



Applying for Financial Aid at FVCC 2019-2020

FVCC
School
Code:
006777

You must be enrolled as a degree-seeking student working toward an AA/AS/AAS/ASN degree or certificate program (CAS/CTS) in order to receive financial aid. FVCC cannot award financial aid funds until the admission process has been completed.

How to Complete the

FAFSA Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- ✓ Students (and parents of dependent students) must each create their own private FSA ID. If not already completed, you may go to fsaid.ed.gov prior to beginning the FAFSA or click on "Create an FSA ID" in fafsa.gov before you begin your new application.
- ✓ Complete the FAFSA application at fafsa.gov and file as soon as possible after October 1 using your 2017 tax return.
- ✓ Include Flathead Valley Community College on your FAFSA. **FVCC's School Code is 006777.**
- ✓ **Dependent students:** Do not bypass filling out additional parent information.
- ✓ Use the **IRS Data Retrieval Tool** to upload your 2017 federal tax return data directly to your FAFSA. You must actively choose to utilize the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. Within the Data Retrieval Tool, choose the option to "Link to IRS."
- ✓ If you choose to not use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, you will need to request your Tax Return Transcript directly from the IRS. Request it as soon as you complete the FAFSA.
- ✓ The FAFSA will arrive in FVCC's Financial Aid Office 3-5 business days after being submitted electronically. The award process can take up to 4-6 weeks.
- ✓ Promptly respond to requests for additional information or documentation. Return any forms received.
- ✓ Students who file the FAFSA by December 1 are given priority consideration for grants and work-study positions. Financial aid files are processed for students who have completed the admissions process. Because some funds are limited, prompt responses to all requests for information are beneficial.
- ✓ Students not meeting the December 1 priority date should file the FAFSA as soon as possible and may still be eligible for a Pell Grant, student loan consideration and additional resources.

How to Apply for Admission to FVCC

- Complete the Degree-Seeking Application for Admission
- Submit documents to complete your admission file:
 - High school transcript with graduation date, diploma or proof of GED/HiSET
 - Health records showing dates for two MMR immunizations or exemption form
 - Official college transcripts (unopened) from all colleges attended
- Take Placement Test(s)
- Meet with an FVCC
- Advisor Register for classes

Important Dates

- ▶ **October 1:**
FAFSA can be filed for upcoming academic year
- ▶ **December 1:**
FVCC FAFSA priority deadline
- ▶ **February 15:**
FVCC Institutional Scholarship priority deadline

If you have questions, call the FVCC Financial Aid Office at 406.756.3849.

See other side for helpful tips for completing the FAFSA



Helpful Tips for Completing the FAFSA

- ◆ Read the instructions carefully. If you click into a field on the FAFSA to answer a question, instructions will appear in the right margin of the FAFSA on your screen.
- ◆ If you realize that you have created your application with an incorrect Social Security Number, complete a new FAFSA with the correct number.
- ◆ When answering the Income/Asset questions, read the instructions carefully to see what types of income and assets must be reported. Only report what is required. For example, values of assets such as the family home, cars, etc. are never reported on the FAFSA. Also, the amount in your retirement accounts, such as a 401K, is not reported.
- ◆ When reporting certain assets, be sure to report the net worth. Net worth is the value of the asset minus any debt owed against it. Example: You own rental property worth \$200,000, but you owe \$190,000 on the property. The net worth on this asset would be \$10,000.
- ◆ When reporting a business value, remember if you or your family own and control more than 50% and you have 100 or fewer full-time or full-time-equivalent employees, you do not need to report it. Or if you or your family has an investment farm that you live on and operate, you do not need to report it.
- ◆ Be sure to correctly report the number of members in your household.
- ◆ Make sure that you accurately state whether child support is paid or received and the annual amounts.
- ◆ If you are a dependent whose parents are divorced or separated, use the parent that you have lived with the most time during the last 12 months. If you did not live with one parent more than the other, use the parent that provided more financial support to you during the last 12 months or during the most recent year that you actually received support from a parent. If this parent is remarried as of the day you file your FAFSA, answer the questions using that parent and your step-parent.

Create your FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov

Federal Student Aid Information Center (FSAIC)
800/4-FED-AID (800/433-3243); 334/523-2691; or TDD/TTY 800/730-8913

E-mail: FederalStudentAidCustomerService@ed.gov



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