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Financial Aid Guide

2026-2027

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Financial Aid Applications Available for Students

City Colleges encourages all of our students, regardless of income, to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or Alternative Application to determine whether you qualify for federal and state financial aid. Additionally, many scholarships require you to fill out a financial aid application, so it's best to complete it as soon as you can.

FAFSA

Start your application here: studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa

FSA ID: Dependent students, and their contributor(s), will need to create a separate FSA ID to complete the FAFSA. Dependent students will have to invite their contributor(s) to complete their section of the FAFSA.

To create an FSA ID, visit: studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch

The screenshot shows the Federal Student Aid website interface. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the text "Federal Student Aid" and several dropdown menus: "FAFSA® Form", "Grants and Loans", "Loan Repayment", and "Loan Forgiveness". On the right side of the navigation bar, there is a search icon and the text "Log In | Create Account".

The main content area features a large banner with the heading "2026–27 FAFSA® Form Now Available!". Below the heading, there is a sub-heading: "Use the *Free Application for Federal Student Aid* (FAFSA®) form to apply for financial aid for college, career school, or graduate school."

Below the sub-heading, there are three columns of options, each with a button:

- Column 1: "Start a 2026–27 FAFSA® Form" with a blue button labeled "Start New Form".
- Column 2: "Edit a 2026–27 FAFSA® Form" with a white button labeled "Edit Existing Forms".
- Column 3: "Accept an Invitation for a 2026–27 FAFSA® Form" with a white button labeled "Accept an Invitation".

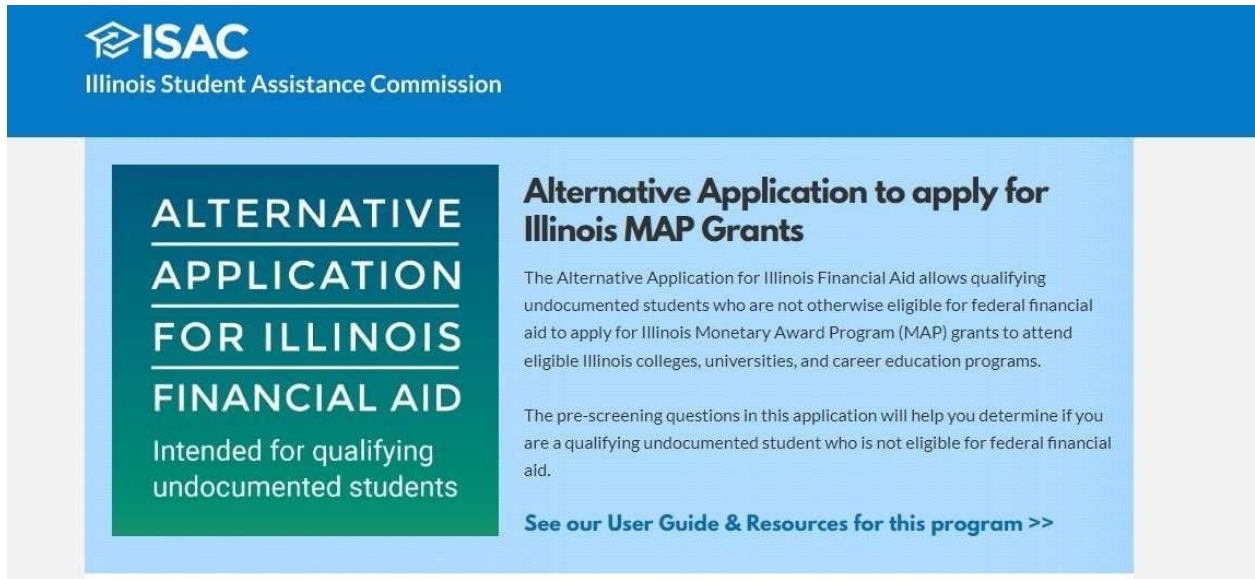
To the right of these columns is a large graphic of the "FAFSA form" logo, which includes illustrations of students and a laptop.

At the bottom of the banner, there is a section titled "Need the 2025–26 FAFSA® Form?" with two options: "Start New Form" and "Edit Existing Forms or Accept an Invitation".

Alternative Application (RISE Act)

The Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid allows qualifying undocumented students who are not otherwise eligible for federal financial aid to apply for Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) grants.

Start your application here: studentportal.isac.org/en/alternativeapp



The screenshot shows a banner for the Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC). The banner has a blue header with the ISAC logo and name. Below the header, there is a green box on the left with the text "ALTERNATIVE APPLICATION FOR ILLINOIS FINANCIAL AID" and "Intended for qualifying undocumented students". To the right of the green box, there is a light blue box with the title "Alternative Application to apply for Illinois MAP Grants" and two paragraphs of text. The first paragraph explains that the application allows qualifying undocumented students to apply for MAP grants. The second paragraph states that pre-screening questions will help determine if a student is a qualifying undocumented student who is not eligible for federal financial aid. At the bottom right of the light blue box, there is a link: "See our User Guide & Resources for this program >>".

ISAC
Illinois Student Assistance Commission

**ALTERNATIVE
APPLICATION
FOR ILLINOIS
FINANCIAL AID**
Intended for qualifying
undocumented students

**Alternative Application to apply for
Illinois MAP Grants**

The Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid allows qualifying undocumented students who are not otherwise eligible for federal financial aid to apply for Illinois Monetary Award Program (MAP) grants to attend eligible Illinois colleges, universities, and career education programs.

The pre-screening questions in this application will help you determine if you are a qualifying undocumented student who is not eligible for federal financial aid.

[See our User Guide & Resources for this program >>](#)

Veterans Benefits

Our Veteran Services teams, located at each college, provide a wide range of services to ease the transition of U.S. military veterans into the classroom and help them succeed. All students using tuition assistance must have approval from their ESO, military counselor, or service prior to enrollment. For guidance on how to use your benefits, please contact the Veterans Services Office at your college.

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Marcus Williams, Veteran Specialist	mwilliamsel@ccc.edu
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Malcolm X College

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Richard J. Daley College

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Wilbur Wright College

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Scholarship Opportunities

Scholarships can be a game-changer when it comes to financing your college education, and City Colleges provides a number of scholarship awards to students pursuing a certificate or degree at one of our colleges. Also, there are external scholarship opportunities provided by organizations outside of City Colleges, like the Illinois Student Assistance Commission. Below, please find a list of links to various scholarship opportunities.

City Colleges of Chicago Foundation Scholarships

The City Colleges of Chicago Foundation offers scholarships on a semesterly basis. By filling out the general application, students can be matched with scholarships based on their college, program, financial need, and more.

ccc.academicworks.com

Star Scholarship

Students who graduate from Chicago Public Schools or from one of our Chicago-based Big Shoulders Fund partner schools with a 3.0 GPA or higher can pursue a degree or certificate at City Colleges at no cost, if they meet certain eligibility criteria.

www.ccc.edu/starscholarship

Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity Scholarship Program (ECACE)

If you work or have worked in early childhood education and you're seeking additional credentials and/or a degree in early childhood education, you may be eligible for the Early Childhood Access Consortium for Equity (ECACE) Scholarship Program.

www.isac.org/isac-gift-assistance-programs/ECACE-scholarship/

Future Ready

Eligible Chicagoans can take short-term programs in high-demand fields at no cost through the Future Ready program.

www.ccc.edu/futureready

ISAC Nursing Scholarship

If you are pursuing an advanced certificate in practical nursing or an Associate of Applied Sciences degree in nursing, you may be qualified to receive the Nursing Education Scholarship.

www.isac.org/students/during-college/types-of-financial-aid/scholarships/nursing-education-scholarship-program.html

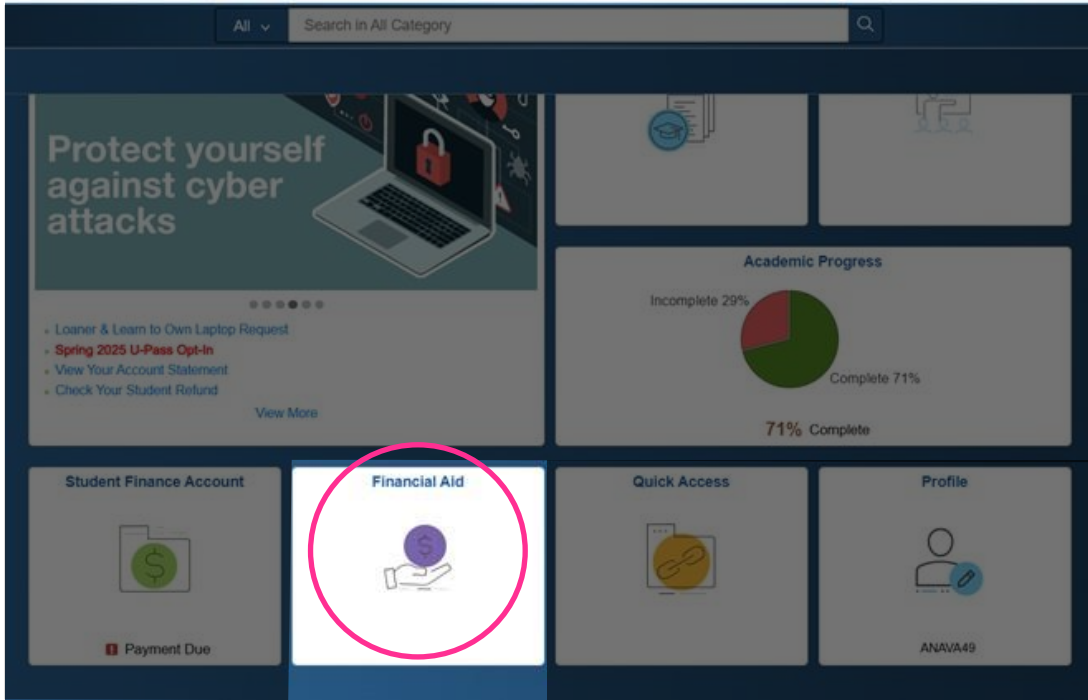
Checking Your Financial Aid Award

The Federal School Codes for City Colleges of Chicago can be found below. Please add the code of your chosen institution to your FAFSA or Alternative Application (RISE Act). If you do not add the Federal School Code, we will not have the necessary access to determine your eligibility.

College	Federal School Code
Harold Washington College	001652
Harry S Truman College	001648
Kennedy-King College	001654
Malcolm X College	001650
Olive-Harvey College	001653
Richard J. Daley College	001649
Wilbur Wright College	001655

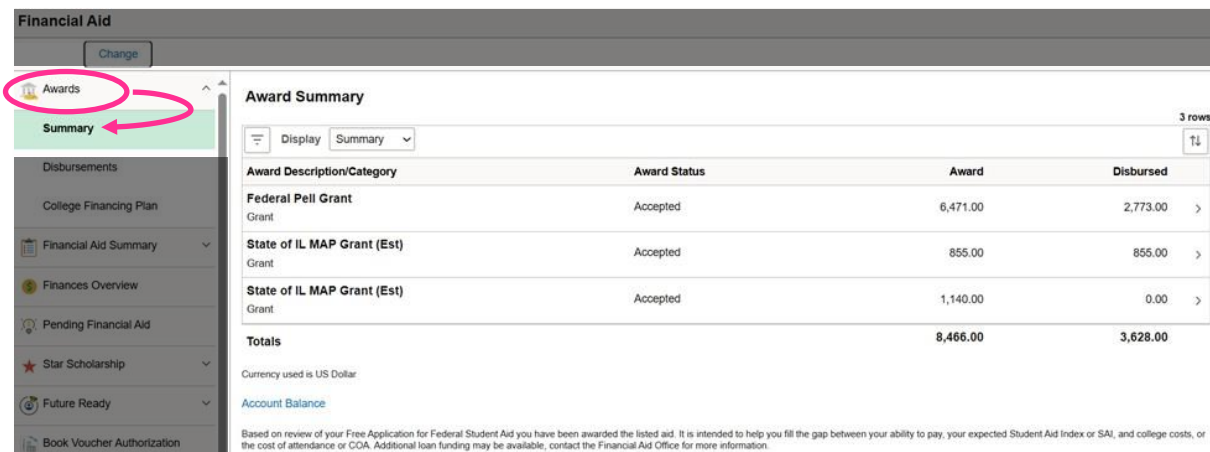
Once you have added the Federal School Code of your choice and applied for financial aid, check the student portal at my.ccc.edu to review your financial aid award.

1. Log into the student portal and click on the Financial Aid section.



2. Click on Awards and then click on Summary. The image below is an example of how your screen will appear if you receive a financial aid award. Financial aid awards are automatically accepted once awarded. It is not necessary to accept your financial aid.

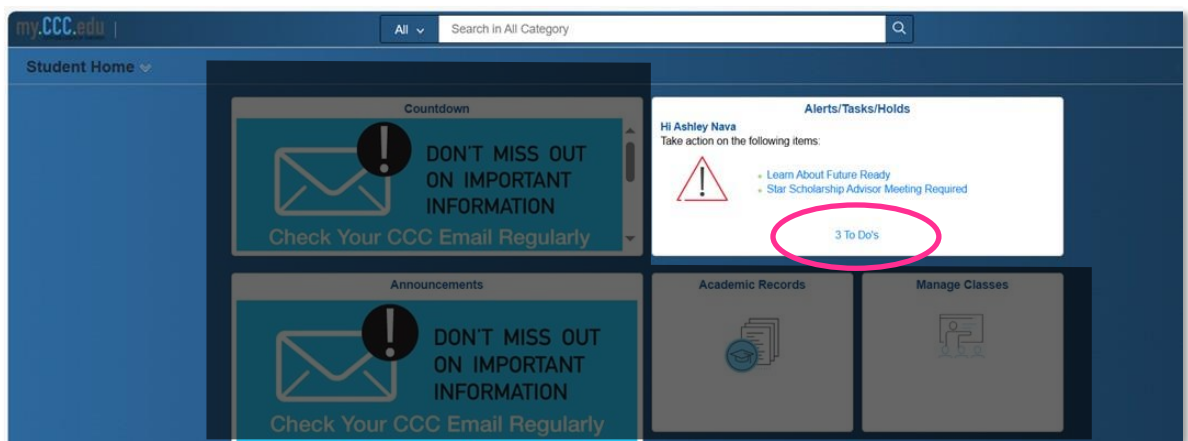
***Reminder** - Students will be awarded based on projected full-time enrollment (12 credit hours or more). If actual enrollment is less than full time, the award will be adjusted accordingly. Please note that Foundational Studies courses are not covered by financial aid.



If you do not see the screen above when you visit the Financial Aid section of the portal, your FAFSA may have been selected for verification.

Completing the Verification Process

1. Log into the student portal at my.ccc.edu and click on the “To Dos” link the Alerts/Tasks/Holds section.




2. Click on “View 2026-2027 FA documents.”

Task ¹ :	Due Date ¹ :	Status ¹ :	3 rows
Previous BA Degree		Initiated	>
View 2026-2027 FA documents		Initiated	>
View 2025-26 FA documents		Initiated	>

- Click on “Go To FA Verification Portal.”

View 2026-2027 FA documents

Click here to view the 2026-27 FA documents



- Documents needed by the Financial Aid Office will be listed on this page under “**Required Documents.**”

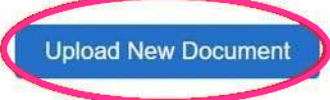
Documents uploaded here will be reviewed by staff and your To Do List will be updated. This may take several days, please check back periodically. If you need assistance or have any questions, contact the Financial Aid Office at your college regarding your financial aid award package will be sent to your CCC e-mail address. As always, please contact the Financial Aid Office with any questions. You can access Virtual Student Services by visiting www.ccc.edu/VSS

Financial Aid Year 2026-2027

Required Documents	Cu
<p>View 2026-27 FA document</p> <p>Click here to view the 2026-27 FA documents</p>	<p>Init</p> <p>04/</p> <p>0-1</p> <p>0-1</p>
<p>Citizenship/Residency Status</p> <p><small>Your citizenship or permanent resident status has not been confirmed by the Social Security Administration/ USCIS. If you are a U.S. citizen provide a copy of your U.S. birth certificate, U.S. passport or other documents to prove your citizenship. If you are an eligible non-citizen provide a copy of your alien registration card, foreign passport or another document which documents your status. Please submit the documentation in person to the Financial Aid Office.</small></p>	<p>Init</p> <p>04/</p> <p>0-1</p>

- Click on “Upload New Document.”

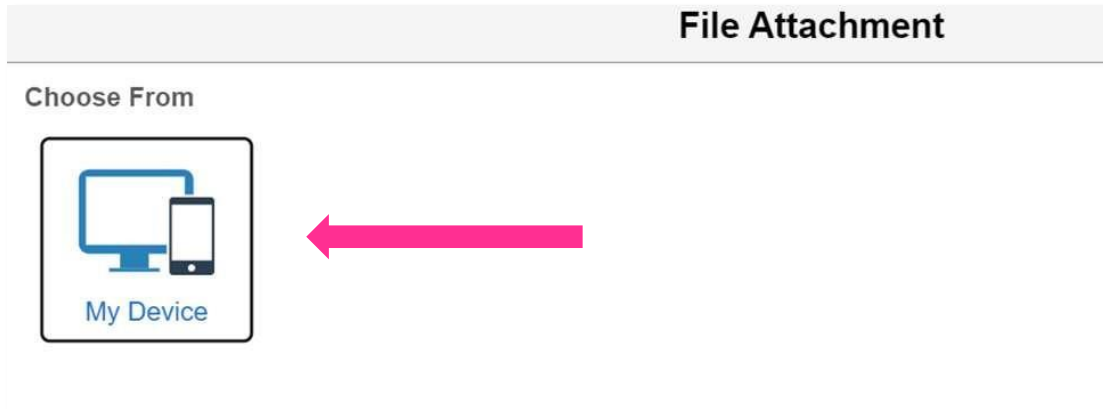
Your college's or career school's financial aid office may request additional documentation from you as they review this information before determining your eligibility for federal student aid.



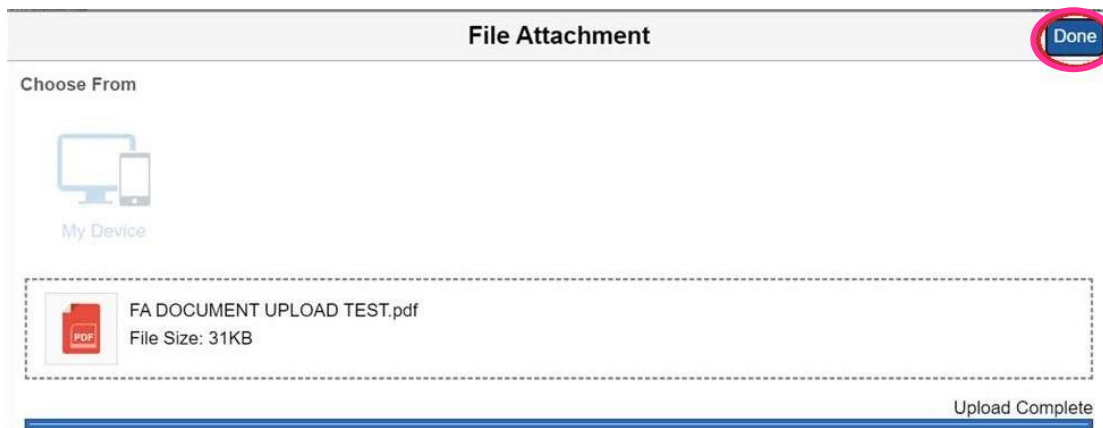
Currently, you have no document(s) uploaded

Accepted file types: .GIF, .JPEG, .JPG, .PDF, .PNG
Upload file size is limited to 2 megabytes. Max 20 files.

- Attach the file saved on your computer or phone and upload it to the student portal (file size maximum is 2MB per upload, which equals approximately 2 to 3 pages).



- Once the file has been uploaded, click "Done" in the upper right corner.



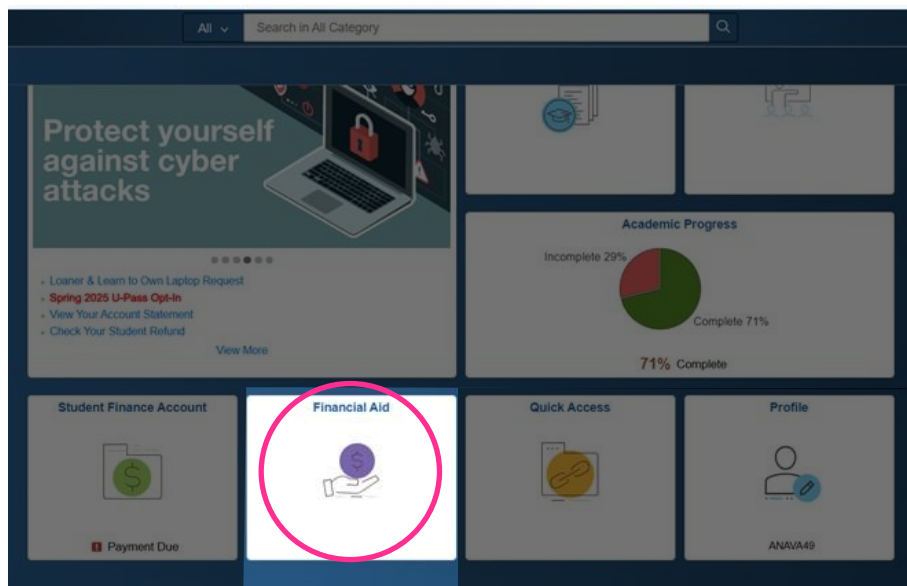
- After the upload, the document status should be "Awaiting Review." Once all the documents have been uploaded, log out from the student portal. Please allow 5 to 7 business days for processing of your documents.
If you have satisfied all other requirements to receive a book voucher and the book voucher period is open, you should now be able to authorize your book voucher and purchase your books.

Status/Date
Awaiting Review

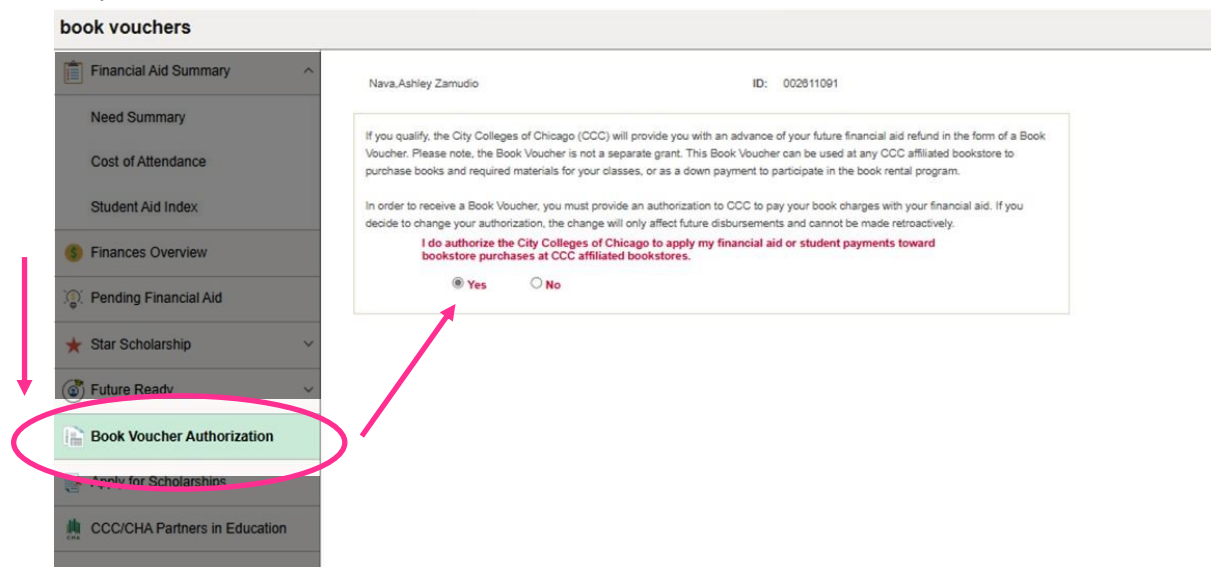
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Authorizing Your Book Voucher

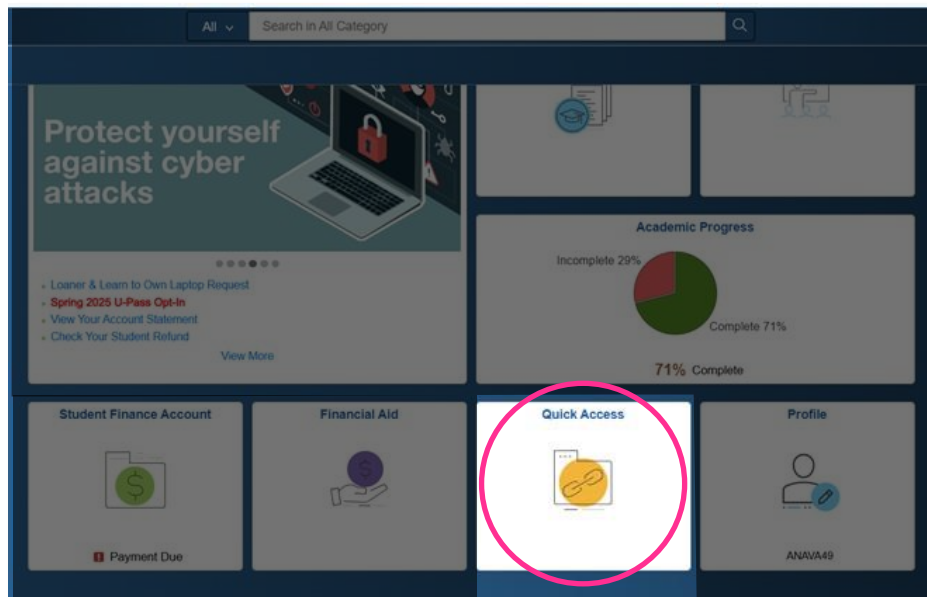
1. Log into your student portal and click on the Financial Aid section.



2. Click on **Book Voucher Authorization** and select “Yes.” This process only needs to be completed once.

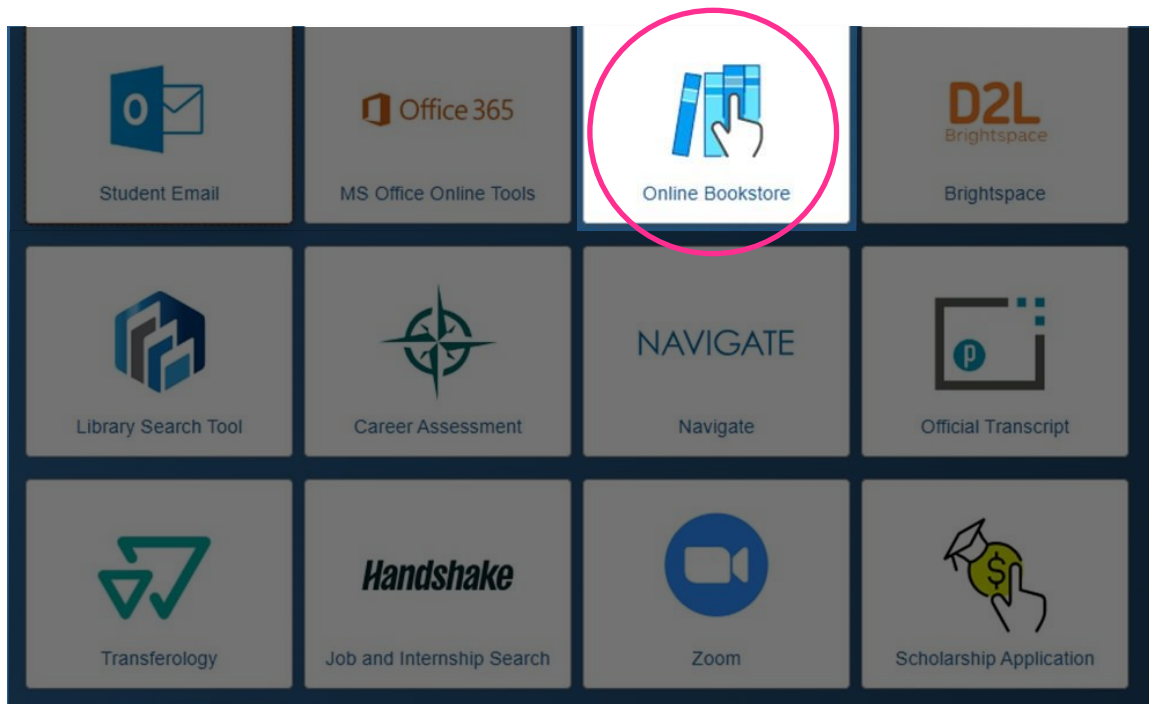


- Go back to your student portal homepage and click on the **Quick Access** section.



- Click on the **Online Bookstore** section. You can visit www.ccc.edu/bookstore for more information about how to order books.

Please note: After a refund is disbursed, book vouchers are disabled and invalid.



Payment Policy And Procedures

If your financial aid award does not fully cover your tuition and fees, you will have to make a payment arrangement by the payment deadline listed in your student portal. City Colleges offers various ways to pay for your tuition, including in person, online, and via a payment plan.

If payment arrangements are not made by the deadline, you may be dropped from your classes. You are not allowed to attend classes until payment arrangements are in place for the term. To learn more about the tuition payment deadline, please visit www.ccc.edu/payforcollege.

Tuition per Term * (Credit Courses)

Category	Tuition Per Credit Hour
In-District City of Chicago	\$163.00
Out-of-District	\$429.00
Out-of-State	\$538.00
International	\$538.00

** Tuition for specialized programs can vary.
Please visit www.ccc.edu/tuition for more information.*

Academic Calendar

Fall 2026 - Tentative

Event	1 st 8-week session	Regular 16-week session	12-week session	2 nd 8-week session
Priority registration (continuing students)	Apr 06, 2026 (Mon)–Apr 07, 2026 (Tue)			
Open registration begins (all students)	Apr 08, 2026 (Wed)			
Open registration deadline	Aug 09, 2026 (Sun)	Aug 09, 2026 (Sun)	Sept 10, 2026 (Thu)	Oct 08, 2026 (Thu)
Late registration period	Aug 10, 2026 (Mon)– Aug 19, 2026 (Wed)	Aug 10, 2026 (Mon)– Aug 09, 2026 (Wed)	Sept 11, 2026 (Fri)– Sept 20, 2026 (Sun)	Oct 09, 2026 (Fri)– Oct 18, 2026 (Sun)
First day of class	Aug 20, 2026 (Thu)	Aug 20, 2026 (Thu)	Sept 21, 2026 (Mon)	Oct 19, 2026 (Mon)
Schedule revision period	N/A	Aug 20, 2026 (Thu)– Aug 26, 2026 (Wed)	Sept 21, 2026 (Mon)– Sept 24, 2026 (Thu)	N/A
Labor Day Holiday	Sept 07, 2026 (Mon)			
Indigenous Peoples' Day (No Instruction)	Oct 12, 2026 (Mon)			
Midpoint	Sept 18, 2026 (Fri)	Oct 16, 2026 (Fri)	Nov 01, 2026 (Sun)	Nov 15, 2026 (Sun)
Veterans Day (No Instruction)	Nov 11, 2026 (Wed)			
Last day for student- initiated withdrawal	Oct 4, 2026 (Sun)	Nov 13, 2026 (Fri)	Nov 21, 2026 (Sat)	Nov 28, 2026 (Sat)
Thanksgiving Holiday	Nov 26 – 28, 2026 (Thu–Sat)			
Session end date	Oct 18, 2026 (Sun)	Dec 12, 2026 (Sat)		
Term ends (last day of classes)	Dec 12, 2026 (Sat)			

Spring 2027-Tentative

Event	1 st 8-week session	Regular 16-week session	12-week session	2 nd 8-week session
Priority registration (continuing students)	Apr 06, 2026 (Mon)–Apr 07, 2026 (Tue)			
Open registration begins (all students)	Apr 08, 2026 (Wed)			
Winter Classes	Dec 14, 2026 (Mon)–Jan 09, 2027 (Sat)			
Open registration deadline	Dec. 31, 2026 (Thu)	Dec. 31, 2026 (Thu)	Jan 28, 2027 (Thu)	Feb 25, 2027 (Thu)
Late registration period	Jan 1, 2027 (Fri)– Jan 10, 2027 (Sun)	Jan 1, 2027 (Fri)– Jan 10, 2027 (Sun)	Jan 29, 2027 (Fri)– Feb 07, 2027 (Mon)	Feb 26, 2027 (Fri)– Mar 7, 2027 (Sun)
First day of class	Jan 11, 2027 (Mon)	Jan 11, 2027 (Mon)	Feb 08, 2027 (Mon)	Mar 08, 2027 (Mon)
Schedule revision period ⁷	N/A	Jan 11, 2027(Mon)– Jan 15, 2027 (Fri)	Feb 08, 2027 (Mon)– Feb 11, 2027 (Thu)	N/A
Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday	Jan 18, 2027 (Mon)			
Presidents' Day Holiday	Feb 15, 2027 (Mon)			
Midpoint	Feb 07, 2027 (Sun)	Mar 10, 2027 (Wed)	Mar 31, 2027 (Wed)	Apr 07, 2027 (Wed)
Spring Break	Mar 22, 2027 (Mon)–Mar 28, 2027 (Sun)			
Last day for student- initiated withdrawal	Feb 21, 2027 (Sun)	Apr 08, 2027 (Thu)	Apr 15, 2027 (Thu)	Apr 22, 2027 (Thu)
Session end date	March 07, 2027 (Sun)	May 08, 2027 (Sat)		
Term ends (last day of classes)	May 08, 2027 (Sat)			

Frequently Asked Questions

Q: I have not received my award letter. Has my FAFSA been received?

A: FAFSAs are typically received within 3 to 5 business days of the completion date. Please verify that you added your chosen college's school code to your FAFSA. Please see the Federal School Codes listed below. If the correct school code is in place and 3 to 5 business days have passed, please email the Financial Aid Office at your college.

College	Federal School Code
Harold Washington College	001652
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Q: Have my documents been received?

A: Students can verify their document submission in the student portal (my.ccc.edu) by clicking on the “**To Dos**” link in the **Alerts/Tasks/Holds section**. Processing times can be 5 to 7 business days. If the status of your document submission is not updated after 7 business days, please email the Financial Aid Office at your college.

College	Financial Aid Office Email Address
Harold Washington College	hwc-finaid@ccc.edu
Harry S Truman College	trfinancialaid@ccc.edu
Kennedy-King College	kkc-financial-aid@ccc.edu
Malcolm X College	mxc-fin-aid@ccc.edu
Olive-Harvey College	ohc-financialaid@ccc.edu
Richard J. Daley College	dac-finaid@ccc.edu
Wilbur Wright College	wrfinaid@ccc.edu

Q: What should I do if I have completed verification and still have not received my award letter?

A: Once your documents have been verified and no further documentation is needed, you can expect to receive your award letter within 3 to 5 business days. Please check your City Colleges email (@student.ccc.edu) for notification or the my.ccc.edu portal, under the Financial Aid tab. If 5 business days have passed and you still do not see your award letter, please email the Financial Aid Office at your college.

Q: How do I access my book voucher?

A: If you are eligible, you must first authorize your book voucher through the my.ccc.edu portal under the Financial Aid tab. Select “Yes,” then visit the Online Bookstore to purchase your books. If you have any issues using your book voucher, please email the Financial Aid Office at your college.

*The deadline to use book vouchers for the Fall semester of 2026 is 9/18/26, and the deadline for the Spring semester of 2027 is 2/12/27. If you enroll in 12-week and/or 8-week classes, you must request a manual book voucher, if eligible, before the start of those classes.

Q: If I am ineligible to apply for FAFSA, what other options do I have?

A: You may be eligible to complete the Alternative Application for Illinois Financial Aid. For further information and to see if you are eligible, please visit the following web site:

<https://studentportal.isac.org/en/alternativeapp>

** Please note that MAP grants alone are usually not enough to cover tuition and fees. Therefore, Alternative Application applicants must establish a payment plan or have another funding source on file to prevent being dropped from courses.

Q: Why does it show that I have a “balance due” in the my.ccc.edu portal even though I am using financial aid?

A: Financial aid does not disburse to your student account until after week 2 of the semester for federal grants and after week 4 for federal/private loans. You will see a “balance due” on your account until after the disbursement. Please review your pending financial aid award to determine whether your aid will cover your balance due. To access your pending award in the student portal, click on the Student Finance Account section, then click on the Pending Financial Aid section. If you enroll in both 16-week and 12-week/8-week classes, your financial aid will not disburse until after the second week of the mini-term start date.

Q: When can I expect my refund?

A: If eligible, refunds will be processed 14 days after the disbursement date. If you have further questions regarding refunds, please email the Business Office at your college.

College	Business Office Email Address
Harold Washington College	hwc-business-office@ccc.edu
Harry S Truman College	trc-busoffice@ccc.edu
Kennedy-King College	kkc-businessoffice@ccc.edu
Malcolm X College	mxc-bo@ccc.edu
Olive-Harvey College	ohc-virtualBO@ccc.edu
Richard J. Daley College	da-businessoffice@ccc.edu
Wilbur Wright College	wwc-businessoffice@ccc.edu

Q: How can I get information on the status of my Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) appeal?

A: Processing of SAP appeals can take up to 10 business days. If your appeal was submitted more than 10 business days ago, please email the SAP committee at your college.

College	SAP Committee Email Address
Harold Washington College	hw_sap@ccc.edu
Harry S Truman College	tr_sap@ccc.edu
Kennedy-King College	kk_sap@ccc.edu
Malcolm X College	mx_sap@ccc.edu
Olive-Harvey College	oh_sap@ccc.edu
Richard J. Daley College	da_sap@ccc.edu
Wilbur Wright College	wr_sap@ccc.edu

Q: What if my economic situation has changed since I filed the income tax return used for my FAFSA?

A: If you experienced a change of household income due to a one-time event (loss of employment, uninsured medical expenses, loss of child support, etc.), you can contact the Financial Aid Office at your college to request a review of your new financial situation.

Q: How many credits hours must I enroll in to receive financial aid?

A: The answer varies based on the type of funding:

- **Pell grant** – minimum of 1 credit hour
- **Loans, federal work-study, SEOG** – minimum of 6 credit hours
- **External/internal scholarships** – based on donor requirements

**Students must be enrolled in eligible programs and courses required for those programs to receive financial aid. Always consult with your academic advisor to confirm that courses are required for your degree or certificate program before you enroll.

Q: Will I have to repay my Pell grant if I withdraw from classes?

A: If a student enrolls in multiple courses and withdraws from one course in a given semester, the financial aid award may decrease, since awards are based on credit hours. However, if a student withdraws from all their courses, they may be responsible for repaying a portion or all of their award (this includes federal grants and loans).

Contact Information

City Colleges of Chicago – Offices of Financial Aid

Harold Washington College

Zoom Link	https://cccedu.zoom.us/my/hwcfinaid
Phone Number	(312) 553-6041
Email	hwc-finaid@ccc.edu

Harry S Truman College

Zoom Link	https://cccedu.zoom.us/j/9289786050
Phone Number	(773) 907-4810
Email	trfinancialaid@ccc.edu

Kennedy-King College

Zoom Link	https://cccedu.zoom.us/j/7736025133
Phone Number	(773) 602-5133
Email	kkc-financial-aid@ccc.edu

Malcolm X College

Zoom Link	https://cccedu.zoom.us/j/2210036957
Phone Number	(312) 850-7070 or (773) 850-7146
Email	mxc-fin-aid@ccc.edu

Olive-Harvey College

Zoom Link	https://cccedu.zoom.us/j/9109892395
Phone Number	(773) 291-6180
Email	ohc-financialaid@ccc.edu

Richard J. Daley College

Zoom Link	https://cccedu.zoom.us/j/6437502576
Phone Number	(773) 838-7579
Email	dac-finaid@ccc.edu

Wilbur Wright College

Zoom Link	https://cccedu.zoom.us/my/wrfinaid
Phone Number	(773) 481-8100
Email	wrfinaid@ccc.edu

For up-to-date information regarding financial aid, please visit www.ccc.edu/financialaid.