

## The Four Easy Steps to Apply for Financial Aid at WTC

**Step 1.** See the WTC catalog for detailed information regarding the various financial aid programs. Information may also be found online at [www.wtc.edu](http://www.wtc.edu).

**Step 2.** Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). When this application is processed, the Federal Government determines your eligibility for Federal Programs, including Pell Grants, Federal Work-Study and Loans. For additional loan information, contact the Financial Aid Office. Most loans are processed through The Department of Education.

You may apply for financial aid by accessing “FAFSA on the Web” ([www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)). WTC Financial Aid Department has the capabilities of assisting you in filing your application electronically, please call for an appointment. You may also apply for a pin number so that you may sign your application electronically.

You need to only complete one Federal application per academic year.

**Step 3.** Complete any other necessary paperwork for scholarship applications or sponsoring agency forms and submit the paperwork to the appropriate agency.

**Step 4.** Complete the Western Texas College Financial Aid Application. Your file will not be completed until we receive all necessary information. The Financial Aid Office will mail you a letter if additional forms are necessary to complete your file.

### **Financial Aid Programs Administered Through the WTC Financial Aid Office:**

#### Federal Aid Programs Offered by the Department of Education

Pell Grant  
ACG Grant  
Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant  
Federal Work Study Program  
Federal Direct Loans  
Parent Plus Loans

#### State of Texas Financial Aid Programs

Texas Public Education Grant  
Scholarships for Early Graduation  
TEXAS Grant ([collegefortexans.com](http://collegefortexans.com))  
TEOG (formerly known as TEXAS Grant II)

#### Local Scholarships

WTC Scholarships-request an application from the WTC Financial Aid Office. See online catalog, for more information or contact the Financial Aid Office..

### **Financial Aid Programs Administered by Other Organizations:**

Workforce Investment Act (formerly known as JTPA)  
DRS (formerly known as Texas Rehabilitation Commission)  
Benefits for Veterans (see Veterans Service Officer)  
Tuition and Fee Exemptions and Waivers  
Private Scholarships

Check the Internet for additional sources of financial aid at [www.finaid.org](http://www.finaid.org) and [www.fastweb.com](http://www.fastweb.com)

- Go to <http://fafsa.ed.gov/> and fill out the Free Application for Federal Aid. **School Code for FAFSA is 009549.**
- If you have attended a post-secondary institution, official transcripts from each institution must be on file in the Admissions Office.
- If you have not attended a post-secondary institution, an official copy of your high school transcript or a copy of your GED certificate must be on file in the Admissions or Registrar's Office.
- Receipt of your transcripts/GED by the Admissions Office must be verified through the Student Financial Aid Office.

**Additional information which may be requested:**

- Signed copies of most recent federal income tax returns (student and parent)
- Copy of divorce decree
- Separation affidavit
- Proof of legal residency in the U.S. (resident alien/citizenship papers)
- Verification worksheet (Independent, Dependent)
- Verification of economic sufficiency
- Copy of signed social security card
- Birth Certificate
- Other

AS FEDERAL REGULATIONS CHANGE, ADDITIONAL DOCUMENTATION MAY BE REQUIRED.

**Applications for Financial aid will not be considered until all application requirements are complete and on file in the Student Financial Aid Office at Western Texas College.**