

**Don't think you can afford school?**  
Go to [studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/estimate](http://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/estimate)  
to get a free early estimate of your  
eligibility for federal student aid.

# Financial Aid Choose an Option

## Option 1: Planning to use Federal Student Grants and Loans to pay for your schooling at Great Oaks?

Follow these steps:

- Create a FSA ID and Password** (\*parents of dependent students must do this step too!) Go to [fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm](http://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm). Please be sure to write down your (and your parents) FSA ID, as it will be needed for future steps!
- Complete the 2020-2021 FAFSA® (it's FREE!)** Go to [fafsa.ed.gov/](http://fafsa.ed.gov/). Our federal school code is **014694**. Please be sure to use your 2018 tax information and the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.
- Resolve Issues (if any)** Wait at least 1 week after submitting your FAFSA for the Financial Aid Office to contact you about your next steps.
- Review and Complete "Financial Aid Offer" and ALL Online Processes.** Carefully read, sign, date and return all 4 pages of the "Financial Aid Offer" to the Financial Aid Office. Then go to [studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action#](http://studentloans.gov/myDirectLoan/index.action#) to complete all mandatory online processes from page 2 of the "Financial Aid Offer" (your parent(s) may need to complete online processes as well).
- Pay Balance Owed (if any)** Follow the directions on the invoice sent to you by the Bursar after you have taken and met required benchmarks on all 3 WorkKeys® tests. Balance due one month prior to the start of class. **Questions? Call 513.612.3657**

\*Dependent Student = under the age of 24, not married, doesn't have dependents, not serving on active duty, not a veteran, not an orphan, not homeless or emancipated.

For more information about student grants and loans, please visit [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov).  
Student grants and loans are available to those who qualify and are enrolled in one of our eligible programs.

## Option 2: Planning to use Self-Pay to pay for your schooling at Great Oaks?

Follow these steps:

- Pay Balance Owed** Follow the directions on the invoice sent to you by the Bursar after you have taken and met benchmarks on all 3 WorkKeys® tests. Two payment periods: One month before class begins and middle of full-time program.  
**Bursar: 513.612.3657 (Rachel Clemons)**

## Option 3: Planning to use VA® Educational Benefits to pay for your schooling at Great Oaks?

Follow these steps:

- Apply for Benefits (if never applied for benefits) or Complete Change of Training (if applied for benefits in the past)**  
To apply for benefits, go to <https://www.vets.gov/education/apply-for-education-benefits/application/1990/introduction>. To complete a change of training, go to [www.vets.gov/education/apply-for-education-benefits/application/1995/introduction](http://www.vets.gov/education/apply-for-education-benefits/application/1995/introduction).
- Complete Federal Student Grants/Loans Steps (in the above yellow box if needed)** VA educational benefits **do not** cover all costs of our programs and each program varies on costs not covered. If you have further questions about this, please contact the Financial Aid Office.
- Provide your Certificate of Eligibility (COE) to the Financial Aid Office** Fax or email your COE to the Financial Aid Office. If you don't have your COE, print your entitlement page from [ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage](http://ebenefits.va.gov/ebenefits/homepage) and fax or email it to the Financial Aid Office.
- Schedule an Appointment with the VA School Certifying Official** This appointment is to finalize all necessary VA and financial aid documentation and is mandatory. Contact the Financial Aid Office.

To learn more about VA education assistance, please visit [benefits.va.gov/qibill/](http://benefits.va.gov/qibill/).

Scholarship Opportunities - [adults.greatoaks.com/career-admissions/scholarships/](http://adults.greatoaks.com/career-admissions/scholarships/)

Other Federal/State Aid Opportunities (available to those who qualify) - Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities (OOD), Workforce Investment Opportunities Act (WIOA) and Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA). For local center information, please visit [ifs.ohio.gov/owd/WIOA/map.stm](http://ifs.ohio.gov/owd/WIOA/map.stm)

Questions? [www.greatoaks.com/fa](http://www.greatoaks.com/fa) or contact the Financial Aid Office:

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