# FINANCIAL AID - NEXT STEPS

## **Grants and Scholarships**

- Check Banner Web click "Financial Aid Information"
- Student requirements for any additional actions will be found here

### **Federal Student Loans**

#### Accepted through **Banner Web**

- Click "Financial Aid Information"
- Select the aid year "2025-2026" then select the "Offer" tab
- Aid found here, that requires acceptance, will have a "select" box in the "take action" column. Change the aid you would like to use to "accept" and hit "Submit."
- First time borrowers are required to complete a <u>Master Promissory Note</u> and <u>Loan Entrance</u> <u>Counseling</u> at <u>www.studentaid.gov</u> This will populate as a Student Requirement under on the "Home" tab after you accept your loan(s).

### **Parent PLUS Loans**

- Parent PLUS Loans can be applied for by a parent (cannot be completed by a student) at www.studentaid.gov
- Parents login with their FSA ID and password (not the students)
- You will know immediately after completion, if you are approved or denied.
- If approved, please go onto complete a PLUS Master Promissory Note to finalize the PLUS Loan. We will receive both the next business day and create the loan.
- Parent PLUS Loan denials can be appealed OR you can add a cosigner. In the event you do
  not wish to do either, students are eligible to borrow a limited amount in additional
  unsubsidized loan funds for the year after a parent PLUS Loan denial. We will receive the
  denial the following business day and contact the student for this.

## **Additional Information**

Once loan acceptance steps have been completed, you will see your aid updated on your bill in approximately 3 business days. Bills are found at <u>Banner Web</u> under Billing and Payments NYS Residents:

- 1. NYS Grants are estimated until a TAP application is complete at <a href="https://www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/">www.tap.hesc.ny.gov/totw/</a>
- 2. Sign up for Excelsior Scholarship information at <u>HESC.NY.GOV</u> Need help? Please contact us at FinancialAid@Cobleskill.edu OR (518) 255-5623