How do I apply for Financial Aid?

To apply for Financial Aid, start by completeing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.studentaid.gov. If you don't own a computer, you can visit any Piedmont Technical College location to complete the application.

1. Click "Start a New FAFSA" on the main page. You will need to make sure you select the 2022-2023 year.
2. **Transfering Students** who have previously completed a FAFSA may click "Add or Delete School Code" to transfer all of your FAFSA information to PTC.
3. **Returning Students** will click on "Log In" which will pull information from your last FAFSA into a new one.
4. **Check the pulled in information** for any necessary updates and follow the directions for the FAFSA carefully!
5. The **Federal School Code for PTC is 003992.**
6. If you are unable to sign electronically, print a signature page and **mail it to the address listed on the page**.
7. We recommend students use the **IRS Data Retrieval Tool**. This will allow students (and parents) to pull information directly from the IRS into the FAFSA instead of having to manually enter Tax and W2 information.
8. If you are unable to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, please be sure to request a **2020 IRS Tax Return Transcript**. This can be done by calling **1-800-829-0922 or 1-800-829-1040** or the IRS website **www.irs.gov** to request a copy to be mailed.
9. You will need to **wait 5-7 business days** for Financial Aid to receive your processed FAFSA. After that time you will need to **check your Pathway for any required documents** you need to submit to Financial Aid.

When do I apply for Financial Aid?

To make sure you complete your financial aid application on time, you should start early. Although the process isn't difficult, it can be time consuming, and there are deadlines involved.

APPLICATION PRIORITY DATES

Apply by the dates below to make sure the process is complete before classes start:
➢ **Fall Term:** June 1
➢ **Spring Term:** November 1
➢ **Summer Term:** February 1

Why do I need to file a FAFSA?

The FAFSA is used to determine how much federal and state aid you may qualify for in an academic year. Any kind of federal aid requires a FAFSA, including subsidized and unsubsidized loans.