



### File a 2025-2026 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

- ☐ Visit [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
- ☐ Use Fredonia federal school code **002844**

### File a 2025-2026 New York State Student Aid Payment (TAP) Application

- ☐ Visit <https://www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/>
- ☐ Use Fredonia school code **0915**

### File a 2025-2026 New York State Excelsior Scholarship Application

- ☐ Visit [hesc.ny.gov/excelsior](https://hesc.ny.gov/excelsior)
- ☐ Must file FAFSA and TAP prior to the Excelsior application
- ☐ Household federal adjusted gross income for 2023 cannot exceed \$125,000
- ☐ Need to earn 30 credits per calendar year (including winter and summer terms)
- ☐ Must live and work in New York State throughout the duration you participate in the scholarship program

Applications expire  
**August 31, 2025**

### 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 Stafford Loans on "YourConnection".*

1. Visit [Your Connection](#)
2. Enter your User ID and PIN
3. Click the Financial Aid tab
4. Click \*View your Financial Aid\* (make sure that you're selecting the correct aid year at the top of the page)
5. Click the Offer tab
6. Scroll down to Loans
7. Under 'Take Action', click the drop-down box to Accept or Decline your awards. To accept partial amounts, click Modify and type in the amount you wish to receive under the modified amount column. If you choose to modify your loan amount, the amount you enter will be split evenly between the fall and spring semesters.
8. Click the Submit button

## Complete Loan Requirements

- ☐ You are required to accept/decline the Federal Direct Stafford Loan via YourConnection by following the previous instructions before completing Loan Requirements
- ☐ Login to **studentaid.gov**, First-time borrowers at Fredonia must complete Loan Entrance Counseling AND Loan Agreement (MPN) to receive a Federal Direct Stafford

**These steps must be completed in order for your Stafford loan to be applied to your account.**

## View Financial Aid Requirements (if selected, complete verification)

- ☐ To see if you have been selected and to view any missing requirements:

Step 1: Log into YourConnection

Step 2: Click the Financial Aid tab

Step 3: Click \*View your Financial Aid\*

Step 4: Under the Home tab, your Student Requirements will be displayed for viewing

## Student Forms

- ☐ Visit **fredonia.studentforms.com**
- ☐ Review "Needs Action"
- ☐ Click Manage Request on the top right corner to find electronic forms

## Review Alternative Financing Options:

**Payment Plans:** *The Student Accounts Office offers 2, 3 or 4 payment options per semester.*

<https://www.fredonia.edu/about/offices/student-accounts/payments>

**Direct Plus Loans:** *This is a Federal loan available for parent borrowers.*

<http://home.fredonia.edu/finaid/federal-direct-plus-loan-program>

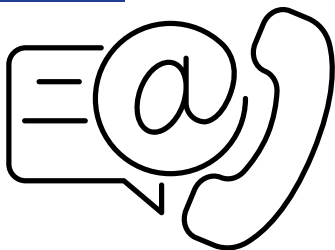
**Private Loans:** *These are private loans that you can apply for with a lender.*

<http://home.fredonia.edu/finaid/alternative-loans>

**\*\*Visit  
FREDscholar  
for scholarship  
opportunities!**

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

## Contact Us!



## Questions?



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