ABOUT TRINIDAD STATE

FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION

Financial Aid Application

1. Submit an Application for Admission to Trinidad State College. Financial aid awards are only for students who have been accepted for admission and are in an eligible degree and/ or certificate program. Not all degree and/or certificate programs offered by Trinidad State are eligible for financial aid.
2. Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The FAFSA application opens October 1 and closes June 30 of every year. The application is available on the U.S. Department of Education's website at https://studentaid.gov/.
   a. There is a priority date for completing the FAFSA for certain available funds. Students with completed applications on file in the Financial Aid Office by March 1st will be considered first for those funds.
   b. A new application must be submitted for each academic year.
   c. FAFSA applications for the current academic year must be completed before June 30.
3. Financial aid applications will be accepted at any time during the year. However, funding sources may be limited past the priority date of submission.
4. Submit all required documentation to the Financial Aid Office. Awards will not be made until supporting documentation is complete.
   a. Check student portal for Financial Aid requirements. Award notifications will be updated in the student portal and a notification will be sent via student email once financial aid awards are available for review.
   b. Stafford Direct Student Loans process:
      1. Students must complete the Entrance Counseling (https://studentaid.gov/entrance-counseling/) and Master Promissory note (https://studentaid.gov/mpn/) on the studentaid.gov website.
      2. Students must accept their loan award through their portal.