

Financial Aid News



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Look for Financial Aid events happening during the semester, important information about student loans, financial literacy, and featured information in our financial literacy newsletter!

File your 2026-2027 FAFSA

You may be eligible for PELL, TAG, CCOG, EOF or NJSTARS grant! Go to studentaid.gov to begin. <https://studentaid.gov>

Special Financial Literacy Event



With all the changes in student loans, the Financial Aid office is conducting a special financial literacy event.

Topics covered are the following:

Federal undergraduate student loan limits, parent plus loans, graduate and professional student loan limits, and federal loan repayment options and more!

Join us in this special event to gain a better understanding of student loans and repayment options

Tuesday, April 21, 2026 | 12:00 p.m. | Virtual
Register at <https://involved.hccc.edu/event/12428720>

Guest Speaker

Eduardo Gonzalez, Jr., Director of Relationship Management Assistant Region Head – East Sallie Mae

Pell Grants for Summer Terms!

Register for Summer Classes Now!
Complete your degree sooner.



We encourage all students who registered for the summer terms and have been awarded a Pell Grant for the current academic year to access your financial aid awards and check your Summer Pell awards.

1. Go to Self-Service Financial Aid
2. Log in to <https://libertylink.hccc.edu/student>
3. Click on "Financial Aid" on your account's welcome screen
4. Select Financial Aid Counseling (Top Menu), select the option "My Awards"
5. Select award year: Fall 2025, Spring 2026
6. Review your 2026 Summer Award

REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER TERMS BEGINS NOW!

A fully eligible student enrolled full time can receive up to \$3,698

For summer Pell eligibility requirements, please go to:

<https://www.hccc.edu/paying-for-college/financial-aid/summer-grants/index.html>

FINANCIAL AID OFFICE Email: financial_aid@hccc.edu Text: (201) 744-2767

Funding is Available for Summer 2026!

New Jersey State Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) Funding is Available for Summer 2026!

Benefits of Summer Enrollment

- Graduate sooner and start your career faster
- Take additional classes
- Shorten time to graduation

Eligibility Requirements for Summer TAG:

- Must have received a TAG award for the Fall 2025 and/or Spring 2026 term
- Must be enrolled in at least six credit hours in the Summer 2026 term
- Must be enrolled in courses that count towards your graduation or academic major requirements

The amount of your Summer 2026 TAG award will be prorated based on the number of credits you are enrolled in. Award values are based on 50% of the maximum full-time TAG award for the 2025–2026 academic year.

Do not let this opportunity pass you by.

Register for Summer classes and advance your education while saving money!

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Spotlight on Financial Aid Team members!

Each newsletter will highlight a member of our team!

Hital Patel

Join us in celebrating Hital Patel, Financial Aid Advisor at the Journal Square campus. Hital started with us as a Financial Aid Advisor in December 2003. She quickly became an expert in financial aid knowledge and technology. With her diverse experience she is known to her teammates as the go-to person with any questions about student files and the many grants and loans offered in funding a student's education. We value Hital as another outstanding member of the financial aid office.



Congratulations!

Christine Petersen, NASFAA Credential Earner - Cost of Attendance and Satisfactory Academic Progress

Financial Aid Best Practices

Register for Summer and Fall 2026 classes now to get the course section and time you desire.

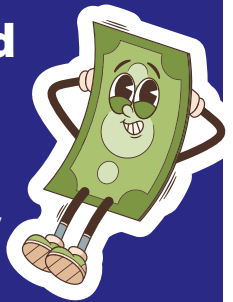
Use the Self Service Feature for financial Aid through liberty link now!

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Financial Aid Humor



Wow, since I lost my job our taxes are down, financial aid is up, we qualify for credits, and don't have to pay the ATM!

Why is your student loan above average? I was an above average student!

FAFSA would be like "I see your parents usually get two toppings on their pizza. You must not need any aid".

Don't write down your FAFSA PIN number, they said you'll remember it.

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