

AFTER THE FAFSA IS COMPLETED

A Student Aid Report (SAR) will be forwarded to you by email or regular mail and an electronic version will be forwarded to Atlantic Cape. You should review your SAR for accuracy. If you need assistance in correcting the SAR, call the Financial Aid Office at 609-343-5082.

The SAR contains an Estimated Family Contribution (EFC) which is used to calculate your eligibility for federal financial aid. You will receive a Student Eligibility Notice (SEN) from the New Jersey Higher Education Student Assistance Authority (NJHESAA) that will list the state award and amounts you may be eligible to receive. Please note that Atlantic Cape's Financial Aid Office makes the final decision on the amount of state aid you are eligible to receive. The amount of your eligibility is based on the number of credits you are enrolled in.

Missing Information/Verification

Your application may be selected for verification by the U.S. Dept. of Education requiring our office to obtain specific documents from you. All correspondences, requests for additional documentation, and award notifications will be sent to your assigned Atlantic Cape Buccaneer email account.

This email account is assigned to you once you have been admitted to Atlantic Cape and the email address should appear on your acceptance letter. If you have not yet been admitted, all emails will be sent to the email address you listed on your FAFSA until your admissions process has been completed. ***Please note that it is your responsibility to check your Buccaneer email account or the account listed on your FAFSA for important information concerning your financial aid.***

Your email account can be accessed by going to www.atlantic.edu/email. If you have a problem accessing your Buccaneer email account please contact Enrollment Services at 609-343-5005 or by email at register@atlantic.edu for assistance.

NJHESAA may contact you separately and request that you send them additional information. Please respond immediately directly to HESAA to prevent delays or cancellation. Failure to complete and submit your documentation may result in not receiving a deferment for your tuition and fees and/or book check.

Your FAFSA and documentation should be completed 10 weeks prior to the first day of classes.

Award Notification

Once the Financial Aid Office has received all required documents and your file has been reviewed for accuracy, you will be sent via email, an Award Notification Letter, detailing your eligibility for aid. (Award notifications will be sent to students via their Buccaneer email accounts assigned to them at the time of admittance. Buccaneer email information is included in the student's acceptance letter.) Your award will be based on your eligibility for aid, your enrollment status, as well as the availability of funds. Please make sure to read all messages associated with your award letter. ***It is important to note that it is your responsibility to determine if your financial aid awards are enough funding to cover your tuition and fees. If not, you will be expected to pay the difference to the college by the payment deadline.*** Please also note that Atlantic Cape does not pre-package student loans. If you are interested in borrowing under the federal student loan program you must submit an additional application. Please contact our Financial Aid office at 609-343-5082 for additional information.

To Check the Status of Your Financial Aid

Access your **student account online**. You will need your student college ID or social security number and your PIN. If you do not have your PIN, you may request one at that site. If you have a problem accessing this page, please contact Enrollment Services at 609-343-5005.

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Disbursement Procedures

Tuition & Fees: On or about the 10th day of the semester you are enrolled, your final financial aid, based on your credits (except for Federal Work Study), will be applied towards your account for tuition and fees. If your awards are large enough to cover your costs, you will not be required to make a payment.

Please keep in mind that you are responsible for making any payments necessary by Atlantic Cape's payment date. Financial Aid also reserves the right to correct or modify your awards at any time.

Books and Supplies: If your award is larger than your tuition and fees you may be eligible for a book check. The book check can be used in our college book store if you spend more than 70 percent.

Payment of Remaining Aid: If your award is larger than your tuition and fees and books and supplies, you may be eligible for a refund. After tuition and fees, book charges and insurance charges have been posted to your account, and financial aid is credited to your account, any credit balance will be disbursed to you directly.

IMPORTANT DATES

- **August — Book Checks available**
(Must have FAFSA and necessary documentation completed 10 weeks prior to the first day of classes to qualify.)
- **October/November — Scholarship Applications available**
- **November — Veterans Ceremony held**
- **January — Book Checks available**
(Must have FAFSA and necessary documentation completed 10 weeks prior to the first day of classes to qualify.)
- **February — Scholarship Application deadline**
- **April — Preferred FAFSA deadline date for fall semester**
- **May — Scholarship Ceremony**
- **May — Returning student deadline date for State TAG grant**

Payment of remaining aid, (stipends), are issued approximately 10 days after tuition, fees, book charges and insurance charges have been posted to the student's account and financial aid has been credited. Actual dates of disbursement are usually posted on the front page of our website as a news item. For more information, contact our office at (609) 343-5082 or finaid@atlantic.edu.