



# FREE TUITION OPPORTUNITY

## STEP-BY-STEP CHECKLIST

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Student ID#: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1. Complete the Residency Determination Service (RDS) interview.**  
All TCCC applicants regardless of residency status must complete the RDS interview and submit their active Residency Certification Number (RCN) on their admissions application before they can submit their admissions application.  
**Submit an application to the College.**  
You may pick up an application at the Harper Help Desk in the Harper Building on the Main Campus or in the Shope Building on the Robbinsville campus. You may also apply online at [www.tricountycc.edu](http://www.tricountycc.edu) and click on the "Apply Today" button.
- 2. Create your FSA ID.**  
Create your FSA ID (Federal Student Aid ID) at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov). A username and password that you create to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education websites. Your FSA ID confirms your identity when you access your financial aid information and electronically sign Federal Student Aid documents. If you are a dependent student, your parent(s) must also create a FSA ID.
- 3. Complete FREE Application.**  
Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov), beginning October 1 of every year. This is your application for all financial assistance at Tri-County Community College (TCCC). You will need to complete the FAFSA every year that you are in school. TCCC's School Code is 009430. Apply early.
- 4. Review your Student Aid Report (SAR).**  
The results of the FAFSA application, the SAR, will be sent to you within three to five business days after you submit the FAFSA. If you haven't received notification within five business days, go to [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) and choose View and Print Your Student Aid Report under the FAFSA Follow-Up section. Check your SAR for accuracy and read the COMMENT section carefully. If any corrections are needed, follow the directions on the SAR to submit them. Do not send TCCC a copy of your SAR.
- 5. TCCC will receive your FAFSA application.**  
The Financial Aid office will receive your FAFSA application within three to five business days after you submit it.
- 6. Submit all requested documents.**  
Submit any requested documentation to the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible. Your file **will not** be complete until all requested documentation is received **and** processed.
- 7. Apply for funds you don't have to repay.**  
You can apply for Scholarships on our website at [www.tricountycc.edu](http://www.tricountycc.edu).
- 8. Complete the TCCC Free Tuition Opportunity application.**
- 9. Check your student e-mail.**  
Important information regarding Financial Aid will be sent to your TCCC email. Please check this email account often.



TRI-COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

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2021-2022 ACADEMIC YEAR

## NEW AND RETURNING STUDENTS:

In an effort to reduce barriers for families as the community recovers from the pandemic, Tri-County Community College is excited to offer grants designed to give students resources needed for success. This is a last-dollar program, it will pay for tuition and fees after all other sources of funds have been exhausted. Funds include, Federal, state and local funds before relief funds are allocated.

## STUDENTS MUST:

- Complete our enrollment process (including Residency Determination Services, applying to the College, and submitting all transcripts, etc.)
- Complete the 2021-22 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and submit all other documents as required by the TCCC Financial Aid Office
- Complete the TCCC Free Tuition Opportunity application

## NC LONGLEAF COMMITMENT GRANT (2021 HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES)

### ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS (FALL 2021-SPRING 2023)

- Graduate from a North Carolina high school in 2021
- Be a North Carolina resident for tuition purposes
- Be a first-time college student [Career & College Promise (CCP) and early/middle college high school students are eligible]
- Enroll in a curriculum program during the 2021-22 academic year
- Enroll in at least 6 credit hours per semester
- Complete the 2021-2022 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
- Have an Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from \$0-\$15,000 (EFC based on FAFSA determination)
- Renew the FAFSA for 2022-23 academic years
- Meet the Satisfactory Academic Progress requirements of the College

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