



Financial Assistance and Tax Preparation

Advising, Counseling and Career Center Front Desk: 651.779.3285

Financial Assistance:

- **Bridge to Benefits:** <http://www.bridgetobenefits.org/Partners>
You can use the screening tool to see if you may qualify for financial assistance by using the username: student and password: century and then selecting "Screening Tool" on the left-hand menu. This will help you connect with a Navigator who can help you with the application process.
- Ramsey County Services Financial Assistance:
 - Residents are encouraged to apply for cash, emergency and food (SNAP) assistance at applymn.dhs.mn.gov.
 - Residents are encouraged to apply for health insurance at mnsure.org.
 - All Financial Assistance intake interviews, including Emergency Assistance, will take place over the phone, rather than in-person. Call 651-266-4444 to set one up.
 - Clients can send applications and verifications in via fax 651-266-3942 or drop them off in the drop box outside of the [Government Center East Building](#). For the limited situations in which it is not possible for a resident to interact with Ramsey County via telephone or online options, three locations in the city of Saint Paul and three suburban Ramsey County locations will serve as secure drop off and processing sites for documents related to all service types. These will be open during the locations' regular business hours. Locations for document drop off only will be:
 - Ramsey County Library – Maplewood
 - Ramsey County Library – Roseville
 - Ramsey County Library – Shoreview
 - Plato Building in Saint Paul
 - Ramsey County Government Center East
 - Saint Paul City Hall – Ramsey County Courthouse (Suite 250. Please use 4th Street entrance.)

Free Tax Preparation Assistance:

- Prepare and Prosper: <https://prepareandprosper.org/free-tax-preparation/>
- United Way Tax Help: <https://www.211unitedway.org/search-category/tax-help/>

Budget and Debt Counseling:

- Family Means Financial Solutions: <https://www.familymeans.org/financial-solutions/>
- Lutheran Social Services of Minnesota: <https://www.lssmn.org/services/youth/financial-counseling>

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