

Kankakee Community College

2026-27 Financial Aid Calendar

These dates subject to change - check www.kcc.edu/financialaid for the most accurate information.

2025

- Sept. 24** First day to file 2026-27 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).
- Oct. 1** KCC Foundation Scholarship applications for the award year available online at foundation.kcc.edu/scholarships.

2026

- May 1** Scholarship application deadline for KCC Foundation awards for 2026-27 award year.
- July 15** Priority date: Required documentation for grant or loan assistance must be completed and submitted to avoid being dropped at the July 29, 2026 fall preregistration payment date.*
- July 29** Fall preregistration payment due date.
- Sept. 4** Fall 2026 Pell eligibility date – be enrolled for all fall courses, including 8-week and late starting, by this date.
- Sept. 11** Last day to purchase all books and supplies from the bookstore using an eligible Pell grant or loan, including all 8-week and late-starting fall classes.
- Oct. 1** First day to file 2027-28 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) - www.studentaid.gov
- Oct. 1** KCC Foundation Scholarship applications for the 2027-28 award year available online at foundation.kcc.edu/scholarships/.
- Oct. 14** Fall 2026 Pell grants, SEOG and loans disbursed to qualified students with completed files and activated awards.
- Oct. 30** Last day to apply for a Fall 2026 loan.
- Nov. 12** Fall 2026 Pell grants, SEOG and loans disbursed to qualified students with completed files and activated awards.
- Nov. 19** Priority date: Required documentation for grant or loan assistance must be completed and submitted to avoid being dropped at the Dec. 3, 2026 spring preregistration payment date.*
- Dec. 3** Spring preregistration payment due date.
- Dec. 9** Fall 2026 Pell grants, SEOG and loans disbursed to qualified students with completed files and activated awards.

*Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) information must have been received by KCC and all supporting documents must have been submitted with accurate information.

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2027

- Jan. 29** Spring 2027 Pell eligibility date - be enrolled for all spring courses, including 8-week and late starting, by this date.
- Feb. 5** Last day to purchase all books and supplies from the bookstore using an eligible Pell grant or loan, including all 8-week and late-starting spring classes.
- March 10** Spring 2027 Pell grants, SEOG and loans disbursed to qualified students with completed files and activated awards.
- April 2** Last day to apply for a Spring 2027 loan.
- April 14** Spring 2027 Pell grants, SEOG and loans disbursed to qualified students with completed files and activated awards.
- April 15** Priority date: Required documentation for grant or loan assistance must be completed and submitted to avoid being dropped at the April 29, 2027 summer preregistration payment date.*
- April 29** Summer preregistration payment due date.
- May 1** Scholarship application deadline for KCC Foundation awards for 2027-28 award year.
- May 12** Spring 2027 Pell grants, SEOG and loans disbursed to qualified students with completed files and activated awards.
- June 10** Last day to apply for a loan for 6-week Summer 2027 classes.
- June 17** Summer 2027 Pell eligibility date - be enrolled for all summer courses, including 8-week and late starting, by this date.
- June 22** Last day to purchase books and supplies from the bookstore using an eligible Pell grant or loan, including all 6- and 8-week summer classes.
- June 23** First date that 6-week Summer 2027 loans will be disbursed to qualified students.
- June 24** Last day to apply for a loan for 8-week Summer 2027 classes.
- June 30** Last day to file a 2026-27 FAFSA; it must have a valid student aid index (SAI) amount from the federal processor.
- July 21** Summer 2027 Pell grants, SEOG and loans disbursed to qualified students with completed files and activated awards.
- July 22** Summer 2027 loans disbursed to qualified students with completed files and activated awards.
- Aug. 11** Summer 2027 Pell grants, SEOG disbursed to qualified students with completed files and activated awards.
- Aug. 25** Final disbursement date for Fall 2026, Spring 2027, and Summer 2027 from all award sources.



One-Stop Financial Aid Info

Log in to my.kcc.edu

Under College Applications choose Self-Service > Financial Aid

- **FAFSA status** • **Next steps/process** • **Forms, links & downloads**
- **Awards info** • **Financial aid handbook**

**Access
24/7/365!
That's all the time!**

Office hours & more - www.kcc.edu/financialaid

Email - finaid@kcc.edu

Applying for & receiving financial aid

1. Complete the KCC Admissions Form (apply.kcc.edu). You must include your Social Security Number to qualify for federal financial aid. Submit all official transcripts. Some academic programs are not eligible for financial aid. Your academic advisor can help you change your program, if needed.
2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at studentaid.gov. The school code for KCC is 007690.
3. All financial aid communication from KCC will be in Self-Service and sent to your KCC student email. Check regularly for updates.
4. Federal and state eligibility are determined after your FAFSA is processed. Files are processed in the order they are received—usually taking from 2 weeks to 2 months. Apply early! Some students are selected for a FAFSA review process called verification. A delay in returning required documents will delay processing of your financial aid. More info: Self-Service.
5. Once your file is processed, a Financial Aid Offer Letter will be available on Self-Service. It will list the aid you are eligible for. The Financial Aid Handbook (also in Self-Service) has descriptions of each award type.
6. Aid on your offer letter is based on full-time enrollment. If you enroll less than full-time, the awards will be prorated. For other reasons awards are decreased, see question 8 of the FAQs.

Other important information on applying for and receiving financial aid

- Inform the Office of Financial Aid of all assistance you are receiving for educational expenses, including scholarships and sponsorships.
- You must pass one eligible course during the term to be eligible for your award. If you don't complete one course, you may end up owing a portion of your aid back to KCC.
- Visit www.kcc.edu/financialaid or contact the Office of Financial Aid for information on loans and student employment.

Frequently Asked Questions

1. **I submitted my FAFSA at studentaid.gov but haven't heard from KCC. When will I be notified of my aid?**
It can take several weeks after the FAFSA is submitted before you hear from KCC. Check your KCC email account and Self-Service regularly for updates or requests for additional information.
2. **My Financial Aid Offer letter is available on Self-Service. Where is more information on what the awards mean?**
The Financial Aid Handbook – in “resources” in Self-Service, has detailed information.
3. **How do I purchase books/supplies using financial aid?**
Once you have eligible aid such as the Pell Grant, you can charge books at the KCC Bookstore to your student account. The charges will be taken from the estimated aid you receive. The bookstore will need your registration statement and photo ID.
4. **I was selected for verification. What does this mean and what should I do?**
In the verification process, the Office of Financial Aid reviews your FAFSA information to make sure there were no errors. Go to the Required Documents section in Self-Service for a list of what is needed. Your financial aid cannot be processed until all documents are returned and your file has been verified.
5. **Why did I receive less aid than my offer letter shows?**
The difference is probably because of your enrollment status. Aid is calculated based on full-time enrollment (Federal aid: 12 cr. hrs./sem. fall and spring; State aid: 15 cr. hrs./sem). If you are enrolled less than full-time, the financial aid is prorated accordingly. More info: Financial Aid Offer Letter.
6. **When will my excess aid funds be disbursed? How much?**
Excess funds are disbursed well into the semester. You should budget accordingly. Exceptions will not be made. The amount disbursed is total eligible aid minus student account charges. Refer to the Financial Aid Calendar on Page 1.
7. **What is “Satisfactory Academic Progress”?**
It is minimum academic standards you must meet to be eligible for financial aid. If you do not meet these standards, it could result in the suspension of all federal and state aid. More info: Financial Aid Handbook.
8. **Why doesn't financial aid cover all of my classes?**
Reasons include – but are not limited to – repeating a class more than once, an excess of 30 remedial credit hours, not attending a course by the refund date, registration after the Pell eligibility date, and taking courses that are not required for your program of study. Audit and proficiency courses are also not eligible for financial aid.