

### **NEXT STEPS:**

☐ File a 2024-2025 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
By visiting <u>fafsa.gov</u> . Use Fredonia Federal school code 002844.
File a 2024-2025 New York State Student Aid Payment (TAP) application By visiting <a href="hesc.ny.gov">hesc.ny.gov</a> . Search "Fredonia" and select for Fall/Spring (school code 0915). This is a New York State grant.

# File a 2024-2025 New York State Excelsior Scholarship application

By visiting <a href="https://excelsior.">hesc.ny.gov/excelsior</a>. Typically available in May.

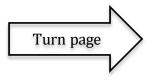
- Must file FAFSA, NYS Student Aid Payment Application (TAP) and then Excelsior application Must be a resident of New York State
  Household federal adjusted gross income for 2022 cannot exceed \$125,000.
- Need to earn 30 credits per calendar year (including winter and summer terms)
- Need to live and work in New York following graduation for the length of time you participate in the scholarship program

# ☐ Review and Accept/Decline Your Financial Aid

You must accept or decline Federal Work Study, Federal TEACH Grant and Federal Direct Subsidized and/or Unsubsidized Loans on "Your Connection".

#### See instructions below:

- Step 1: Go to the Fredonia homepage at www.fredonia.edu
- Step 2: Click the "Your Connection" link located towards the bottom of the page.
- Step 3: Enter your **User ID** and **PIN**.
- Step 4: Click Financial Aid.
- Step 5: Click Award
- Step 6: Click **Award for Aid Year**
- Step 7: Click the drop down box and select the appropriate aid year. Click **Submit**.
- Step 8: Click **Accept Award Offer** Tab
- Step 9: Under the **Award Decision** column, click the drop down box to accept or decline your loan/work-study awards. To accept partial amounts, click **Accept** and type in the amount you wish to receive under the **Accept Partial Amount** column.
- Step 10: Click **Submit Decision** button.



### ☐ Complete Loan Requirements

- **Step 1:** You are **required** to accept the Federal Direct Stafford Loan via **YOUR CONNECTION** by following the instructions above.
- **Step 2:** First-time borrowers at Fredonia <u>must\_complete</u> **Entrance Counseling** and complete a Loan Agreement (Master Promissory Note/MPN) for a Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan at: https://studentaid.gov You will need your FSA ID and Password to complete step 2

These steps must be completed in order for your Federal Direct loan to be applied to vour bill.

## ☐ Complete the Federal Verification Process (if selected)

To see if you have been selected and to view any missing financial aid requirements:

- Step 1: Go to the Fredonia homepage at www.fredonia.edu
- Step 2: Click the "Your Connection" link located towards the bottom of the page.
- Step 3: Enter your **User ID** and **PIN**.
- Step 4: Click **Student Services**, **Financial Aid**, **Residence Life**.
- Step 5: Click **Financial Aid**.
- Step 6: Click **Eligibility**.
- Step 7: Click **Student Requirements**

# ☐ Review Alternative Financing Options:

Payment Plans: https://www.fredonia.edu/about/offices/student-accounts/payments The Student Accounts Office offers 2, 3 or 4 payment options per semester.

Direct Plus Loans - http://home.fredonia.edu/finaid/federal-direct-plus-loan-program This is a Federal loan available for parent borrowers.

**Private Loans** - http://home.fredonia.edu/finaid/alternative-loans These are private loans that you can apply for with a lender.

You can also find these listed under the Aid Programs tab on our Financial Aid website

## **Have Questions?**

Give us a call! 716-673-3253 financial.aid@fredonia.edu