

# Your Financial Aid Guide

## More Value. Less Confusion.

The extraordinary opportunities you'll find at Hartwick come at a reasonable price—which is reduced by your **admission scholarship** and can be further reduced when you **apply for financial aid**.

This checklist **guides you through that process**—but know that more support is available!



## YOUR 2027–28 FAFSA CHECKLIST

### 1. Create an FSA user ID

[studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch](https://studentaid.gov/fsa-id/create-account/launch)

- ☐ Student FSA ID
- ☐ Parent FSA ID for parent who is signing the FAFSA



### 2. Start a new FAFSA

[studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa](https://studentaid.gov/h/apply-for-aid/fafsa)

*Fill out the FAFSA for ALL schools you're considering with information from all parents in your household, including step-parents. Only one parent will need to sign the form.*



**PRO TIP:** Write down your account information and track the schools you send your FAFSA to on the back of this page.

### Make sure to have the following items:

- ☐ Student FSA ID
- ☐ Parent FSA ID for parent who is signing the FAFSA
- ☐ Valid email address for parent who is signing the FAFSA  
*Must be different from student's email address.*
- ☐ Valid email address for student  
*Must be different from parent's email address.*
- ☐ Student social security number  
*Have the card to ensure number is correct.*
- ☐ Parent(s) social security number  
*Have the card(s) to ensure number is correct.*
- ☐ Student and parent(s) date of birth
- ☐ Student driver license number, if student has one
- ☐ Student Permanent Alien Registration Number, if not a U.S. citizen
- ☐ Copy of student 2025 Federal Income Tax Return
- ☐ Copy of parent(s) 2025 Federal Income Tax Return(s)
- ☐ Records of student/parent(s) 2025 untaxed income for the following sources of income:
  - Child support received for all children. Do not include foster care.
  - Tax exempt interest income.
  - Veterans' non-education benefits (such as disability, death pension, etc.)
  - Untaxed portions of pensions. Exclude rollovers.
  - Untaxed payments to tax deferred pensions and retirement savings plans (on W-2).
  - Untaxed portion of IRA distributions. Exclude rollovers.
  - Untaxed portion of IRA deductions.
  - Housing, food and other living allowances paid to members of the military, clergy, etc.

### 3. Fill out the grant application for your state

**Finished with the FAFSA? Congrats, you're almost done!**

If your state offers financial aid grants for residents, follow their application process. Your school counselor should be able to help you learn more about this. If you are a New York state resident, see below for instructions on how to apply for NYS TAP.

#### Colleges Receiving my FAFSA

| College Name     | College Code |
|------------------|--------------|
| Hartwick College | 002729       |
|                  |              |
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### 4. Next Steps as Needed

#### Update FAFSA Information

Go to [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov) and click on the Start Here box to start a FAFSA correction or view your student aid report (SAR).

### 5. New York State TAP (Tuition Assistance Program)

**Apply for TAP: [www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw](http://www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw)**

For New York State Students Only.



#### Update TAP Application

- Go to [www.hesc.ny.gov](http://www.hesc.ny.gov), click on Student Access at top right of page.
- Make selection from the account menu and enter HESCPIN User ID, TAP PIN and last four digits of your SSN.
- You may review or change your TAP information, change TAP college code or update email address, etc.

### It's personal here.

Contact an aid counselor for one-on-one help with your FAFSA, questions on the process, and/or to discuss your aid offer. We are here to help you make smart financial choices even before Day 1 at Hartwick—and to **prepare you for a lifetime of financial well-being thereafter.**

### My Financial Aid Access Codes

#### My FAFSA Data:

Student FSA ID

Student Email

Password

Parent FSA ID

Parent Email

Password

#### My New York State TAP Data:

Student TAP HESCPIN User ID

Student TAP PIN

Student Challenge Question Answer

#### My State Data

User State ID

Student TAP PIN

User State Password



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