

# Financial Aid Process

## APPLY

Complete 2018-2019 Federal Application for Free Student Aid (FAFSA)

- Go to: [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)  
**New Students** will be required to create a Federal Student Aid (FSA) user ID and password
- Tax return information, or other income documents are required. Form will direct you to the Data Retrieval Tool to automatically import tax return from IRS. **River Valley CC school code for FAFSA = 007560.** What if I haven't filed my taxes yet? You can still file! Check "will/will not file" on your FAFSA
- Once your Financial Aid requirements are complete, you will receive your award notification letter and Credit Authorization form within 2—4 weeks. These documents must be signed and returned to River Valley's Financial Aid department.

OR

Award Letter and Credit Authorization form can be completed and signed in your Student Information System account on our website.

- You have the option to accept, decline, or reduce any portion of your aid.
- If accepting loans, new loan borrowers to River Valley must complete the Master Promissory Note and the Entrance Counseling at



## ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

In order to be eligible for Financial Aid all applicants must be:

- Accepted into a financial aid eligible program (over 16 credits)
- Enrolled for a minimum of 6 credits each semester (except for Pell Grant);
- A citizen or permanent resident of the US or Trust Territories, or eligible non-citizen;
- Maintains Satisfactory Academic Progress;
- In compliance with Selective Services requirements (males between 18 and 25 must register). For more information:  
<https://www.sss.gov/Influencers/Students-and-Financial-Aid-Officers>
- Not be in default of any educational loan or owe repayment on a federal grant awarded at any institution.

Check out FAQs on our website at: <http://www.rivervalley.edu/admissions/financial-aid>

If your situation is not addressed, contact our Financial Aid.

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