

# **File a 2023-2024 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**

By visiting <u>fafsa.gov</u>. Use Fredonia Federal school code 002844.

# **File a** 2023-2024 New York State Student Aid Payment (TAP) application

By visiting <u>tapweb.org</u>. Use Fredonia TAP undergraduate school code 0915. This is a NYS grant.

# □ File a 2023-2024 New York State Excelsior Scholarship application

By visiting <u>hesc.ny.gov/excelsior</u>. Typically available in **May**.

- Must file FAFSA, NYS Payment Application (TAP) and then Excelsior application
- Must be a resident of New York State
- Household federal adjusted gross income for 2021 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 Stafford Loans on "Your Connection".

See instructions below:

- Step 1: Go to the Fredonia homepage at <u>www.fredonia.edu</u>
- 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.

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Step 10: Click **Submit Decision** button.



#### **<u>Complete Loan Requirements</u>**

- **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</u> complete Entrance Counseling and Complete Loan Agreement for a Subsidized/Unsubsidized Loan (MPN) at: <u>https://studentaid.gov</u>

You will need your FSA ID and Password to complete step 2

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

#### **<u>Complete Federal Verification Process (if selected)</u>**

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

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- 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

#### **<u>Review Alternative Financing Options:</u>**

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

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

**Private Loans** - <u>http://home.fredonia.edu/finaid/alternative-loans</u> 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?

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