



SARASOTA CAMPUS **NORTH PORT BRANCH**
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

1. What kinds of financial aid are available at Suncoast Technical College?

Apply for a PELL Grant through the Federal Government and/or through local scholarships associated with Suncoast Technical College (STC). Some STC Programs are not eligible for PELL Grants; however, most programs are eligible for local scholarship consideration. There is also an option to select from various community organizations that offer scholarship opportunities to schools in the surrounding area. For additional information, please speak with a Financial Aid Specialist in the STC Financial Aid Office.

2. How do I apply for a financial aid Pell Grant?

Go to <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/>. Apply for PIN number. This is a 4-digit number you will need to create. It is what you will use to sign your application electronically.

3. What information will I need to fill out the FAFSA online?

In order to fill out the FAFSA online, you will need the tax returns from 2 years prior for you and/or your parents.

4. What is your school code?

When asked what school(s) you want to receive your application, enter the STC School Code (013689). **Be sure to save and submit your application.**

5. What happens after I apply to FAFSA online?

One week after submitting your FAFSA online, **YOU MUST CALL STC TO VERIFY THAT YOUR APPLICATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED.** At this time, you must meet with an STC Financial Aid Specialist who will distribute additional information and explain what is required to complete your STC Financial Aid File.

6. What documents will I need to bring?

This will be explained to you when you meet with a Financial Aid Specialist. At this meeting time, you will be given with financial aid packets containing information for you to complete and a list of documents that you will need to provide to STC.

7. Am I required to have a high school diploma or a GED?

To be eligible for Federal and State Financial Aid, you must have an official high school transcript or a GED from an accredited institution.

8. Is there a deadline to complete the STC Financial Aid Packets?

All Title IV Financial Aid paperwork must be completed and returned to the STC Financial Aid Office at least **30 days prior** to the first day of class. **Paperwork that is not thoroughly complete will NOT be accepted.** You will not receive any Title IV Financial Aid Funds until you have gone through all of the appropriate steps and signed documents accepting your award in the STC Financial Aid Office.

9. How do I contact the the STC Financial Aid Office?

Suncoast Technical College Financial Aid Office
Telephone: (941) 924-1365 x62363 or 62318

HOURS:

Monday – Thursday 7:30am – 2:30pm
Friday 7:30am – 2:00pm
Late appointments are available UPON REQUEST.

FAFSA HELPLINE: (800) 433-3243

10. How do I apply for other scholarships?

A scholarship application will be given to you when you meet with an STC Financial Aid Specialist. Thoroughly complete the application and provide the requested documentation. Return the completed forms to the STC Financial Aid Office.

EQUITY PROCEDURES FOR EMPLOYEES/APPLICANTS/STUDENTS

Sarasota County Schools offers multiple career and technical programs wherein students may earn industry certification. The district prohibits discrimination in the terms and conditions of employment, and in access to educational programs and activities, and prohibits harassment of any individual or group on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, disability, marital status, sexual orientation or genetic information (and other protected classes included in the district's nondiscrimination policies). Lack of English language skills will not be a barrier to admission and participation. The district may assess each student's ability to benefit from specific programs through placement tests and counseling, and, if necessary, will provide services or referrals to better prepare students for successful participation.