

APPLYING TO DCC - REFERENCE GUIDE

This is a reference guide for students applying to Dutchess Community College. For more information, refer to [Applying to College - Step by Step Process](#) posted on Google Classroom.

1. Apply to Dutchess Community College.

Click the link [HERE](#) to complete the application.

- You **do not need** recommendation letters or SAT/ACT scores to apply to Dutchess Community College.

2. Add DCC to [SCOIR](#)

- Colleges you are applying to should be entered into the **"APPLIED"** section in SCOIR. This will give your counselor access to submit school documents to these colleges on your behalf.
- Complete the FERPA Release **and** Waiver

3. Transcript Request Form

- Complete a [Transcript Request Form](#) for each college you are applying to.
- This form is used to communicate to your counselor specifically what you need sent to each college so make sure information is accurate and complete.
- A minimum of 2 weeks should be given for school documents to be sent to colleges.

4. FAFSA: Free Application for Federal Student Aid

This is the first step for students/families who plan to use financial aid (eg. grants and/or loans) to finance college.

- FAFSA opens **October 1st**.
- First apply for your FSA ID. Go to:
<https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch>
- The tax information for all guardians will be needed for the prior-prior year (2019 for the class of 2021).
- It's recommended to fill it out as close to October 1, 2020 as possible.
- For the FAFSA application, click
https://fafsa.ed.gov/spa/fafsa/#/LOGIN?locale=en_US
- Students considering a college located in NYS can apply for TAP.
<https://www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/>

5. Scholarship Links

- [Local Scholarships](#)
- [Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley](#)
- [Federal Scholarships](#)
- [Scholarships.com](#)
- [Fastweb Scholarships](#)