

Student Financial Services

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Financial Aid Tips

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Our mission is to provide financial aid information, and to advise students of the requirements, and resources available to finance their education at LaGuardia Community College. Student Financial Services is committed to ensuring that all eligible students receive aid in a timely manner, in accordance with federal, state, and CUNY policies and regulations.



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Office Locations

C-109: Financial Aid Resource Center *(First Stop)*

Office Functions:

- Complete online applications
- Check your Financial Aid Status
- Check your CUNYFirst account for unresolved checklist/To-Do-List items.
- Review Document upload process

Office Hours:

Monday: 10:00 am – 2:45pm
Tuesday: 10:00am – 2:45pm
Wednesday: 10:00am – 2:45pm
Thursday: 10:00am – 2:45pm
Friday: Closed

C-107: Financial Aid Services *(Second Stop)*

Office Functions:

- Financing opportunities
- Financial Aid advising on matters that could impact your aid eligibility such as:
 - Withdrawing/Dropping/Failing Classes
 - GPA and Academic Progress

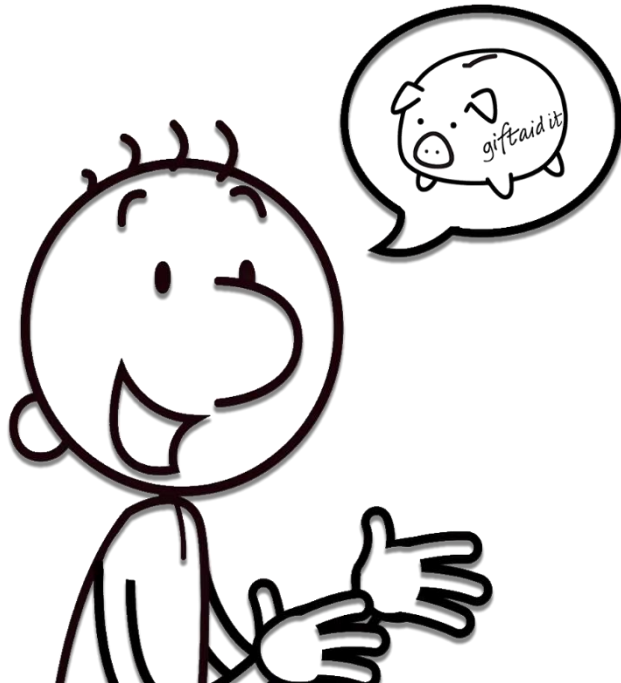
Office Hours:

Monday: 9:00am – 6:30pm
Tuesday: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Wednesday: 9:00am – 4:30pm
Thursday: 9:00am – 6:30pm
Friday: 9:00am – 4:30pm



What is Financial Aid?

Funds from federal and state governments, colleges, and community organizations to help pay for educational expenses at an eligible college.



Gift Aid

- Grants
- Scholarships

Self-Help Aid

- Loans (Need and Non-Need Based)
- Employment Opportunities

Types of Financial Aid Programs

- **Federal Programs:**

- Federal Pell Grant - minimum 1 credit.
- Federal SEOG - minimum 6 credits.
- Federal Work Study - minimum 6 credits.

- **New York State Programs:**

- Tuition Assistant Program (TAP)
- Part-Time Tuition Assistance Program (PTAP)
- Part-Time Scholarship (PTS)
- Aid for Part-Time Study (APTS)



Federal Financial Aid Application

- **2021-2022** Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
www.fafsa.gov
- Available **October 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022**
- Determines eligibility for Pell Grant, SEOG, some scholarships
- Create an FSA ID for you & your parent (if you are a dependent student)
- Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool
- 2019 Federal Income Tax Return (**1040,1040EZ**)
- **LAGCC school code: 010051**
- Complete, sign, & submit the FAFSA
- Priority deadline: December 15, 2020

New York State Financial Aid Application

- New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)
- 2021-2022 TAP Application <https://www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/>
- Available **October 1, 2020 – June 30, 2022**
- Determines eligibility for TAP & Part-Time TAP
- 2019 New York State Tax Return (**IT-203**)
- **LAGCC school code:1403**
- Complete, sign, & submit the application
- Priority deadline: December 15, 2020

What to do after you complete the Financial Aid Applications?

- Check your application status
 - Use your FSA ID to check your FAFSA status
 - Use your HESC sign-in information to check your TAP application
- Student Aid Report (SAR)
 - Available 1-3 days after you submit your FAFSA
 - You may print a copy for your records
 - Review the comments & follow-up on the messages informing you on the next steps
- TAP Award Notice
 - Available within 2 weeks after submitting TAP application
 - HESC will email you if they require additional information

Check Your Financial Aid Status

- Review your To-Do List items & Holds on your CUNYfirst account
- Check your LaGuardia email and CUNYfirst for financial aid status and updates
- Upload all requested documentation promptly through CUNYfirst
- Review your Financial Aid Awards on CUNYfirst
- After registering for classes
 - Review your tuition bill on CUNYfirst

IMPORTANT

Financial Aid Certification Date Rule

- In order for a student's enrollment to be eligible for financial aid, the student needs to register for both Session 1 & Session 2 prior to the respective semester's Financial Aid Certification Date.
- You can find the FA Certification Date on the College's academic calendar. It is usually a week after the beginning of the semester.
- **Fall 2021 FA Certification Date:**
September 15, 2021



Important Websites

- www.fafsa.ed.gov
- www.fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm
- www.hesc.ny.gov
- www.fastweb.com
- www.studentaid.gov
- www.nslds.ed.gov



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Any Questions?

