

Applying for Financial Aid

It is recommended that you start this process at least two months before you plan to enroll to ensure that your financial aid is in place before you classes begin.

1. **Apply for a federal PIN number:** www.pin.ed.gov Your pin number will be mailed or emailed to you in about 1-4 days. Note: If you are a dependent student, one of your parents will also need to apply for a pin number.
 - A pin is not necessary to complete the application, but we suggest that every student apply for one. A pin allows you to make corrections to your FAFSA and renew your FAFSA next school year.

2. **On-line application:** www.fafsa.ed.gov Results will take about 7-10 days. Please follow these steps:
 - Select—**FILL OUT YOUR FAFSA**

 - Select the **year** for which you are filing (example):
 - 2008-2009 = attending NICC in the Fall 08, Spring 09, and/or Summer 09.

 - Fill out the application
 - **School codes** for NICC are *specific to the campus* you plan to attend:

Calmar 004587 (or) Peosta 012634

 - In STEP 6 of the application if you do not have a pin number, choose: **“Do not sign with pin” and then “process without signature”** – The Dept. of Education will send you a Student Aid Report (SAR) in the mail that you must sign and return to us or you may print a signature page at our www.nicc.edu website. We will not be able to complete the processing of your FAFSA until we receive your signed SAR or signature page in the mail.

 - Click on **“Print Final Copy For Your Records”**.

 - To submit your FAFSA to the Department of Education, select the **“Submit My FAFSA Now”** button.

 - Print the **Confirmation Page**. (You will need to scroll to the bottom of the page and then click on **Print**).