



BROOKDALE

COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Financial Aid – Steps to Follow, Helpful Hints, and Important Information

- ❖ **Complete the Brookdale Admissions Application:**
www.brookdalecc.edu/admissions/getting-started. Helpful hint: Please be sure to accurately provide your Social Security Number on your admissions application. Omitting your SSN or listing it incorrectly will cause delays with your financial aid award!
- ❖ **Create an FSA ID at StudentAid.gov:**
<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>. The student (and parent of a dependent student) must EACH have their own Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID). You will each need your Social Security Number and your own mobile phone number or email address. Once your account is created, keep your Username and Password safe.
- ❖ **Complete your 2024-25 FAFSA online:**
<https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/afsa>. Major changes and improvements are coming on the 24-25 FAFSA to make filing easier.
 - The 2024-25 FAFSA is for the school year beginning September 2024.
 - If you plan to attend Brookdale in the Spring 2024 term, you should file the 2023-24 FAFSA which is available now.
 - You should always list Brookdale as one of your schools on your FAFSA. Our Federal School Code is 008404. Be prepared – you never know when your plans might change.
- ❖ **NJ Grants & Scholarships:**
<https://njfams.hesaa.org>. If you are a NJ resident and list a NJ college, your FAFSA will be sent to our state agency, NJ Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (HESAA). HESAA will contact you through the email that you use on your FAFSA and will direct you to your student portal on NJFAMS.
 - NJ Grant deadlines have changed! The 2024-2025 NEW applicant deadline is September 15, 2024. The deadline for students who received a TAG grant in 2023-2024 is May 15, 2024!
 - NJ Dreamers (non-citizens who are NOT eligible to complete the FAFSA) can complete the NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application to be considered for NJ State aid only. They must have attended a NJ high school for 3 years and graduated from a NJ high school. All students must sign an affidavit.
<https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/NJAlternativeApplication.aspx>

Brookdale Offers FAFSA coaches that will help you file your FAFSA. Scan the QR code and fill out the form at the bottom of the page and someone will contact you to schedule an appointment!



*****HELPFUL HINTS*****

- ❖ The FAFSA is easy to complete online! For questions call 1-800-4-FEDAID for assistance.
- ❖ You must complete a new FAFSA every year!
- ❖ Fall 2024 bills are due in mid-July and Spring 2025 bills are due the first week in January. Winterim and Summer bills are due at the time of registration!
- ❖ You are not finished filing your FAFSA until you receive confirmation that it was submitted.
- ❖ Save the Confirmation Page for your records.
- ❖ If you did not file a Federal Income Tax Return and are required to, according to IRS Pub 17, your financial aid file will be incomplete until you file your taxes and make a correction to your FAFSA.
- ❖ Brookdale does not automatically award Federal Direct Student Loans. If you want a student loan, go to the Financial Aid page in Self-Service and click on Request NEW loan, complete and submit.
- ❖ If you are a first-time borrower, you must also complete Entrance Loan Counseling and the Master Promissory Note at www.studentaid.gov

*****IMPORTANT RESOURCES*****

Brookdale One Stop/Financial Aid	732-224-2020	https://www.brookdalecc.edu/financial-aid/
FAFSA Assistance	800-433-3243	https://studentaid.gov
IRS	800-908-9946	www.irs.gov
HESAA	800-792-8670	https://njfams.hesaa.org
Free Scholarship Search	n/a	www.fastweb.com

*****COMMUNICATION YOU MAY RECEIVE*****

- **Student Aid Report- (SAR):** You will receive this by email unless you did not report an e-mail address on your FAFSA, then you will receive a SAR by regular mail. The SAR is the report of your FAFSA. It indicates whether or not you are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant and a Federal Direct Loan. It reports your Student Aid Index (SAI). The SAI is used to determine your eligibility for grants, loans, and work-study.
- **EMAILS FROM NJ HESAA:** Important emails will come to you from HESAA with notification of eligibility, requests for additional information, and how to access NJFAMS. You will need to access NJFAMS to check your status for TAG, EOF, or CCOG.
- **Important Email Notifications:** You will receive emails from the Financial Aid Office to check your checklist on **WebAdvisor Self-Service, Financial Aid**, for missing documents and to check **My Awards** for your full-time eligibility for grants, loans, and work-study.