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Financial Aid focus

GEORGIA COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NEWSLETTER 2020-2021

FAFSA Now Open for 2021-2022

The 2021-2022 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) opened on October 1, 2020. This FAFSA requires the use of 2019 tax return information. It can be completed at fafsa.ed.gov or on the new mobile app, myStudentAid, which can be downloaded from the Apple Store (iOS) or Google Play (Android). In order to log in to the FAFSA and

complete it, both parents and students will need an FSA ID. This is a username and password login that would have been created the first time the FAFSA was completed (if completed previously). If either the student or parent doesn't remember their FSA ID, or doesn't have one, they can reset it or apply for one at fsaid.ed.gov. The FAFSA applies a student for federal

grants, Federal Work Study, Federal Stafford Loans, and is used as an application for the HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarships. The GSFApps is an alternative application to the FAFSA and can be completed at gafutures.org when a student wants to be reviewed for HOPE or Zell Miller Scholarships only. We advise that students complete the applications early and use the IRS Data

NOTICE to Students:
If you have received loans, be on the lookout during Fall semester for an email tracking your loan debt!

Retrieval Tool option on the FAFSA. Using this tool allows our office the potential to expedite your application. Please contact our office with any questions about the applications or eligibility at (478) 445-5149 or by email at financialaid@gcsu.edu.

Important Dates

October 1, 2020
The 2021-2022 FAFSA opened

October 26-29, 2020
Spring class registration begins

December 4, 2020
Returning Student Scholarship Application opens

January 8, 2021
Payment deadline if no Financial Aid application on file

January 19, 2021
First day of spring classes and final payment deadline

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

At the end of each academic term, the Financial Aid Office staff will determine whether students are meeting the minimum standards for each of the components listed below. Students not meeting the Time Frame standard will become ineligible for all federal and state aid programs immediately, without a warning semester. Students that are not meeting the Qualitative and/or Quantitative standards at the end of a term are automatically given one warning semester. Appeals can be made for extenuating circumstances for students who are not eligible for aid based on SAP.

Qualitative Standards

Students must maintain a minimum **cumulative** grade point average (GPA) as indicated below:

Undergraduate Students	
Have 0-29 earned hours AND have not reached the end of the second academic year (measured in time not grade level)	1.75
Have 30 or more earned hours OR have passed the end of the second academic year (measured in time not grade level)	2.00
Graduate Students	
Every Term	3.00

Quantitative (Incremental progress) Standards

Students must complete **67%** of all attempted coursework. This cumulative calculation includes all Georgia College, transfer, repeated, and non-credit coursework *attempted*.

Cumulative hours Successfully Completed divided by Cumulative hours Attempted = % Completed

Maximum Time Frame Standards

Students have a maximum of **150%** of the average program to complete their degree requirements while continuing to qualify for federal and state aid. The maximum time frame allowed consists of *all attempted hours*. The allowable time frame at Georgia College is below:

Undergraduate Students	180 Attempted Hours
Graduate Students	55 Attempted Hours

Allowances for 2nd Bachelor Degree and Specialist Degree will be made for eligible recipients.

MEET OUR STAFF:

CARLA MORRIS



► Carla Morris joined the FA team as a Financial Aid Advisor and the Scholarship and NCAA Compliance Coordinator in July 2020. She will be working with students with last names starting with H-L. We are excited to have her!

Financial Aid Advisors

Beth Gamble	A-C
Casey Crooms	D-G
Carla Morris	H-L
Hadley Peeler	M-R
Whitney Herman	S-Z

Returning Student Scholarship Application to Open in December

The 2021-2022 Returning Student Scholarship Application opens Dec. 4th and closes February 15, 2021. Emails will be sent as reminders to students Bobcat email accounts and parent email addresses on file. This application can be applied for in the students Unify account under the Unified Resources section, then the Scholarship Application System. This

application applies students for over 250 potential Georgia College scholarships for Fall 2021 – Spring 2022. If awarded a scholarship, recipients are notified during Spring 2021. For any questions about the application or scholarships, please contact the Office of University Advancement at scholarships@gcsu.edu or (478)445-3648.

Scholarship Requirements:

- **Minimum GPA of 3.0**
- **Be enrolled as a full-time student for 2021-2022**
- **Students who are enrolled less than full time due to graduation may also be eligible**