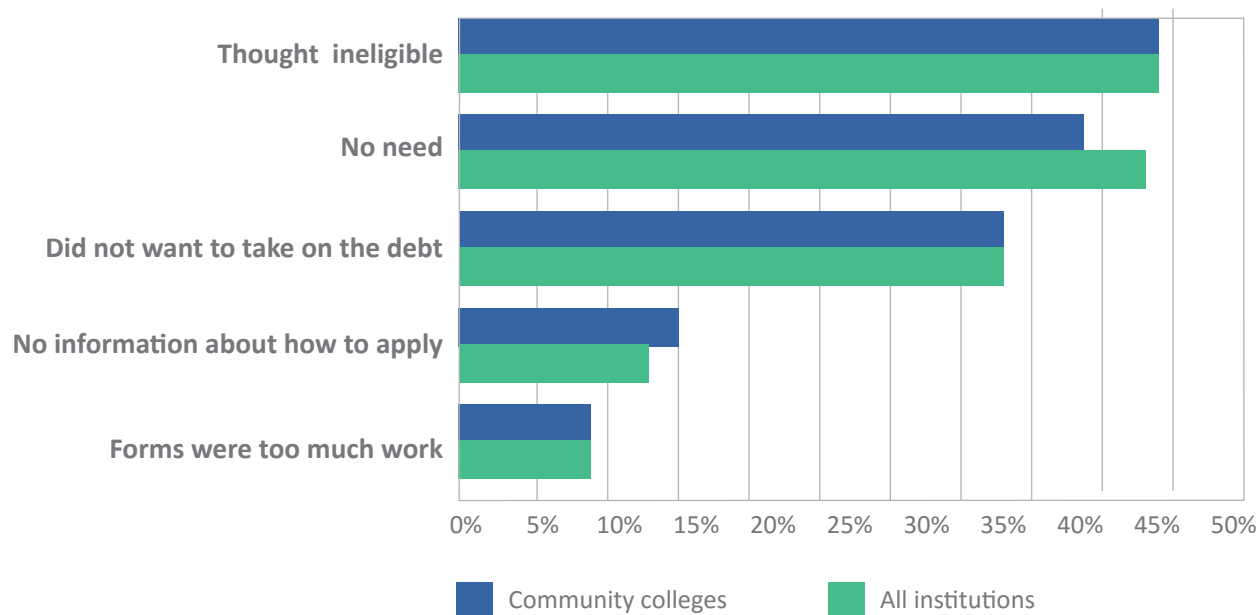


Simplify FAFSA

Forty-four percent of community college students don't apply for federal student aid because they don't think they qualify.

Reasons for not completing the FAFSA



Note: AACC analysis of 2011-2012 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study (NPSAS: 12) data, U.S. Department of Education, National Center for Education Statistics.

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To be considered for federal student aid, students must apply for it. However, 44 percent of community college students don't even complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form, compared to 30 percent of all students in higher education. Many community college students (44 percent) say they don't complete the FAFSA because they don't think they are eligible for federal student aid, according to the 2011-2012 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study. Less than 10 percent didn't complete the FAFSA because the application is "too much work." The federal government has simplified the process by reducing the number of questions on the form and making available an online IRS tool to more easily obtain required tax information. [Learn more](#) about AACC's legislative priorities.

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