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## ● When should I apply for financial aid?

You should apply as soon after January 1st as you (or parents, if dependent student) complete your tax return for the previous year. Scholarships have various application deadlines. Check with a campus financial aid office for details.

## ● If I don't live at home with my parents, do I still need their tax form?

Yes, unless you are older than 24, a veteran, married, an orphan or ward of the court or have dependents.

## ● When will I receive my financial aid?

Payments vary, depending upon the funding source. If eligible, you will probably receive assistance about two to three weeks after the start of each term. If awarded after the term starts, assistance should begin within two to three weeks after the award.

## ● How often do I have to apply for financial aid?

Each year.

## ● Will my financial aid be affected if I drop a class or make a bad grade?

Yes. You must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 and complete 67% of all coursework attempted. Contact any financial aid office for details.

## ● Do I have to repay federal financial aid if I withdraw from classes or do not attend classes for which I registered?

Yes. If you withdraw from all classes prior to completing 60% of the semester, you must repay a percentage of the funds you received. You must repay 100% of the financial aid received if you do not attend any class(es) enrolled.



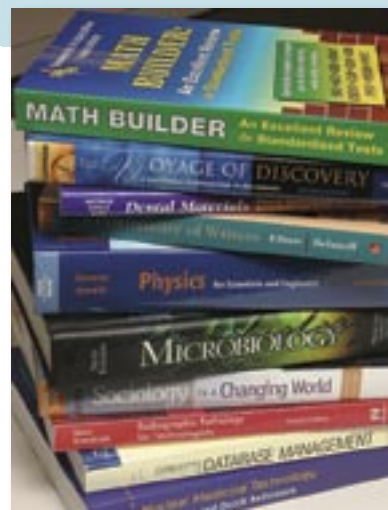
### Tuition & Fees

Tuition and fees are charged on a per-hour basis and are paid at the campus bursar office. Students may pay by personal check, cashier's check, cash, MasterCard or VISA.

### Financial Aid Offices

	Area Code (813)
Brandon Campus	253-7835
Dale Mabry Campus	253-7235
Plant City Campus	757-2105
Ybor City Campus	253-7635
District Administrative Offices	253-7159

**NOTE:** At HCC, the safety and well being of our students and employees are a high priority. To help ensure maximum protection and reduce the chance of crimes occurring, HCC employs trained security officers and routinely provides information on self-protection, crime prevention and drug/alcohol abuse to students and staff. HCC annually publishes a Student Safety Handbook for all currently enrolled students. Current and prospective students may view this publication and HCC's annual Security Report at [www.hccfl.edu](http://www.hccfl.edu).



## LOCATIONS

### BRANDON CAMPUS

10414 E. Columbus Drive  
813.253.7802  
(TDD) 253.7858

### DALE MABRY CAMPUS

Tampa Bay Blvd. at  
Dale Mabry Highway  
813.253.7202  
(TDD) 253.7516

### PLANT CITY CAMPUS

1206 North Park Road  
813.757.2102  
(TDD) 757.2166

### YBOR CITY CAMPUS

2112 N. 15th Street  
813.253.7602  
(TDD) 253.7785

### HCC DISTRICT OFFICES

39 Columbia Drive  
Davis Islands  
813.253.7000  
(TDD) 253.7174

### HCC-MACDILL CENTER

8102 Condor Street  
813.840.0015  
(TDD) 757.2166

### HCC-SUNPOINT CENTER

Sunpoint Shopping Center  
3052 College Avenue East  
Ruskin, FL 33570  
813.672.5190  
[www.hccfl.edu/sunpoint](http://www.hccfl.edu/sunpoint)

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## Financial Aid

HCC is an equal opportunity employer committed to affirmative action that makes employment and education-related decisions without regard to race, color, gender, religion, national origin, age, disability or marital status or any other bias that is or may be prohibited by law. In addition, the College does not discriminate in its employment practices or in the admission and treatment of students. The College complies with and fully supports the Americans with Disabilities Act.

HCC reserves the right to make changes in the offerings announced in this brochure as circumstances require.





## Financial Aid

Students often do not realize that they are eligible for and deserve financial help. Although financial aid is generally based on financial need, scholarships are also awarded to students who enroll in specific academic programs and who exhibit special qualities, talents and achievements.

Our financial

aid program includes federal and state grants, state scholarships, loans and work/study programs. HCC awards institutional scholarships. Scholarships are also awarded through the HCC Foundation, Inc. Our financial aid staff will answer questions and assist you in completing your application. They will also help you figure out a way to go to college despite a lack of resources. Call any campus financial aid office for details.

### Apply Now for Financial Aid

You can apply for financial aid throughout the year, but students who submit a completed financial aid packet to HCC by May 1st get priority. Some scholarships have specific application deadlines, and you need to learn what they are.



### Save Time and Apply ONLINE

If you have a computer with Windows and access to the internet, you can apply online and transmit the Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA) form to the U.S. Department of Education (USDOE). Log on to [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) for step-by-step instructions. Be sure to specify Hillsborough Community College's code (007870) as your first choice to receive an electronic report. You'll get your SAR from USDOE's Central Processing Center (CPC) within two weeks. The CPC will also send a report electronically to HCC if you included the college's code on the form.

**If you apply online, do not also submit a paper form.**



### Renew Each Year

You must apply for financial aid each year. You'll need a PIN (personal identification number) to file an online renewal. Your PIN is your electronic signature. Do not give it to anyone. If you did not get a PIN from USDOE, request one by logging on to [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov).

### Interested in Obtaining a Loan?

You must submit a Student Loan Request form, available from any HCC financial aid office. You must also submit an HCC Student Data Form. Students selected for verification must submit tax forms and financial documentation.

Several financial aid forms are available on HCC's website. Click on Current Student, then Financial Aid and then click on Forms on the menu on the left. Print out the form, complete it and submit it to your campus financial aid office.

### An Education Pays Big Dividends.

Education is a lifetime investment. Statistics show that students who earn an associate degree make 112 percent more money each year than those who don't complete high school and 36 percent more money annually than individuals who only graduate from high school or earn a GED. You can't afford not to go! The investment you make today will pay off tomorrow.

### When Will HCC Contact Me?

Once the HCC financial aid office receives your electronic SAR file, you'll get a letter within two weeks indicating what documents are needed to complete your financial aid file. If no documents are needed and you qualify for the Federal Pell Grant, HCC will send you an award notice indicating the amount of the Pell Grant you are qualified to receive based on full-time enrollment. The amount will be reduced if you enroll for less than 12 credit hours. If you do not qualify for a Federal Pell Grant, HCC will send you an ineligibility letter. You may qualify for other financial aid.

### Federal

- Pell Grant
- SEOG Grant
- College Work-Study
- Stafford Loans

### State (Florida residents only)

- Florida Student Assistance Grant
- Bright Futures Scholarship ([www.firn.edu/doe](http://www.firn.edu/doe))
- Chappie James Most Promising Teacher Scholarship/Loan

### HCC Institutional and Special Program Scholarships

- Specific Interest (art, publications, athletics, music and drama)
- Minority (need and incentive)
- Students with Disabilities Incentive
- Florida Migrant Education
- Child Care Sponsorship (on and off campus)



*Effective July 1, 2001, Florida Statute 240.35(11) (c) stipulates that each institution is required to report the financial aid need of every student who receives an institutional scholarship. In order to report need-based eligibility, all HCC scholarship students must complete a Free Application For Student Aid (FAFSA) application. Scholarships that are based upon merit, talent or as incentive awards need not qualify for financial aid. Students must complete the FAFSA to determine eligibility for need-based financial aid awards.*

### Cut Your College Costs in HALF!

The cost to attend HCC is about half that of a state university, and a fraction of what you would pay to attend a private university. Why pay more to take the same exact courses? You might even be eligible to get part or even all of your college education paid for. Many of our students qualify for some type of financial aid. You could too.

