



How do I apply?

Complete the Free Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Log-on to fafsa.gov
- Create a FSA ID & Password (dependent students will need to have parents completed as well)
- Login with the FSA ID & Password and complete the FAFSA application for the current year
- DACC's school code: **001669**

What am I applying for?

By completing the FAFSA your eligibility for federal and state student financial aid will be assessed. Private donors, who offer scholarships, will want to know the results.

When should I apply?

Apply early and meet all deadlines!!

Each award year. A new award year begins with each Fall semester. You can complete the FAFSA on or after Oct. 1st (each year) once you have the past year's tax and other information gathered together. You will be asked, by DACC, to provide the documents you used when completing the FAFSA. This is part of the verification process and DACC verifies 100% of all students' data elements.

What happens after I have filed?

- Dept. of Ed will send you a Student Aid report (SAR) once they have calculated your Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
- DACC will send out the verification worksheet to let you know that we have received your results
- Basically, we will need the documents you used when completing the FAFSA. If you (and parents if applicable) use the IRS Data Match when completing the FAFSA. We will not need tax forms.
- Student's files must be complete before any awarding can take place

Where may I get help to apply or if I had questions?

The DACC Office of Financial Aid is a walk-in office, no appointment is needed. We are open during lunch times and, depending on the time of the year, some evenings. Call our office if you need an evening appointment. The DACC web site contains a wealth of information about DACC, including financial aid. There are links to the FAFSA on the WEB, the IRS and scholarships searches. The address is www.dacc.edu, choose "for students" then "financial aid."

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Most Common “hold ups”

Call us if you are having difficulties so that we can help resolve them.

- Missing Tax Return transcripts
- No High School/GED transcripts on file with college records office.
- Conflicting information and untimely responses to requests from DACC financial aid office.

How will I be notified of my eligibility?

Please keep your address current with the DACC Admission’s office!!

DACC has gone green! You will only be mailed the verification worksheet from our office. After that you will need to access your Student Account using the Jaguar Spot on the DACC website at www.dacc.edu. Please note that changes of dollar amount of your awards, or total cancellation MAY occur due to changes in your enrollment.

What determines my eligibility?

The information concerning family income (from all sources), household size, number in college, investments and assets are all in the “formula” created by the Department of Education. Consideration is made for cost of living, medical expenses, transportation and dependent care. The result of the formula is the Expected Family contribution (EFC). Responsibility for meeting educational expenses is primarily the responsibility of the family; those students who qualify for assistance in the form of grants, scholarships, work-study and student loans will have these programs offered. The cost of attendance (COA), at your school, minus the EFC determines (cont.)

The cost of attendance (COA), at your school, minus the EFC determines if you have an unmet need. The COA consists of tuition and fees, books, room and board, personal expenses and commuting expenses. Figures are based on full-time enrollment although your individual awards will look at actual hours enrolled. You may review the COA on your verification worksheet (page 4 of the worksheet) or online at the DACC web page in FORMS and Award Year Information Verification Form.

What must I do to continue to get student financial aid?

Apply each award year and be eligible according to the federal and state qualifications, continue to be an eligible program and do not default on a student loan. You must also meet DACC Satisfactory Academic Progress Standards (SAP) each semester. Please refer to the SAP policy in the Student Handbook, College Catalog or go to www.dacc.edu/finaid/standards.html

How do I know if I am eligible for the College Work-Study Program (part-time job on campus) or a student loan?

Each student is assigned the appropriate budget; the EFC and any grants, scholarships and/or Waivers must be subtracted. The dollars “left over” are called the remaining need. If there is a remaining need you may apply for a college work-study position or, if you meet the criteria, apply for a Federal Direct Loan called the Stafford loan.

Federal College Work-Study Program

The federal work-study (FWS) program provides jobs for students as part of a financial aid package. FWS gives a student a chance to earn money for doing community service work. A student will be paid minimum wage rate and works an average of 20 hours per week. There are jobs available in most of the college departments. High demand areas are the childcare center, library and student services. Apply for a position, go to www.dacc.edu/hr. For assistance with Student Worker/Work Study Positions: Contact Kellie in Career Services 217/443/8597. DACC Supervisors are to go online to view the applicant’s students’ knowledge, skills, abilities and work hours from the referral form and may call you for an interview if your information fits their needs.



Federal Stafford Loans

Concern over student loan default rate at Danville Area Community College has resulted in several restrictions in the student loan programs. Please become familiar with these policies.

1. Apply for financial aid using the FAFSA is the first step for **all** aid programs at DACC.
2. At DACC a student may borrow as a Freshman (up to 30 credit hours earned), and at the Sophomore level (30 or more credit hours earned)
3. Each time you wish to apply for a student loan you must complete a Federal Stafford Loan Request Form and return it the Financial Aid. (Request from the Financial Aid Office or online)
4. Complete loan counseling and other requirements. Visit studentloans.gov to complete entrance and exit counseling.
5. Be enrolled at least half time in an eligible program.
6. Meet Direct loan program regulations per 34 CFR 685
7. All loan proceeds will be not be available until 30 days after classes start. Do not count on your loan proceeds to buy books and supplies. **It will not be available.** Our loan officer will mail out book vouchers to the students who have enough left after tuition and fees are taken out.

What should I do if I (or my parents) are Veteran’s of the U.S. Armed Forces and I want to see if I have any educational benefits?

Your first step would be to call the toll free number of the Veteran’s Administration at (888)442-4551 to verify what programs you may be eligible for and what forms you will need. If you are an Illinois Veteran you would want to contact ISAC at (800)899-4722 to find out how to apply for State Based Veteran’s Educational Assistance. You may contact the Veteran’s Representative Nick Catlett, at 217/443/8864 for general answers about the Veteran’s programs.