

Need help paying for college?

FAFSA

is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form to apply for financial aid (grants, work-study and loans). Submit this online using your (and if dependent, your parents') tax return at **fafsa.gov**



FVCC
School
Code:
006777

Common Financial Aid Lingo

We understand that your situation can change. Contact the Financial Aid Office if you experience a dramatic reduction in income, a hardship or other circumstance that may warrant a recalculation of your financial aid benefits.

406.756.3849

EFC is your Estimated Family Contribution. This number is calculated by the FAFSA and helps determine your financial need.

Grants are free money and do not have to be repaid. They are determined by your FAFSA and EFC.

Scholarships require an additional application. They can be merit- or need-based and do not have to be repaid.

Work Study is a job on campus where you earn a paycheck. This can help pay for school. You indicate on your FAFSA if you are interested.

Loans will need to be repaid. Many types exist and require Loan Entrance Counseling before you can receive the funds.

Direct costs are paid directly to the college. This includes tuition and fees and on campus housing.

Indirect costs are estimates by the Financial Aid Office to help you pay for expenses you will likely have during the academic year. This includes books and supplies, transportation, food and other miscellaneous expenses.

Cost of Attendance (COA) = Direct + Indirect costs

Financial Aid offer is a combination of grants, scholarships, work study and loans. It is how you will help meet some (or all) of your COA.



Flathead Valley
Community College

Questions? Contact the Financial Aid Office at 406.756.3849 or finaidinfo@fvcc.edu.