



## FAFSA INSTRUCTIONS

### Applying for Federal Financial Aid for the 2026-2027 Academic Year

Ranken Technical College School Code: 012500

Steps for completing the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

Apply online at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov).

#### Steps

- Create a Student Aid Account at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) under the *Create Account* link. A student and all contributors (parents/stepparent/spouse) must have a Student Aid Account.
- Fill out the FAFSA at [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov)
- Ensure ALL Contributors provide consent to permit FSA to receive and use federal tax information from 2024 for the purpose of determining eligibility for federal student aid using the FAFSA form, otherwise the applicant will NOT be eligible for Title IV funding.

**Financial Aid is a Process—Please allow 3-4 weeks for completion**



*Filing your FAFSA late may result in a delay of processing, and it may be necessary for you to pay your tuition, fees, and other expenses out of pocket (regardless of financial aid eligibility) prior to attending class.*

#### **DUE DATES**

Feb 2, 2026	Priority Deadline for Missouri Residents
July 1, 2026	Ranken Technical College Fall Tuition Due Date
Dec 1, 2026	Ranken Technical College Spring Tuition Due Date

## **FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID PROGRAMS**

- Federal Pell Grant
  - ✓ Based on financial need
  - ✓ Range \$634-\$7395
- Federal Loans
  - ✓ Federal Direct Student loans
    - Federal Direct Subsidized loan
      - Based on financial need
      - 1<sup>st</sup> year students could receive up to \$3500
    - Federal Direct Unsubsidized loan
      - Not based on need
      - Dependent student (\$2000/academic year)
      - Independent student (\$6000/academic year)
  - ✓ Federal Direct Parent PLUS loan
    - In a Parent's name
    - Amount up to the Cost of Attendance

## **MISSOURI STATE AID**

- Access MO Grant
  - ✓ Based on financial need
  - ✓ Priority Deadline of February 2<sup>nd</sup> with applications accepted through April 1<sup>st</sup>
- A+ Grant
  - ✓ Must meet requirements
- Bright Flight Academic Scholarship
  - ✓ Must meet requirements

## **INSTITUTIONAL AID**

- Institutional Scholarships
  - ✓ Applications available around April 1<sup>st</sup>
  - ✓ Must meet required deadline—June 1<sup>st</sup>
  - ✓ FAFSA required
- IL Resident Scholarship
  - ✓ IL residents
  - ✓ Based on financial need
- Additional aid/Institutional aid
  - ✓ Based on financial need