Financial Aid at Erwin is a two step process: **APPLY AND ACTIVATE**

1. **APPLY** by completing the (FAFSA) Free Application for Federal Student Aid, @:

   **HTTP:WWW.FAFSA.ED.GOV**

   *Erwin Technical Center Federal School Code Number is:* **005594**

   - Using the above website, complete the FAFSA and have it sent to Erwin by using the Federal School code number.
   - Students who qualify for enough Federal PELL will be allowed to charge up to the amount of their **first term books only**. Books required for future terms must be paid for by the student and will not be allowed to be deferred against PELL disbursements.

2. **ACTIVATE** by **confirming** with the Financial Aid office that you have completed all required paperwork, **AND notifying us** of your intentions to begin the program. All students need to visit the Financial Aid Department ASAP, (at least 4 weeks prior to the first day of school) in order to complete this Activation form and submit any required documents.
Erwin Technical Center honors students receiving **Florida Bright Futures**:

- **Florida Academic Scholar**
  - Tuition is 100% paid through FBF and Erwin Fee Waiver (Summer hours are paid through a district fee waiver)

- **Florida Medallion Scholar or Florida Gold Seal**
  - Vocational Scholar
  - Tuition is 100% (Summer hours and approx. 25% of other terms are paid through a district fee waiver)

**New STATE regulation**: Students will be required to repay the cost of any course dropped or withdrawn unless an exception is recommended by the financial aid office. Repayment for the cost of dropped or withdrawn courses is required to renew a Bright Futures award for a subsequent academic year.

Erwin Technical Center honors students receiving **Florida Prepaid College Plan**:

- 1 Credit Hour in the Florida Prepaid College Plan will pay for 30 clock hours of study at Erwin Technical Center
- You must be enrolled Full Time
- Example: Dental Assisting is 1,100 clock hours OR 37 Credits from the Florida Prepaid College Plan
- You MUST have your current Florida Prepaid College card with you at time of registration

Students who pay for their tuition with cash, check or credit card may be eligible for a Hope Credit when filing their Federal Tax Return, for more information please check the following website:

There are many **AGENCIES** that sponsor students at Erwin Technical Center. Check with individual agencies to determine the criteria for qualifying. **Most agencies will require students to apply for a Federal PELL Grant prior to approving a student for sponsorship.** Students must submit payment vouchers from the agency to Erwin Technical Center prior to each term.

**CARIBE Refugee Program** – 231-1972
Indian Affairs – 1-800-322-9186
Migrant Program – 757-9480

**Project Opportunity (West Tampa Neighborhood Service Center)** - 975-2153 ext. 117
Tampa Housing Authority – 253-0551 ext. 118
Vocational Rehabilitation – 930-7494
Veterans Administration – 1-888-442-4551
WIA – Hillsborough 930-7400
WIA Pasco/Hernando 727-484-3431
WIA Pinellas 727-524-4344
WIA – Polk Co. 1-863-683-5627

Students applying for Federal or State Financial Aid are responsible for completing all necessary paperwork prior to starting school if they would like their tuition to be deferred against the funds they will be receiving. It is the student’s responsibility to follow up with the Financial Aid Office in a timely matter at least 4 weeks prior to the beginning of their program. Any incomplete file will be processed at the time the student completes his/her paperwork, however, the student will be required to pay all fees associated with their training until a final approval is reached.

**Financial Aid office Hours**: 813-231-1891
Monday – Thursday 7:30 am – 3:30 pm
Friday 7:30 am – 1:30 pm

**Most Tuesday and Thursday Evenings 4:00 pm – 8:00 pm – Please call ahead!**