

FINANCIAL AID NEWS

Spring 2020

NEED SUMMER FUNDS?

No need to complete a "Summer Application for Aid"! If you are enrolled for the Summer 2020 semester, the Office of Financial Aid will update your financial aid for you! How Awesome is that!

Please remember the following:

- If you attended full-time in Fall19 and Spring20, you MUST be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours during Summer20 to be eligible to receive grant funds.
- To receive student loan funds, you MUST be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours during Summer20. You must also submit a 2019-2020 Direct Loan Request which can be found in "Student Forms" at the top of your student portal (myccga).



The financial aid filing season officially began Oct 1, 2019 with the launch of the 2020-2021 FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).

Once the FAFSA is processed, CCGA will use the FAFSA information to calculate the amount and types of financial aid for which the student may be eligible.

CCGA's priority deadline to have the the 2020-2021 FAFSA completed and received by us is **May 1st**.

CCGA's priority deadline to have all additional documentation received to our office is **June 1st**. Please be reminded that some aid is limited, so the sooner you get your file completed the better.

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HOPE CHECK-UP

Students are evaluated to ensure their eligibility ("B" average= 3.0 Financial Aid GPA) for Hope Scholarship at the following checkpoints:

- 30 attempted semester hours
- 60 attempted semester hours
- 90 attempted semester hours
- End of every Spring Semester

If you currently do not receive the Hope Scholarship, email your financial aid counselor after final grades have posted at the end of the Spring semester.



SUBMIT YOUR VA ENROLLMENT

LOGIN TO YOUR STUDENT PORTAL (MYCCGA)

- Click "Student Forms" at the top of the page
- Click "Financial Aid Forms"

Select Summer 2020 (or Fall 2020) Veteran Enrollment and Certification

- Complete the form
- Upload your schedule
- Electronically sign
- Click Submit

Congratulations Graduates



Students loan borrowers have graduated, obtained a degree or have dropped below 6 credit hours are required to complete Exit Counseling.

Exit counseling is found on the Federal Student Aid website at <https://studentaid.gov>. You must use your FSA ID and Password to log in.

Repayment of your student loans will begin 6 months after you graduate or if you drop below 6 credit hours. Typically, your loan servicer will have notified you of their contact information but you can also obtain this information when you complete Exit Counseling. It is suggested that you reach out to your loan servicer to discuss your repayment options, deadlines, and, if needed, deferment options. If you are having problems repaying your student loans, contact your loan servicer to discuss options available to you. DO NOT ignore them or fail to make plans or repayment arrangements.

This may cause you to DEFAULT on your loans which will have a negative impact on your credit, together with other serious consequences.

In order to receive Financial Aid you must be making Satisfactory Academic Progress, by meeting all three of the following criteria:

67%

Successfully complete 67% of all coursework attempted

2.0

Maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.0

150%

You must complete your degree within 150% of the credit hours required for your degree

Certain programs require a higher GPA

SAP

Federal regulations require all colleges that administer federal financial aid develop a Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) Policy for financial aid. This policy outlines the minimum requirements that must be met and maintained for students to continue receiving federal, state, and some institutional financial assistance. CCGA's SAP Policy is outlined on the college website at <https://www.ccgga.edu/page.cfm?p=553>.

All current students, returning students, and transfer students are reviewed at the **END OF EACH SEMESTER** to ensure they are in good standing. This is a review of your entire academic history at CCGA and all transfer work; not just one semester. If you do not meet the above criteria at the end of the semester, you will not be eligible to receive federal or state financial aid (Pell Grant, HOPE Scholarship, Federal Direct Loans, Federal Work-Study, etc.). Students are notified via their CCGA student email.

Students may qualify for a Warning or may need to submit an Appeal. If you choose to not file an Appeal, or if your Appeal is denied, you must pay out of pocket until you once again meet the above criteria. Appeals must be approved in order to have your financial aid reinstated.

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**MAY 1 2020-2021 FAFSA RECEIVED BY
FINANCIAL AID**

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**MAY 26 BOOKSTORE CREDIT BEGINS FOR
SUMMER 2020 SEMESTER**

D A T E

**JUNE 1 ALL OUTSTANDING REQUIREMENTS
RECEIVED BY FINANCIAL AID**

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