If you are planning to attend MATC during the 2020-21 school year, you are encouraged to apply for Federal Financial Aid. Apply for Federal Financial Aid by completing the 2020-21 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.gov. The MATC Federal School Code is 003866. Apply early so you do not miss out on any available grant money. Applying for Federal Financial Aid does not guarantee that you will receive it. The student is responsible for any outstanding balance that is not covered by Federal Financial Aid.

Applying for Federal Financial Aid requires:

**Step One**

**Signing the FAFSA**

At the end of the application, you and your parent (if you are a dependent student) must agree to the FAFSA certification statement and sign your application electronically using the Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID). You and your parent (if you are a dependent) will need your own individual FSA ID (username and password). If you need a FSA ID, apply at fsaid.ed.gov. Please note: as of April 2015 the PIN was replaced by the FSA user ID and password.

To apply for a FSA ID while in the FAFSA application, select “Apply for FSA ID” button. If you forgot your username and password, select “Forgot Username” or “Forgot Password.” Note that you will need to provide either your email address or mobile number or provide answers to your challenge questions to obtain the username or reset your password.

**Step Two**

**Complete your FAFSA at fafsa.gov**

Click on “Start Here or Log In.” Select the 2020-21 school year and complete the 2020-21 FAFSA.

**Step Three**

**Gather information required to apply for Federal Financial Aid**

To complete your 2020-21 FAFSA online you will need to use information from your 2018 Federal Tax Return. If you have not completed your 2018 Federal Tax Return, do so immediately. You are a dependent student unless you were born before January 1, 1997, are married, have dependents you support, or are a veteran. If you are a dependent student, you will also need your parents’ 2018 Federal Tax Returns and income information for 2018. You may estimate your 2018 earnings using your last check stub or your W-2s from your 2018 jobs. You are encouraged to use the IRS Tax Retrieval Option while submitting your FAFSA. After you file your 2018 Federal Tax Return, you will need to update the information on your 2020-21 FAFSA application.

**Step Four**

You will receive an electronic or paper Student Aid Report (SAR) from the federal student aid processor. You will receive the SAR electronically if you listed an e-mail address while completing your FAFSA.

Review the SAR carefully and make sure the information is correct. If you see incorrect information, make corrections to you FAFSA via fafsa.gov. The MATC Financial Aid Office will receive updates electronically from the U.S. Department of Education.
Other Important Information

You will not receive MATC Federal Financial Aid for the 2020-21 school year until your 2020-21 FAFSA has been processed and the information has been received by the Financial Aid Office from the U.S. Department of Education.

Submit all forms/documents requested by the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible. This is especially important if your FAFSA was selected for verification.

To receive a course fee or book deferment, the Financial Aid Office needs to receive:
- A valid Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from your processed 2020-21 FAFSA
- Verification that your Federal Financial Aid has been awarded

You must be admitted into an MATC Federal Financial Aid eligible degree or diploma program before the admission application deadline to be eligible for Federal Financial Aid.

Your academic status must be satisfactory, warning or probation to be eligible for Federal Financial Aid.

You must be enrolled in at least six credit hours, as of the Federal Financial Aid census date, to be eligible to receive a federal loan and state grants. The financial aid dates of importance can be found at http://www.matsc.edu/student/resources/financial_aid/impdates.cfm. In addition, for your loan to be processed, you must complete the online loan counseling and sign an online master promissory note.

An e-mail from MATC informing you of the Federal Financial Aid package you have been awarded will be sent to your MATC email account.

MATC encourages all students to apply for Federal Financial Aid and have a processed FAFSA prior to our priority deadline of June 1, 2020. Feel free to contact the MATC Financial Aid Office with questions. We are located in Room S101 at the Downtown Milwaukee Campus, and in the Student Services office at the Mequon, Oak Creek and West Allis Campuses. You can also contact us at 414-297-6282 or finaid@matc.edu.

Federal Financial Aid Verification Process
If you are selected for Federal Financial Aid verification by the U.S. Department of Education, the MATC Financial Aid Office will notify you of what verification information you are required to submit.

Repeated Coursework
Federal regulations limit the number of times a student may repeat a course and receive Federal Financial Aid for that course:
- A student may receive aid to repeat a previously passed course one additional time.
- A student may receive aid when repeating a course that was previously failed, regardless of the number of times the course was attempted and failed.
- If a student retakes a course that is not aid eligible, a recalculation of aid is done to exclude the credits for the repeated course. If a balance is due after the recalculation, the student must make payment in order to retain the course.
- This rule applies whether or not the student received aid for earlier enrollments in the course.

Federal Pell Grant – Twelve Full Time Semester Limit
The Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2012 was signed into law. The law reduces the duration of a student’s federal Pell grant eligibility to a 12-semester lifetime limit. Students who have received Federal Pell grant funds for the equivalent of 12 full-time semesters will not be eligible to receive this grant for future semesters. Full-time enrollment is defined as 12 or more credits per semester.