



Orange County Community College  
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## **FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) Instructions** **Academic Year 2020-2021**

School Codes for Orange County Community College (SUNY Orange)  
Federal (for FAFSA): 002876 ● New York State (for TAP): 2125

Prior to completing the FAFSA both you and your parent (if you are a dependent student) must create an FSA ID at: [fafsa.ed.gov](https://fafsa.ed.gov) OR [www.fsaaid.ed.gov](https://www.fsaaid.ed.gov)

To begin completing the FAFSA (*Free Application for Federal Student Aid*):

- Go to: [www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa](https://www.studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa)
- Start the application as a “New” or “Returning” user.
- Be sure to select correct academic year of **2020–2021** (Fall 2020 - Spring 2021).
- ★ If eligible, you must attempt to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) to electronically transfer your **2018** tax return information directly from the IRS to into your FAFSA.
- Student (and a parent if you are a dependent student) must sign the FAFSA using their individual FSA ID(s).
- Submit the FAFSA. Print and save the confirmation page for your records.
- Upon completion of the FAFSA, use the Start Your State Application link ([www.tap.hesc.ny.gov](https://www.tap.hesc.ny.gov)) to apply for the New York State Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) grant if you are a NYS resident planning on attending full-time (12 or more credits).

**IMPORTANT:** It is helpful to have a copy of your (and your parent’s if you are a dependent student), 2018 Federal Income Tax Return(s) with you to reference when using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool and/or answering income questions.

For assistance with problems or difficulties while using FAFSA on the Web, logging in with your FSA ID, or for specific questions about the FAFSA, contact the Federal Student Aid Information Center at (800) 433-3243 or (319) 337-5665. You can also chat with a FAFSA representative online at [www.studentaidhelp.ed.gov](https://www.studentaidhelp.ed.gov).