

Road Map for Financial Aid

(Keep as a reference throughout the Financial Aid process)

1. Complete the FAFSA application.

- Complete the FAFSA form at www.fafsa.gov. FCC will receive your FAFSA within 7-10 days.
- Utilize the IRS Data Retrieval Tool to decrease the processing time.
- FCC's school code number is **002071**.
- March 1 is the deadline to submit the FAFSA to be eligible for state aid www.mhec.state.md.us. Apply early to ensure that your financial aid is processed before you need to pay your bill.

2. Complete the admissions process at FCC.

- To be eligible for financial aid, you must be admitted to an approved program (degree or certificate) at FCC.
- When applying to FCC, be sure to provide your social security number, the exact spelling of your name as it appears on your social security card, and your correct date of birth so that the admissions and financial aid files can link up to be processed.

3. Apply for FCC Foundation scholarships.

- Complete the application at <https://frederick.academicworks.com>.
- The Fall application is open from April 1 – June 30.
- The Spring application is open from November 1 – December 31.

4. Check your financial aid status within PeopleSoft on the FCC website.

- If you are selected for verification, you will need to submit the required documents as listed on your PeopleSoft To-Do-List.
- Monitor your FCC email account for information regarding your financial aid application.
- Processing time of these documents, once submitted to the Financial Aid Office, is approximately 4 weeks.

5. Receive your award notification and/or letter.

- View your awards on PeopleSoft's Student Center by clicking on the 'View Financial Aid' link.
- PLEASE NOTE:** There are more steps required to receive Federal Direct Student Loans.
- If several weeks have passed since you turned in paperwork, check your To-Do-List for additional items, or call our office for a status update at 301.846.2620.
- Financial aid awards are initially based on full time enrollment (12 or more credits).
- If you are awarded prior to the first week of classes and your award is more than your tuition/fee charges, you may charge books at the FCC Bookstore for a limited time.
- Financial Aid will be disbursed only for courses that are **REQUIRED** for your program of study.

6. Refunds (if you are due a refund from your financial aid awards).

- In general, awards are disbursed approximately 4 weeks after classes begin and attendance is confirmed. Awards may be disbursed at a later time if you are registered for late-start classes.
- New students will receive a letter from Bank Mobile listing available options for receiving refunds. Questions regarding Bank Mobile should be directed to the Student Accounts Office at 301.846.2456.
- Once the refund is credited to your FCC account, it can take up to 14 days to reach your Bank Mobile account.



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