

## IT'S TIME TO APPLY FOR FINANCIAL AID

### **PLEASE READ ALL ENCLOSED INFORMATION!!**

If you plan to attend a training program at OCM BOCES, you should apply for financial aid as soon as possible by completing the 2025-26 **FAFSA (FREE Application for Federal Student Aid)**. It will be necessary to report financial information for 2023 for yourself and, if you are a dependent student for financial aid purposes, for your parent(s). You (and/or your parents) will be requested to provide consent for the FAFSA application to retrieve and transfer 2023 IRS income information. Failure to provide consent will prohibit eligibility for federal financial aid.

**Applying for Financial Aid: Please follow these instructions carefully!**

1. If you do not already have an FSA ID and Password – go to <https://studentaid.gov/> and select Create Account
  - If you have an FSA ID and don't remember it, you can retrieve it by following the instructions provided on the website.
  - You may use FSA ID right away to sign your FAFSA, even if it is issued conditionally.
  - If your parent's information is required on your application, both you and your parent must obtain an FSA ID and password.
2. Collect **2023** completed Federal Tax return information for any tax returns filed, as well as any other income documentation that may require reporting manually.
3. Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid)
  - Go to <https://studentaid.gov/> and click on **Login**.
    - You must complete the **2025-2026** Version.
    - Onondaga Cortland Madison BOCES federal school code is **012652**
4. **YOU MUST COMPLETE YOUR FAFSA ONLINE (EVEN IF YOU ARE BEING FUNDED BY AN AGENCY) AND MEET WITH A FINANCIAL AID EXAMINER BEFORE BEING ACCEPTED INTO A PROGRAM. IF YOU WISH TO WAIVE FINANCIAL AID AND PLAN TO SELF-PAY, CONTACT THE FINANCIAL AID OFFICE AT THE NUMBER LISTED BELOW.**

**\*\*\*The OCMBOCES Student Services Office will contact you for an appointment for your requested program. (This may be several weeks after you have filed.)\*\*\***

Questions may be directed to the Financial Aid Office at 315-453-4422