



# Financial Aid

*Creating success in education, the workplace, and life.*

## Federal Pell Grant

### Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

The Federal Pell Grant program is a federally funded program which provides funds for educational expenses to adult students enrolled in financial aid approved, post-secondary education career options. Federal Pell Grants do not have to be repaid. Pell Grant amounts are dependent on the following:

- Student's student aid index (SAI) as determined by the U.S. Department of Education using a standard formula to evaluate financial information (including income, assets, and family size)
- School's cost of attendance
- Student's enrollment status (full-time or half-time)
- Student's actual number of clock hours attended

All adult students are encouraged to complete the FAFSA by applying at <https://studentaid.gov>. The NWTC Federal School Code is 026000.

**Application information is provided on the back of this form.**

**\*\*NWTC does not participate in any student loan programs.**

## NW Tech Tuition Waiver

The NW Tech Tuition Waiver allows 75% of tuition costs to be waived for eligible students. **The student will be responsible for program fees as well as the remaining amount of tuition.** Eligibility for this award includes adult students who graduate from high school or successfully complete a high school equivalency diploma while residing in the NWTC District OR students who are currently living in the NWTC District. The NW Tech Tuition Waiver can be used within 3 school years from the time of high school graduation or receiving a high school equivalency diploma. The student may choose to attend NWTC half-time or full-time within the 3 school year timeframe. The NW Tech Tuition Waiver can be used towards tuition for one Career Option within a daytime Career Program. Waiver awards will vary depending upon the length of the Career Option chosen by the student. There is no dollar amount tied to this tuition waiver. Recipients of the NW Tech Tuition Waiver are required to maintain a minimum grade of C (2.0 GPA) and minimum attendance of 90%. To be considered for this award, an application for the NW Tech Tuition Waiver must be completed along with an application for enrollment and an official high school transcript or copy of high school equivalency diploma. Students who receive a tuition waiver will still be able to apply for other financial aid.

## NW Technology Center Foundation

The NWTC Foundation supports scholarships for deserving students. This financial assistance may include books, tuition, and other educational costs. The Foundation Scholarship Committee assists in the establishment of scholarships and the selection of the recipients. Applications are accepted after the start of classes in August and January. For more information, contact Foundation Coordinator Melinda Barton at (580) 327-0344.

## Oklahoma's Promise

Qualified Oklahoma students can earn a scholarship to assist with tuition costs. To be eligible, students must have applied during their 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup> or 11<sup>th</sup> grade year and completed required courses.

## Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant (OTAG)

The Oklahoma Tuition Aid Grant is administered by the Oklahoma State Regents for Higher Education. The application for OTAG is the same application as for the Federal Pell Grant (FAFSA). To qualify you must be an Oklahoma resident attending an Oklahoma approved school and demonstrate financial need.

## Otha Grimes Scholarship

This scholarship is administered by the Oklahoma Department of Career and Technology Education Foundation and offered to students who might not qualify for other financial aid. Applications are accepted after the start of classes in August and January.

## Gene Belcher Foundation Scholarship

This scholarship was created to assist high school graduates from Woods, Major, Alfalfa, Grant, or Kay county with post-secondary educational expenses. Fall applications are due March 1<sup>st</sup> and Spring applications are due November 1<sup>st</sup>. For applications and more information <https://www.genebelcherfoundation.com/scholarship>.

## EMS Success

This scholarship was created to assist current paramedic students. The goal of the project is to increase the number of qualified paramedics working in rural Oklahoma. For applications and more information or <https://emssuccess.org> or call 1-877-663-3429.

## VA Educational Assistance

U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs Educational Assistance is available for veterans, or in some cases family members, who meet eligibility requirements and attend VA approved daytime classes at NWTC. Benefits information for each educational program, method and frequency of benefits, a list of approved training options, along with application procedures can be found at <https://benefits.va.gov/gibill>. Contact Veterans Affairs at 1-888-GI-BILL-1 for more information.

## Department of Rehabilitative Services

Vocational Rehabilitation assists individuals who have barriers to employment. Services include testing, psychological evaluation, medical examination, and counseling services. In some cases, DRS pays tuition, fees, books, and supply costs. Eligibility, application, and funding are determined by the Oklahoma Department of Human Services. Contact a local Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor at (580) 327-1214 for more information.

## Practical Nursing Assistance

**Physician's Manpower** is a nursing student scholarship/loan assistance program that is forgiven/repaid by a work obligation. Applications must be made by June 30<sup>th</sup> at <http://pmtc.ok.gov/nurses>.

The **Northwest Nursing Coalition** in conjunction with the Northwest Oklahoma Area Health Education Center, Rural Health Projects, and Physician's Manpower offers a nursing student scholarship/loan assistance program. The application can be found online at <https://nwtech.edu>.

**Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA)** is a federal program which provides financial aid, employment information, job search support, training, and educational programs to applicants that meet economic, employment, and geographical guidelines. For more information, contact the Financial Aid Office.

For more information, please visit <https://nwtech.edu/student-services/financial-aid-tuition/>

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# Your First Step to Financial Aid

## Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

### Applying for a Federal Pell Grant

#### Criteria to Qualify for a Pell Grant

- You must be enrolled as a regular student in a financial aid approved, post-secondary, daytime career option program of 600 clock hours or more for the purpose of obtaining a certificate. Contact the Financial Aid Office for a list of eligible career options.
- You must be a U.S. citizen, national, or an eligible non-citizen with a valid social security number.
- You must have financial need.
- You must have a high school diploma, GED, or home school equivalency, but not a bachelor's degree.
- You must not be in default on any Title IV HEA loan and you must not owe a refund on any grant or loan received for attendance at any institution.

#### Steps to Apply for a Pell Grant

All adult students are encouraged to complete the "Free Application for Federal Student Aid" (FAFSA) at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>.

1. If this is your first FAFSA for this school year choose the box that says "Start Here". If you are making corrections or additions, choose "Log In".
2. Choose the appropriate box based on who is completing the FAFSA (student or parent). If you do not already have a FSA ID, click on "Create One" to create a FSA ID to serve as your legal, electronic signature. Be sure to write down your username and password – you will use them for all FAFSA's you complete while in school. *Please be aware that all parties supplying financial information for the FAFSA will need their own FSA ID to sign the completed application.*
3. **PARENTAL INFORMATION:** If you are under 24 years old, are not married, do not have children that you provide more than 50% support for, are not in the military, are not in a court ordered legal guardianship, and are not homeless, then **you will need to invite your parents to be "Contributors" to the FAFSA form. They will need to apply for a FSA ID so they are able to login to provide their information and consent to provide their tax information.**
4. Answer all questions on the application. Please note that HELP BOXES are available on the right side of the application.
5. Identify NWTC as your school choice. *NWTC's Federal Code for both the Alva and Fairview campus is 026000.*
6. **TAX INFORMATION:** Every contributor must provide consent and approval for you to be eligible for federal student aid. With your consent and approval, FAFSA will obtain your federal tax information automatically from the IRS to help you complete the form. This process is the same for every contributor. When you come to the tax information section of the FAFSA, please check the box to provide your **consent and approval**. The 2025-2026 FAFSA utilizes your **2023** tax information.
7. After completing your FAFSA, be sure all contributors **sign it with their FSA ID's** (if applicable) and then "Submit" it.
8. In one to three days, you will receive a notification by e-mail that your FAFSA form was processed and sent to NWTC (and any other schools you selected). NWTC will then use your calculated student aid index (SAI) to determine the aid you're eligible to receive and will notify you by mail of your eligibility and any additional documentation needed.

#### Verification Documents Required

Your FAFSA may be selected for review by the U.S. Department of Education for verification of the information you reported. You may be asked to provide additional documentation for verification purposes. Failure to comply with verification requirements will result in forfeiture of aid.

These documents may include, but are not limited to:

- Proof of all income reported on the FAFSA
  - IRS Tax Return Transcripts
  - W-2's, 1099's, and a non-filer document or IRS Non-Filer letter
- Documentation or third party statements for special circumstances
- Completed and signed verification worksheets

#### Disbursement of Pell Grants

Federal Pell Grants will typically be disbursed twice a year, dependent upon when you enrolled in the career option and on whether the majority of the hours in a payment period falls within that award year. Pell Grant funds will be applied directly to your student account for the current school year. All financial aid funds will be disbursed by check through the Central Office on the date listed on your signed Pell Award Form. All charges, including tuition and fees for the current school year, must be paid in full before any refund will be issued to you. If there is a credit balance after the funds have been applied, you will receive a refund check.

**Please keep in mind that in order to be eligible for your Pell Grant disbursements, you must maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress - SAP (maintain a cumulative grade point average of 2.0 "C" or greater, maintain 90% attendance for each pay period, and keep a 150% pace of progression) and successfully complete all the clock hours and curriculum associated with the hours in each corresponding payment period. Please see the Financial Aid Director for more information.**

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