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Where do I start?

Use this timeline to help plan what you need to do so you stay on track to start college in the 2026-2027 year.

Start Here:

- Request information from colleges you are interested in.
- Schedule visits to colleges.
- Search for scholarships.
- Begin to gather information for your admissions application (essays, transcript, letters of recommendation).

Complete Applications - October to December 2025

- Apply for Admission to SUNY Canton at www.suny.edu/applysuny/ .
- Apply for a Federal Student Aid (FSA) ID online at studentaid.gov. Your parent will need to apply for their own and must use a different email address than you.
- Complete the FAFSA application at studentaid.gov or use the MyStudentAid APP to apply for federal aid.

Preferred Deadline = February 1, 2026

- NYS RESIDENTS ONLY: Complete the NYS TAP application online at hesc.ny.gov . You can link directly to this website from the confirmation page after completing the FAFSA application online.
- Look for private sources of aid including scholarships. Check with your Guidance Counselor, school, libraries, local businesses, local organizations, and parent employers/unions. Check online at free sources like fastweb.com and remember that a fee-based search may be a scam.
- Apply for scholarships using the SUNY Canton online scholarship form.
- NYS RESIDENTS ONLY: Complete the NYS Excelsior Scholarship application at hesc.ny.gov/excelsior

The Follow-up Process - January to May 2026

- Watch your mail, email, and monitor your account online through your UCanWeb account.
- Submit any requested documentation timely to prevent delays.
- Accept or decline your financial aid award offers online through your UCanWeb account.
- MAY 1: Admissions deadline to make your deposit for the Fall 2025 semester.

Registration and Billing - June to August 2026

- Complete any additional requests for information as soon as you receive them.
- Notify us of any outside scholarship, grant, or other types of aid you expect to receive.
- Complete the online billing process through UCanWeb each semester by the due date, including the parking, health insurance waiver, and any payment or payment plan.
- Plan to attend orientation and create a class schedule.

All dates are RECOMMENDED, you can still apply even if you miss these deadlines.

Contact the One Hop Shop at 315-386-7616 with any questions!