FINANCIAL AID ON THE INTERNET

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<th>U.S. Department of Education</th>
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<td>Federal Student Aid PIN</td>
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<td>FAFSA on the Web</td>
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<td>TAP on the Web</td>
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<td>NYS Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)</td>
<td>View TAP status; change TAP college code/address; Request duplicate TAP form; View TAP Application Instructions:</td>
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<td>Federal Direct Student Loans</td>
<td>Complete Federal Direct &amp; Federal PLUS MPN’s; complete entrance and exit counseling; general loan info:</td>
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<td>SUNY Student Loan Service Center</td>
<td>Complete Perkins Master Promissory Note and Entrance Interview:</td>
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<td>National Student Loan Data System (NSLDS)</td>
<td>View aid history; complete TEACH exit counseling:</td>
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<td>Loan Consolidation</td>
<td>Apply for a consolidation loan:</td>
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<td>Federal Student Aid Ombudsman</td>
<td>Resolves borrowers' disputes regarding loan problems:</td>
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FINANCIAL AID NUMBERS

- **FAFSA School Code:** 002842
- **New York State TAP Code:** 0905
- **Federal Student Aid Information Center**
  - FAFSA application status or assistance
  - Duplicate student aid report (SAR)
  - 1-800-433-3243
  - 1-800-730-8913 for hearing-impaired
  - 1-319-337-5665 (callers without access to 800 numbers)
- **IRS Federal Tax Transcripts**
  - 1-800-829-1040
  - www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript
- **New York State Higher Education Services Corporation (HESC)**
  - TAP inquiry
  - 1-888-697-4372
  - 1-518-473-1574
- **SUNY Student Loan Service Center**
  - Federal Perkins Loan repayment
  - 1-518-525-2626
- **U.S. Department of Education Federal Student Aid Ombudsman**
  - 830 First Street, NE, 4th Floor
  - Washington, DC 20202-5144
  - 1-877-557-2575 (toll free)
  - 1-202-377-3800
  - Fax: 202-275-0549
- **Admissions Office**
  - 716-878-5713
- **Records & Registration**
  - 716-878-4811
- **Student Accounts**
  - 716-878-4121
- **Financial Aid Office**
  - Moot Hall 230
  - 1300 Elmwood Avenue
  - Buffalo, NY 14222-1095
  - 716-878-4902
  - Fax: 716-878-4903
  - Email: finaid@buffalostate.edu
How to Apply for Financial Aid

Complete the FAFSA electronically at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov). To expedite this process, a student and the parent of a dependent student will need to have a federal PIN number. PIN numbers are requested at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov). The PIN serves as the individual’s electronic signature on the FAFSA as well as other aid documents and provides access to confidential information on the Internet. For on-time consideration, the FAFSA must be on file by March 1st for the fall semester or November 15th for the spring semester. Be sure to list Buffalo State College’s federal school code (002842) in the college section.

A grant is also available for New York State residents. To apply, students should complete the Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) application at [www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/](http://www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/). Be sure that the SUC Buffalo (0905) state school code is listed in the college section.

When Will I Hear About My Awards?

Once Buffalo State receives your FAFSA information from the federal processor, it will be reviewed. At that time it may become necessary to request additional documentation before we are able to determine your eligibility for aid. In most cases, two to four weeks after all paperwork is received and reviewed; students will receive an award letter detailing their estimated financial aid eligibility. If the aid package includes a loan, work-study, or certain scholarships, you must log in to Banner at [https://banner.buffalostate.edu](https://banner.buffalostate.edu) to accept or decline these funds.

All students who wish to borrow a loan must:
- complete a Federal Direct Loan Master Promissory Note (MPN) and;
- complete an Entrance Interview

Complete both tasks at: [www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov). Failure to do so will prevent your loans from disbursing.

New York Higher Education Service Corporation (HESC) will notify you via email when your TAP Award Certificate is available for viewing on their website. This occurs after the state budget is passed sometime in the spring/summer.

Scholarships

Students can locate scholarship information at [financialaid.buffalostate.edu/scholarships](http://financialaid.buffalostate.edu/scholarships). The site promotes Buffalo State scholarships along with resources for searching other scholarships from external sources.

Federal Work-Study Program (FWS)

The Federal Work-Study Program provides jobs to undergraduate and graduate students on and off campus. Students must be awarded FWS before being considered for a job. More students are awarded work-study than there are available positions so motivated students must be diligent in seeking a position at the start of the semester. The work-study job postings are made available in the Online Resource for Career Advancement (ORCA) one week prior to the start of the fall/spring semesters. Access ORCA at [www.buffalostate.edu/offices/cdc/joblist.html](http://www.buffalostate.edu/offices/cdc/joblist.html).

Student Employment Office

The Student Employment Office, located in the Career Development Center, provides a list of part-time jobs at [www.buffalostate.edu/offices/cdc/joblist.html](http://www.buffalostate.edu/offices/cdc/joblist.html). For further information, contact: Student Employment Office, Cleveland Hall 306, (716) 878-5811.

Textbook Deferments

If students have aid in excess of their charges, they can request a textbook deferment before the fall and spring semesters through the first week of class. The deferment allows students to purchase books and supplies in the campus bookstore before their aid is disbursed. Student campus identification is required at the time of purchase or pickup at the bookstore. Book deferments can be requested online in Banner or in-person at the Financial Aid or Student Accounts Office. More information is available at [financialaid.buffalostate.edu/maximize-textbook-deferment](http://financialaid.buffalostate.edu/maximize-textbook-deferment).

Financial Aid Office Hours

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