Step 1: Apply to Macomb Community College
Before you apply for financial aid to attend Macomb, you must first:

- Have earned a high school diploma, GED certificate, associate degree or bachelor’s degree
- Apply for admission to Macomb Community College
- Plan to enroll in an eligible program (leading to an academic, professional or vocational degree, certificate or other recognized credential)

Step 2: Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)
You can complete your FAFSA online. Your FAFSA must be submitted separately for each academic year (fall semester through spring/summer semester) for which you are applying for financial aid.

- If you do not already have one, request a FSA ID before completing the FAFSA. The FSA ID allows you to sign the FAFSA electronically. If you are filing as a dependent student, at least one parent must have a FSA ID.
- Enter the Macomb Community College federal school code 008906 on the FAFSA. The school code is the same for all Macomb campuses and will allow Macomb to receive your FAFSA information.
- We recommend that you use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (available online when you fill out your FAFSA), which allows you to transfer income information from the IRS to the FAFSA form. If your FAFSA was submitted prior to the filing of an income tax return (yours and/or your parents), you can return to the FAFSA site and then apply the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

Step 3: Observe Deadline Dates
Completing the FAFSA early increases your chances of being processed in time for the tuition payment deadlines of the semester you wish to attend. Due to the high volume of applications, you must complete the FAFSA and submit all requested documentation at least 30 days prior to the Initial Payment Deadline to confirm your eligibility. If you have not received confirmation of your financial aid eligibility by the Initial Payment Deadline, you will be required to pay for classes by midnight on the day you register.
Step 4: Processing Your FAFSA
Macomb will process your updated FAFSA once it is received electronically. Per federal regulations, you may be required to submit additional documentation to the Financial Aid Office. After you are admitted to Macomb, you can view your financial aid status, including any additional documentation that may be needed, anytime on the Financial Aid Status (FAST) site found under Financial Aid on My Macomb.

Step 5: Receiving Your Notification
After Macomb completes the processing of your FAFSA, you will be notified of your eligibility. The preferred method of award notification is email; therefore, it is important that you have a current email address on file with the College. Also, it is your responsibility to read the Terms and Conditions of Receiving Financial Aid found under Financial Aid on My Macomb. It’s important to note that if you receive financial aid but never attend classes, you will be required to pay back your entire award!

Step 6: Applying for Scholarships
Once you have filed your FAFSA, you may also apply for the private scholarships offered by Macomb Community College via the Online Automated Scholarship Information System (OASIS).

If you are receiving scholarship funds from outside sources, you must submit your scholarship checks to the Financial Aid Office. It will take at least three business days to apply scholarship funds to your account.

For more information on How to Apply for Financial Aid at Macomb Community College: 586.445.7999 or finaid@macomb.edu