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# Financial Aid

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GEORGIA COLLEGE FINANCIAL AID NEWSLETTER 2019-2020

## Don't Sweat It

### Tips for Finalizing your Financial Aid and Bill

The time is near when our campus will fill up once again with our fellow Bobcats. Make your move here, or move back, easier by checking for these important Financial Aid needs.

**1. Have you completed an application for Aid?** Students wanting to be reviewed for HOPE, Zell Miller, or Federal Aid including grants, loans, and Work-Study, must complete an application. Read more about these applications:

<https://www.gcsu.edu/financialaid/how-apply>.

Check your application status in your PAWS account, Financial Aid Tab, Financial Aid Status.

\*If a student was awarded HOPE/Zell from the FAFSA last year, we need a new application for this year.

**2. Have you turned in all of your documents?** Not all students are required to submit additional documents, but some are. This can delay your Financial Aid awards. Check to see if you have any outstanding documents in your PAWS account, Financial Aid Tab, Financial Aid Status.

**3. Do you owe a balance?** Financial aid does not always cover the full balance for students. Check to see if the student's balance is covered in the PAWS account, Student Account Center.

**4. Have you reviewed your awards and activated loans?** Students can review their Financial Aid offered in the PAWS account, Financial Aid Tab, Bobcat DEN. Note that these awards are based on maximum eligibility, but aid amounts can differ based on enrollment.

If a student has not activated student loans, but wants to, go to [studentloans.gov](http://studentloans.gov) and complete Loan Entrance Counseling and sign the Loan Agreement (MPN).

Welcome to GC  
Class of 2023!!

## Important Dates

August 8, 2019  
Summer grade processing begins, allow through the 14<sup>th</sup> for updates to awards

August 9, 2019  
Deadline to pay Fall bill, if no Financial Aid App on file

August 15, 2019  
Move in day for University Housing

August 19, 2019  
First day of Fall courses

August 19, 2019  
Deadline to pay with Financial Aid App on File

August 23, 2019  
Deadline to drop an individual course without a W

# Nelnet

Georgia College partners with Nelnet Campus Commerce to offer a payment plan for each term. The final deadline to sign up for this payment plan for Fall 2019 is August 9<sup>th</sup>. To sign up for this plan, you will pay 50% of your total bill in a downpayment along with a \$70 enrollment fee. Students will then have 2 more payments in September and October. These payments are autodrafted out on the 5<sup>th</sup> of each month. The payment plan will cover a balance up to \$7500. If your balance exceeds that, you would be required to pay the difference in addition to your down payment.

This option allows students to pay their bill in smaller payments and make the last payment the 5<sup>th</sup> of October. Without the payment plan, student bills are due on August 9<sup>th</sup>, unless the student has a FAFSA or GSFApps on file in which case the payment deadline is extended to August 19<sup>th</sup>.

You can read more about the Nelnet Payment Plan at [www.mycollegepaymentplan.com/gcsu](http://www.mycollegepaymentplan.com/gcsu).

## Direct Deposit

If your financial aid exceeds your bill, you could qualify for a refund. Beginning Fall 2019, students can no longer pick up refund checks in person at the Business Office. Students can sign up for Direct Deposit in the Student Account Center through PAWS. If a student is not signed up for Direct Deposit, the refund check will be mailed to the mailing address on file in the PAWS account.

\*Not all students are eligible for a refund and signing up for direct deposit does not guarantee a refund

## STAFF SPOTLIGHT:



Debbie Long serves as the Office Assistant and is often the first person you see in the office or speak to on the phone. She supervises our student workers and helps to keep our office running.



Casey Crooms is the newest Financial Aid Advisor, starting work with GC Financial Aid in June 2019. She is the advisor for students with last names starting with D-G and temporarily X-Z as well. She also serves as the Loan Coordinator.

We are very appreciative of both of these ladies!

*Let us know how we can assist with your educational goals and locating financial resources.*

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