diploma was awarded.
- A copy of the student's General Educational Development (GED) certificate or GED transcript.
- An academic transcript that indicates the student successfully completed at least a two-year program that is acceptable for full credit toward a bachelor's degree.
- If the student was homeschooled, obtain a secondary school completion credential for homeschool from the County School District that authorized completion of requirements.

Statement of Educational Purpose

Students must appear in person at First Coast Technical College to verify his or her identity by presenting valid government-issued photo identification (ID), such as, but not limited to, a driver's license, other state-issued photo ID, or passport.

I certify that I _____ am the individual signing this

(Print Student's Name)

Statement of Educational Purpose and that the federal student financial assistance I may receive will only be used for educational purposes and to pay the cost of attending

_____ for the _____ school year.

(Name of Postsecondary Educational Institution)

(Enter Year)

Student's Signature

Student ID# (Social Security # plus an X at the end)

Date

FCTC Employee check correct boxes below & sign here: _____

FCTC Employee Signature

STUDENT PRESENTED:

- HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA
- HIGH SCHOOL TRANSCRIPT
- HOME SCHOOL CERTIFICATE
- GED CERTIFICATE

- GED TRANSCRIPT
- VERIFIED W/PROGRAM'S APP.
- OTHER: _____
- COPY OF IDENTIFICATION ATTACHED

WARNING: You must fill out these forms accurately. The information that you supply may be verified by FCTC, the State of Florida, and/or by the U.S. Department of Education. FCTC will report all cases of fraud to the Federal Office of the Inspector General. If you get student aid based on incorrect information, you will have to pay it back; you may also have to pay fines and fees. If you purposely give false or misleading information on your application, you may be fined \$20,000, sent to prison, or both.

STUDENT INFORMATION			
Please write your information clearly.			
Last name	First name	Middle initial; Junior, Senior, etc.	
Mailing address	City	State	Zip code
Date of birth	Primary phone number	Second phone number	
Social Security number	Email address		
FAMILY INFORMATION			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If you're an independent student, list yourself and if applicable, add your spouse & any children under 24 in your household. • If you're a dependent student, list yourself & your primary parent. If applicable, add their spouse & any children under 24 for which your parent provides more than 50% of their financial support. 			
Name	Relationship	Age	College currently attending

Your email address should be current & you should check your email regularly. The Financial Aid Office will use email to contact your during the application process & throughout your enrollment.

NAME OF PROGRAM: _____ PREFERRED ENTRY DATE: _____

Do you have a High School Diploma or GED? Yes No Do you have a Bachelor's Degree Yes No

Each person signing below certifies that all of the information on these forms is complete and correct.

Student signature Parent's signature (if student is under 24 years old) Date Verification worksheet

Agreement to Defer Tuition & Fees

Signature of this forms packet & application for aid indicate consent to the following:

- I understand that my attendance, grades & performance in class directly affect my aid. I also understand this deferment is based on estimated financial aid. If I fail to comply with FCTC Financial Aid policies, I understand that this deferment can be revoked. If this occurs, I agree to pay for the course myself, obtain secondary tuition assistance, and/or remove myself from class. Students receiving financial aid must miss no more than 17% of scheduled hours, must maintain a 2.0 GPA, and receive a satisfactory academic progress grade.
- I fully understand that I am personally responsible for the tuition and expenses incurred at FCTC.
- I agree for FCTC to deduct certification fees from my financial aid.
- If I withdraw from class before the scheduled end of the session, Financial Aid will process my grant and apply those funds toward any outstanding costs. If a balance is left, I agree to pay the remaining tuition.
- I will notify Financial Aid of any other sources of financial assistance and / or secondary agencies providing funding to me for personal or school purposes, such as tuition funding, scholarships, grants, subsidy, etc.
- If I fail to satisfy this obligation, non-payment will affect my status at FCTC as a student, up to and including dismissal from class. Furthermore, I understand that I will not be able to register again or conduct any official business with FCTC (including release of records, certificates, grades, etc.) until I take care of all obligations.
- I agree to be liable for any and all collection costs or fees which FCTC incurs as a result of my failure to pay, including referral to a collection agency.

Books & Supplies

If you are a Pell grant recipient and have a credit balance available, *you can charge your first semester supplies, up to the amount of your available credit.* This is for first time students entering a new program. This is a one-time charge that can only be used when you first enter class. Your available credit will be listed on your award letter that you get from the Financial Aid Office. **Students should plan to pay for all books, supplies, etc., that are not covered by their available grant money and/or that are needed after first semester.**

I DO I DO NOT want to charge my supplies against my Pell grant credit. Or, Not applicable.

Miscellaneous Authorizations & Certifications

- I authorize FCTC Financial Aid to amend my FAFSA as necessary to correct data elements and/or resolve conflicts of information.
- I authorize FCTC to deduct all educational expenses incurred at FCTC from my Pell Grant award and any other financial aid sources of disbursement.
- I certify that I do not owe a refund on any student grant or loan, am not in default on any loan (or have made satisfactory arrangements to repay any defaulted loan & have been in successful repayment for a period of at least six months), and have not borrowed in excess of the loan limits, under Title IV programs, at any institution.
- I certify that as a condition of my Pell Grant, I will not engage in the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession or use of a controlled substance during the period covered by my Pell Grant or any other Federal or State Aid.

Student's Signature

Student ID# (Social Security # plus an X at the end)

Date