TRANSFER STUDENT FINANCIAL AID OVERVIEW

QUEENS COLLEGE EDITION

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TRANSFER FINANCIAL AID

Applying for financial aid involves two key steps:

1. finding out when you need to apply by
2. determining which applications you need to submit.

Step 1: Know Your Deadline
- (Currently) Applying for entry August 2024 (Fall 2024 → fill out the FAFSA and TAP forms AS SOON AS POSSIBLE
- Transfer students should fill out financial aid forms shortly after October 1st (opening of FAFSA/TAP) the year prior to transferring
  • Ex. QC Fall 2024 start = FAFSA/TAP Application in December 2023**. Federal Student Aid began processing FAFSA apps on March 10th.

Step 2: Complete and Submit Financial Aid Documents

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**Typically, FAFSA opens on October 1st.**
WHAT IS FAFSA?

The 2024–25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) Form.

It is a form that students in the United States fill out to apply for financial aid for higher education, including grants (PELL), work-study opportunities (maintained by Financial Aid Office), and loans.

The information provided on the FAFSA is used by colleges and universities to determine a student's eligibility for financial aid and to calculate the amount of aid they may receive.

Some Changes to 2024-25 FAFSA

FSA ID Required (username and password can only be created if you a social security #)

Roles ➔ *YOU* will select STUDENT (applicant)

Contributors ➔ Parents or Spouses

Retrieval and Transferal of tax information via IRS Direct Data Exchange (replacing IRS Data Retrieval Tool)

Students and Parents can fill out FAFSA form (BUT we want YOU to do it 😊)

Dependent Students must invite parent(s) to contribute to their form.

Independent Students must invite spouses to contribute to their form.

Dependent Student's Parents must invite spouses to contribute to their form.

Transfer FAFSA information to TAP application.

No longer need to start a renewal application; just modify year by year.
FAFSA CHECKLIST:

DEPENDENT STUDENTS

(USE OUR Q-STEM FAFSA ID WORKSHEET)

For the 2024–2025 school year, you will need your 2022 income information.

- FSA ID
- Social Security number (SSN), legal name, date of birth, and email address
- 2022 federal income tax returns (including all applicable schedules)
- Current bank statements

If you aren't a U.S. citizen, you'll also need:

- Your U.S. Permanent Resident Card (Form I-151 or I-551C) or Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) with an eligible status

If applicable, you will also need:

- Current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, and stock, bond, and other investment records
For the 2024–2025 school year, you will need your 2022 income information.

FSA ID (If you are married and your spouse files separate tax returns, your spouse will also need one.

Social Security number (SSN), legal name, date of birth, and email address

Your (if married, your spouses) 2022 federal income tax returns (including all applicable schedules), 2022 W-2 forms, and other records of money earned Current bank statements

If you aren’t a U.S. citizen, you’ll also need:

Your U.S. Permanent Resident Card (Form I-151 or I-551C) or Arrival-Departure Record (I-94) with an eligible status

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Current business and investment mortgage information, business and farm records, and stock, bond, and other investment records
The second FAFSA® onboarding page provides information about the different roles that may be required to participate in the student’s FAFSA form and documents that may be needed to fill out the form.

After logging in, the student can select the applicable role to fill out the FAFSA® form: “Student,” or “Parent.” The student selects “Student.”

Expect the process to take 1 hour
PERSONAL CIRCUMSTANCES

All the usual information about YOU & parental information.

The student is asked to enter personal information about their parents in order to send them an invite to their FAFSA® form. In this scenario, the student invites one parent.
Who's My Parent When I Fill Out My FAFSA® Form?

- **Are your parents married to each other?**
  - Yes: Report the information for both parents on the FAFSA® form.
  - No: Proceed to the next step.

- **Do your parents live together?**
  - Yes: Proceed to the next step.
  - No: Report information for both parents on the FAFSA® form even if they were never married, are divorced, or are separate.

- **Report information for both parents on the FAFSA® form even if they were never married, are divorced, or are separate.**

- **Is this parent currently married?**
  - Yes: You do not need to report additional parent information.
  - No: Also report information for your stepparent on the FAFSA® form.

*Note: Dependent students are required to provide parent information on the FAFSA. A parent means your legal (biological or adoptive) parent or stepparent, or a person that the state has determined to be your legal parent.*

The following people are not your parents unless they have legally adopted you:

- Widowed Stepparent
- Grandparents
- Foster Parents
- Older Brothers or Sisters
- Aunts or Uncles
TAX RETURN INFORMATION

The student is asked questions about their 2022 tax return and assets. The student enters a response in each entry field.
The review page displays the responses that the student has provided in the FAFSA® form. The student can view all their responses by selecting "Expand All" or expand each section individually. To edit a response, the student can select the question’s hyperlink and will be taken to the corresponding page. Additionally, since the student invited their parent into the form, they see the parent contributor section and the status of their parent’s invite.
Upon signing the student section, the student is presented the student section complete page. This page displays information for the student about next steps, including tracking their FAFSA® form. The student is reminded that their form is not completed and can’t be submitted until the parent completes the contributor section of the form and signs it. Next, in this scenario, the student’s invited parent will enter the FAFSA form and complete the parent section.
Here's What You Can Do Next

Check Your Email
You will receive an email version of this page at the following email address: rayastran@gmail.com.

Your FAFSA® Form Still Needs Contributor Information
The contributor(s) you selected will receive an email invitation to join your form every seven days until the application is complete.

Things You Should Know

View Your FAFSA® Submission Summary
Once your application is complete and submitted, you can view your FAFSA Submission Summary, a summary of the information you provided on your FAFSA form. You'll be able to access the FAFSA Submission Summary one to three days after you submit your application by logging back in with your account username and password (FSA ID).

Questions About Your Eligibility For Aid?
Visit the “FAFSA Help” page for more information.

We strongly recommend that your parent(s) complete their own section. If that isn’t possible, you can manually provide their information, but you will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans, until they provide consent and sign the form.

Provide Parent Information Manually
This is NOT a view within StudentAid.gov nor the FAFSA® form. This view demonstrates a parent opening the FAFSA invitation from their email. The parent selects “Log In” and is taken to StudentAid.gov.
After submitting the FAFSA Form

Understanding the FAFSA® Form

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After submission, you'll need to check on the status of your FAFSA® form and make corrections, if required.

- Your form will be processed in 1–3 days.
- You'll receive a FAFSA Submission Summary. It will include the Student Aid Index (SAI), a number used to determine federal student aid eligibility.
- Schools will use your SAI to create your financial aid offer that explains the types and amounts of aid they are offering you. Most schools will wait to send you an aid offer only after they accept you for admission.
The student receives a FAFSA Submission Summary for their processed FAFSA® form and any subsequent corrections that they submit. The FAFSA Submission Summary is broken into four tabs: Eligibility Overview, FAFSA Form Answers, School Information, and Next Steps. At the top, the student will see information about when their form was received and processed. They also have the option to print their FAFSA Submission Summary to keep for their records.
FAFSA Tips & Tricks:

4 FAFSA Secrets/Tips:

Apply Early: Secure maximum aid by submitting your FAFSA promptly; funds are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis.

Always Apply: Keep your options open by submitting the FAFSA yearly, ensuring eligibility for various aid types.

Apply Yearly: Update your information annually to reflect changes in financial circumstances or academic status, maintaining eligibility for aid throughout your college journey.

Try using the Federal Student Aid Estimator to get a generalized ballpark estimate.

The New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP)
Same documentation needed as for FAFSA.

NYS Excelsior Scholarship
Similar documentation needed as for FAFSA.
QUEENS COLLEGE OPPORTUNITIES

Scholarships, Programs, Jobs, etc.
The FAFSA plays a crucial role in assessing a student's financial need and eligibility for various types of financial aid programs at the federal, state, and institutional levels. It's essential for students to complete the FAFSA accurately and on time to maximize their opportunities for financial assistance.

Federal Aid Eligibility

State Aid Eligibility

Institutional Aid Eligibility (Internal Scholarships, ACE)

Work-Study Eligibility

Need-Based Scholarships & Funding (Internal/External, ACE, CUNY Edge)

Merit-Based Aid Consideration (Internal/External Scholarships and funding)
The Queens College Transfer Honors Program is for highly motivated students like you!

- Scholarships ranging from $1,000 to full-tuition per semester for up to two years.
- Small honors classes that emphasize discussion and group projects.
- Dedicated academic advisors who support your transition to QC and aid in identifying mentors, applying for awards, and preparing for graduate study or career placement.
- Priority consideration to competitive majors and honors programs.
- Priority registration.
- Preferred consideration for on-campus housing.

To be eligible, you must have a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5+ and at least 60 credits upon entry to Queens College. Receipt of Associate Degree Preferred.
TRANSFER HONORS @ QC: IMPORTANT INFO

Application Opens
Spring Entry: October 15
Fall Entry: March 15

Priority Deadlines
Spring Entry: December 1
Fall Entry: May 1

What will you need to apply?
• Official Transcript (Mailed to QC)
• Application
• Essay
• Writing Sample (an academic essay from a class)
• Recommendation Letter

Applications received after this date will be reviewed on a rolling basis.

THP Open House

Fall Entry: Friday, April 5 @ 1:00pm – 2:00pm
Optional, campus tour follows!

Application
THP Website
Open House RSVP
### QC Internal Scholarships Page

- Internal & External Scholarships
- Direct Admit Day Website
  - (Here you can find this presentation and a list of scholarships compiled by Office of Honors and Scholarships)

### QC Scholarship Database

#### QC Internal Scholarships Page

**Our Opportunities**

Queens College is committed to assisting students through scholarships. We provide information about awards available on campus, as well as prestigious external programs. Awards may be based on academic merit, financial need, program of study, and student year. At any stage in your education, we encourage you to stop by the office to explore your options and find out how to pursue them.

The following list below highlights the opportunities available through Queens College. Other external scholarships are available through SUNY websites. Apply to all the scholarships for which you qualify and check back to see if additional areas are available. If you do not see a deadline listed, the award may not be available at the moment.

Please use the “Advanced Search” tab on the top of the page to see a list of opportunities for your department, as well as department contact information if you would like additional details for specific awards.

Please be advised that some opportunities have a second application that you must complete. The scholarship application will have an additional questionnaire relevant to that particular award. Therefore, please edit on all opportunities that you think you might be eligible for to see if there are additional questions that you must respond to.

Please note that our scholarship review committees will see some of your relevant information as it appears in SUNY PIP. Please make sure that your data is correct. This information is developed and shared as we might not see any changes/updates immediately.

If your QC e-mail account or CUNY account is not set up properly, your application cannot be processed. Please make sure that these accounts are set up and that you check your e-mail often.

### QC External Scholarships Page

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**Deadline:**
- $500 Scholarship: 04/05/2024 (Deadline)
- $500 - $1,000: (Expiry Date)
- The Howard B. Stern Scholarship: (Expiry Date)
- Robert A. Johnson Class of '88 Scholarship Fund: (Expiry Date)
- Undergraduate Student Support: (Expiry Date)
POTENTIAL FOR ASAP → ACE

Our team will be working on ensuring a seamless transition from ASAP to ACE.

- A free unlimited MetroCard
- Or on-campus parking
- Textbook assistance to reduce (or eliminate) the cost of textbooks
- A scholarship covering tuition and mandatory fees for any gap left after applying your financial aid award (for students in receipt of financial aid)
- A dedicated advisor to guide your progress from entry to graduation

Eligibility
- Accepted as a transfer student and committed to attending QC full-time
- Will have earned an Associate in Arts (AA) or Science (AS) degree by the time you join us
- No more than 80 transfer and QC credits and in good academic standing
- Majoring in one of the ACE-supported majors - (BIOL, ENSCI, CS in the works)
- New York State resident and/or qualified for in-state tuition
- Completed FAFSA (Federal) and TAP (NYS) financial aid applications
QC-SPONSORED AND GRANT-FUNDED OPPORTUNITIES

CIRE (Year-long research)

TS3 (Different application; 6k for the year w/ research in the summer)

Sherman Fairchild Fund (Research for the summer)

Potential for QC-sponsored programs

S-STEM (Up to 10k a year)

QC Service Core
QUESTIONS?