FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

To apply for financial aid you must be enrolled in a degree program

Continuing students must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress

**STEPS:**

1. Request a PIN# for student and parent [if you are a dependent student]  [www.pin.ed.gov]
2. If you are unable to apply for a PIN#, you can print the signature page at the end of the application process and mail it to the processing center. [Keep a copy for your records]
3. Apply for the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)  [www.fafsa.ed.gov]
4. Federal school code is: **009994**
5. Student and parents must have available and accessible the prior year’s federal tax return and/or sources of untaxed or taxed income. This includes any untaxed income [i.e. social security benefits, unemployment benefits, welfare, etc.]
6. Passaic County Community College [PCCC] must be the 1st College Choice on your FAFSA in order to be considered for State Aid (NJTAG/EOF). State deadline for Continuing students is June 1st of the following academic year, and October 1st for New Students.
7. Processing time can take several weeks if student is selected by the federal/state government in a process called; “**VERIFICATION**”. [PCCC is required to request documentation from student/parents to verify the information submitted on their aid application]
   
   **Please Keep Copies Of All Documents Used to Complete Your Aid Application.**
8. The Office of Financial Aid will notify all applicants upon receipt of their aid application and financial aid award thru their student portal.
9. After receiving your award, student’s interested in additional funds can apply for a loan by submitting the Direct Loan Request Form. [The documents are on-line or can be picked up at the Office of Financial Aid.]

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT AttENDING COLLEGE:  www.college.gov