HOW TO APPLY FOR STUDENT AID

RETURNING STUDENTS OR TRANSFER STUDENTS APPLYING FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID – Check to see if you are academically eligible to receive Federal Student Aid before registering for classes. You can check this on the "myTribe" portal or visit the Financial Aid office on either campus. Eligibility for transfer students cannot be determined until **ALL** transcripts have been received and evaluated. **If you register first and are ineligible for Federal Student Aid, you will have to pay out-of-pocket unless you have other resources.**

1) The website to apply for Federal student aid is www.fafsa.gov.
   The **FREE** Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) must be completed if you are interested in applying for the Pell Grant, College Work Study, TEACH Grant or Federal Stafford Loans.
   ICC's school code is 002409. Please use IRS Data Retrieval Tool if Possible.

FOR FAFSA OR PIN HELP CALL 1.800.4.FED.AID (1.800.433.3243)

2) **After you complete the FAFSA, a link will take you to the State of Mississippi Financial Aid application (EASIEST WAY TO APPLY)** or go to riseupms.com/state-aid/.
   Complete this online application to apply for the Mississippi Resident Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG), Mississippi Eminent Scholars Grant (MESG) and Help Grant. **The deadline for state aid is September 15 (March 15 for Help Grant). Call (1.800.327.2980) for assistance.**
3) From the ICC website www.iccms.edu, click on "Financial Aid," then on "Financial Aid Forms" to print, complete and sign the ICC Financial Aid Application/Authorization form or any needed form. You can submit the application to the ICC Financial Aid office on either campus.
4) Need a student loan?
   - Complete the Loan Request Form which is available on the ICC website under "Financial Aid," then on "Financial Aid Forms."
     - First time student loan borrower
       - Complete the Loan Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note at www.studentloans.gov
       - Attend an in-person Loan Entrance Counseling at the Financial Aid office. (See form for available times and locations.)
     - Direct Loan Hot Line—1.800.848.0979

Remember…to apply for student loans, you MUST complete the FAFSA and be enrolled in a MINIMUM of 6 hours.

5) Check your financial aid online. You will receive a password in the mail after you have completed the ICC Admissions application. Go the ICC Website at www.iccms.edu;
   Click on the "myTribe" portal; click on "Financial Aid."
   You can check your status, award amounts and student loan history 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.
6) To apply for County Guaranteed Tuition Grants, go to the ICC website at www.iccms.edu
   - Click on "Financial Aid."
   - Click on "County Guaranteed Tuition Grants."
   - Click on the appropriate County Tuition Grant Application.
   - The deadline for CGTP is **September 15.**

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