Office of Financial Aid



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FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION - School Year 2024-2025

How to Apply for Financial Aid

Step 1 – Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Complete and file FAFSA

- a. Access the 2024-2025 FAFSA Online Form at the www.studentaid.gov and select "Apply for Aid using the FAFSA Form' and follow instructions to complete and submit your form online.
- b. If you are applying online for the first time, you must create an account. After you've selected "Start New Form", click on the create an account link and answer the questions. If you do not have a US social security number (USSSN), select "I do not have a social security number" under the social security number field. If you are a continuing, returning, readmit or transfer student, and you have an existing pseudo number, you must still select "I do not have a social security number" when creating your account. After you've created your online account, you can now proceed to fill out the 2024-2025 online form (link located on the studentaid.gov homepage) titled "Apply for Aid using the FAFSA Form". If you have an existing pseudo number, input this number in the US Social Security Number field. If you do not have a USSSN and you are applying for the first time, you must enter "000" in the SSN field. You will be assigned a 9-digit (000xxxxxxx) pseudo number. After you've submitted your application, please call the PCC Financial Aid Office to confirm if they have received your ISIR (Institutional Student Information Record).
- c. Applicants have the option to complete the paper FAFSA and must mail it directly to the U.S. Department of Education. Please visit or call the PCC Office of Financial Aid to receive guidance if you choose this option.

Note: PCC's Federal School Code for the FAFSA is 011009.

Step 2 - Financial Aid Supplemental

Complete the PCC Financial Aid Supplemental (FAS) Form. This **FORM** is available online at <u>pcc.palau.edu</u> or at Office of Financial Aid (OFA). Step 3 – 2022 Wage & Tax Statement

Provide copies of the 2022 Federal Tax Returns (1040 forms) or 2022 Wage & Tax Statements if you and/or your parent(s)/spouse were employed during Fiscal Year 2022.

Step 4 – 2022 Pension Plan Benefits Certification

Provide certified copies of 2022 untaxed portions of Pension Plan benefits if you and/or your parent(s)/spouse received pension benefits.

Step 5 - Passport or Birth Certificate

Provide copy of your valid passport or a birth certificate for citizenship verification purposes.

Step 6 - High School Completion Status

Provide one of the following documents that indicate your high school completion status such as a copy of your: (a). high school diploma, or (b). final high school transcript that shows the date when diploma was awarded, or (c). General Education Development (GED) certificate/transcript or High School Equivalency Test (HI SET) certificate/transcript.

Step 7 - Complete 2023-2024 Verification Worksheet

Provide a completed 2024-2025 Verification Worksheet

(Note: Non-tax filers must sign a statement certifying that they will not file and are not required to file a 2022 income tax return. They must report all income earned from work in 2022 and submit all W-2 forms or other earning statements to the Office of Financial Aid (OFA).

REMINDER: All documents received are the property of PCC Office of Financial Aid and will not be released to or reproduced for the student. Students are responsible to make duplicate copies of all documents, for their record, before submitting to the Office of Financial Aid.

Accredited by Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) of the Western Association of Schools and Colleges (WASC)

AFFIRMATIVE ACTION POLICY:

It is the policy of PCC to comply with Federal laws which prohibit discrimination on the basis of race, color, national origin, marital status, sex, age or disability in its programs and activities, including students and applicants for admission to the College.

FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is the first step in the financial aid process. You use the FAFSA to apply for federal student aid such as Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) and Federal Work-Study (FWS). The questions on the FAFSA are required to calculate your **Student Aid Index (SAI)**. The **SAI** measures your family's financial strength and determines your eligibility for federal student aid. The **SAI** will be listed on your FAFSA Submission Summary (FSS). You will receive your FSS either via Postal Mail or email. The FSS summarizes the information you submitted on your FAFSA. Using the information on your FAFSA and you're SAI, the Office of Financial Aid (OFA) will determine the amount of aid you will receive.

Verify that all information on the FSS document is accurate. If not, make corrections either on the web or via FAFSA Submission Summary and mail it back to the U.S. Department of Education for processing. If you have any questions, please contact us at the PCC Office of Financial Aid, 680-488-2470/2471 or via email: ingirairikl@palau.edu.

FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS

- A. **Grants** and **scholarships** are Free Money! No need to repay.
- B. Work-Study Money you earn through an on-campus or off-campus employment.

Palau Community College offers the following Federal Student Aid Programs:

- 1. Federal Pell Grant Program: A grant for undergraduate students without a bachelor's degree.
- 2. **Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG):** A grant for undergraduate students without a bachelor's degree who are Pell Grant eligible with the most need.
- 3. **Federal Work-Study Program (FWS):** A part-time employment for undergraduate students who have financial need to help pay for college costs.

BASIC STUDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID

- 1. You must be enrolled seeking a degree or certificate in an approved eligible program at Palau Community College (PCC).
- 2. You must have a high school diploma or an equivalent such as General Education Development (GED) certificate or High School Equivalency Test (HiSET) certificate.
- 3. You must be either a U.S. citizen or an eligible non-citizen.
- 4. You must make satisfactory academic progress toward your degree or certificate program.
- 5. You cannot owe a refund on a Federal grant or be in default on a Federal Educational loan.
- 6. You must file the appropriate required documents.

PRICE of ATTENDANCE

Estimated Cost of Attendance for 2024-2025

The figures below reflect the nine months (9) average estimated cost (direct and indirect) of attending Palau Community College (PCC) as a full-time student for the 2024-2025 Academic Year. Your actual costs may vary depending on your living arrangements. Remember, personal expenses, transportation costs, housing and meal costs off-campus, are not amounts you pay to PCC but are included below to help you plan for these expenses. It is hoped that these estimated expense budgets can assist you in planning for enrollment at PCC. (Note: Costs are subject to change).

ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE (DIRECT AND INDIRECT COST												
CATEGORY	On Campus PCC Dorm	Off Campus	INDIRECT COST		Fall 2024	Spring 2025	Total					
Tuition	3120	3120		Books & Supplies^	1200	1200	2400					
Instructional Support Fee	300	300		Personal Expenses	700	700	1400					
Technology Fee	150	150		Transportation (on campus)	400	400	800					
Fees (Registration, Activity, Health)	160	160		Transportation (off campus)		800	1600					
Room/Meals	3381	3700		Transportation (on campus)	800	000	1000					
Books/Supplies	2400	2400		Housing/Meal Allowance	1850	1850	3700					
Personal Expenses	1400	1400		Tiousing/ivieal Allowance								
Transportation	800	1600		^ The cost of books and supplies will vary, depending on your majo								
Total Annual Cost	11711	12830		and the classes you are enrolled in.								

ESTIMATED COST OF ATTENDANCE AND FINANCIAL AID AWARD

ON CAMPUS						OFF CAMPUS					
CATEGORY		FALL 24	SPRING 25	TOTAL		FALL 24	SPRING 25	TOTAL			
Tuition (Resident Tuition) - \$130 per credit		1560	1560	3120		1560	1560	3120			
FEES	Instructional Support Fee	150	150	300	-	150	150	300			
	Technology Fee	75	75	150		75	75	150			
	Registration Fee	15	15	30		15	15	30			
	Activity Fee	45	45	90		45	45	90			
	Health Fee	20	20	40		20	20	40			
Room (on campus)		588	588	1176							
Meals (on campus)		1,102.50	1,102.50	2205							
Sub Total – Direct Cost		3,555.50	3,555.50	7111.00		1,865.00	1,865.00	3,730.00			
ESTIMATED FINANCIAL AID AWARD											
Estimated Federal Pell Grant (2024-2025 Award Year) 3698		3698	3697	7395		3698	3697	7395			
Out-of-Pocket Costs		-142.50	-141.50	284.00	Ī	-1833	-1832	-3665			

Note 1: On-line course fee (Distance Education course fee) - \$25.00 per credit

Note 2: Hybrid course fee - \$12.50 per credit

Note 3: Resident Tuition – applies only to citizens from Freely Associated States (Republic of Palau [ROP], Federated States of Micronesia [FSM], Republic of Marshall Islands [RMI]), Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands [CNMI], Guam, & USA.

Note 4: Nonresident Tuition - \$140 per credit