



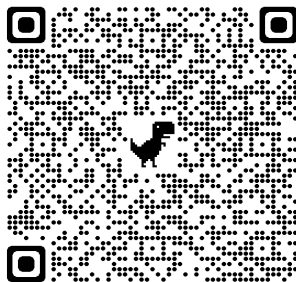
# BROOKDALE

## COMMUNITY COLLEGE

### APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID

- ✓ **Apply to Brookdale, complete the [Admissions Application](https://www.brookdalecc.edu/admissions/getting-started):** [www.brookdalecc.edu/admissions/getting-started](https://www.brookdalecc.edu/admissions/getting-started). **Helpful hint:** Please be sure to accurately provide your Social Security Number on your admissions application. Omitting your SSN or listing it incorrectly will cause delays with your financial aid award!
- ✓ **Create a [Federal Student Aid \(FSA\) ID](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch):** <https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>  
The FSA ID is your electronic signature and allows you to access US Department of Education websites. Students and Parents of dependent students must each apply for their own FSA ID! An unsigned FAFSA will result in a rejected FAFSA!
- ✓ **Complete your [FAFSA](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa) online:** <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa>. **File your 2023-2024 FAFSA** starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2022, using your 2021 Federal Income Tax Return and W2's.
  - **IMPORTANT: When you complete the income section of the FAFSA, use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool process!** Using the IRS Data Retrieval Tool process will eliminate the need to submit IRS Tax Returns to the school, if selected for federal verification.
- ✓ **NJ Grants & Scholarships:** <https://njfams.hesaa.org> If you are a NJ resident and list a NJ college, your FAFSA will be sent to our state agency, NJHESAA. HESAA will contact you through your email and will direct you to your student portal on NJFAMS.
  - **IMPORTANT: NJ Grant deadlines have changed! The 2023-2024 NEW applicant deadline is September 15, 2023.** The deadline for students who received TAG in 2023-2024 is April 15, 2024!
  - **NJ Dreamers (non-citizens who are NOT eligible to complete the FAFSA) can complete the NJ Alternative Financial Aid Application to be considered for NJ State aid only.** They must have attended a NJ high school for 3 years and graduated from a NJ high school. All students must sign an affidavit. <https://www.hesaa.org/Pages/NJAlternativeApplication.aspx>
- ✓ **Update your College Choice:** <https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa> If you completed your FAFSA but did not include Brookdale, make a correction to your FAFSA and add our **Federal School Code 008404**. You must use your FSA ID to access your FAFSA.

**Brookdale Offers FAFSA coaches that will help you file your FAFSA.** Scan the QR code and fill out the form at the bottom of the page and someone will contact you to schedule an appointment!



### **\*\*\*HELPFUL HINTS\*\*\***

- The FAFSA is easy to complete online! For questions call 1-800-4-FEDAID for assistance.
- The academic year 2023-2024 is September 2023-August 2024.
- You must complete a new FAFSA every year!
- Fall 2023 bills are due the first week in August and Spring 2024 bills are due the first week in January. Winterim and Summer bills are due at the time of registration!
- You are not finished filing your FAFSA until you click on “Submit”.
- Save the Confirmation Page for your records.
- If you did not file a Federal Income Tax Return and are required, according to IRS Pub 17, your financial aid file will be incomplete until you file your taxes and make a correction to your FAFSA.
- Brookdale does not automatically award Federal Direct student loans. If you want a student loan, go to the Financial Aid page in Self-Service and click on Request NEW loan, complete and submit.
- If you are a first-time borrower, you must also complete Entrance Loan Counseling and the Master Promissory Note at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov)

### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT RESOURCES\*\*\***

Brookdale One Stop/Financial Aid	732-224-2020	<a href="https://www.brookdalecc.edu/financial-aid/">https://www.brookdalecc.edu/financial-aid/</a>
FAFSA and FSA ID Assistance	800-433-3243	<a href="https://studentaid.gov">https://studentaid.gov</a>
IRS	800-908-9946	<a href="https://www.irs.gov">https://www.irs.gov</a>
HESAA	800-792-8670	<a href="https://njfams.hesaa.org">https://njfams.hesaa.org</a>
FREE Scholarship Search	-----	<a href="https://www.fastweb.com">https://www.fastweb.com</a>

### **\*\*\*COMMUNICATION YOU MAY RECEIVE\*\*\***

- **Student Aid Report- (SAR):** You will receive this by email, unless you did not report an e-mail address on your FAFSA, then you will receive a SAR by regular mail. The SAR is the report of your FAFSA. It indicates whether or not you are eligible for a Federal Pell Grant and a Federal Direct Loan. It reports your Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The EFC is used to determine your eligibility for grants, loans, and work study.
- **EMAILS FROM NJ HESAA:** Important emails will come to you from HESAA with notification of eligibility request for additional information, and how to access NJFAMS. You will need to access NJFAMS to check your status for TAG, EOF, or CCOG.
- **Important Email Notifications:** You will receive emails from the Financial Aid Office to check your checklist on **WebAdvisor Self-Service, Financial Aid**, for missing documents and to check **My Awards** for your fulltime eligibility for grants, loans, and work study.