

Spring 2015 Issue

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## IMPORTANT DATES AND DEADLINES

Last day to drop without academic penalty Spring 2015 Semester  
March 6th

Spring Break  
March 9th-March 13th

FAFSA Workshop  
(Camden Center)  
March 19th  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

FAFSA Workshop  
(Campus Center)  
March 28th  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

Summer 2014-2015 FAFSA  
Priority Deadline  
April 1st

Summer Application  
Priority Deadline  
April 15th

Summer Documents  
Priority Deadline  
May 1st

Foundation Scholarships  
June 1st

Bookstore Credit Summer 2015  
June 1st-June 10th

First Day of Summer Semester  
June 8th

College of Coastal Georgia  
Financial Aid Office  
Andrews Center-1st Floor  
One College Drive  
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Fax: 912.264.7320  
finaid@ccga.edu

Brunswick Hours:  
Monday-Friday  
8:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Camden Hours:

Please see the administrative office  
or the Financial Aid Representative  
hours



Have you completed your  
**Summer 2015 Application**  
for financial aid?

Log on to your [my.ccga.portal](http://my.ccga.portal) today and complete your electronic application to see if there is any aid available for the Summer 2015 semester



The 2015-2016 online FAFSA is now available at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)!

CCGA's priority deadline for having received the 2015-2016 FAFSA for the Fall 2015 semester is May 1, 2015.

CCGA's School Code—001558

## 2015-2016 FAFSA WORKSHOPS COMING SOON

We will have two FAFSA Workshops to help you

successfully complete your FAFSA:

**Thursday March 19th (Camden Center)**  
6:00 PM - 8:00 PM

**Saturday March 28th (Campus Center)**  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

*Door prizes will be given and will include a chance to win a \$1000.00 scholarship to attend the College of Coastal Georgia*

## HOPE CHECKPOINTS

Students are evaluated to insure they attained a "B" average at the following checkpoints:

30 attempted semester hours

60 attempted semester hours

90 attempted semester hours

and at the end of every Spring Semester  
(except for beginning Freshmen enrolled below full-time)

### Ensure you Stay Eligible for Your Financial Aid

You must be making satisfactory academic progress in order to continue receiving federal student aid. In other words, you have to make good grades, and complete classes successfully to keep moving toward successfully completing your degree.

Students who fail to meet the following criteria will be ineligible for federal, state, and/or institutional scholarship and grant funds:

- \* Maintain a 2.0 GPA
- \* Successfully complete 67% of attempted coursework
- \* Complete their program of study within the prescribed length of time.

Read about the quantitative and qualitative components you must meet to maintain your eligibility for financial aid at our website: <http://www.ccga.edu/FinAid/Progress.asp>



## COMMUNICATION WITH STUDENTS

The Financial Aid Office uses **student email**, **mail**, and the **phone** to communicate with students. Please ensure that your CCGA email is activated and that you are checking it regularly. Your email may be found on the portal ([my.ccga](http://my.ccga)). Just look for the blue envelope on the left hand-side. As a reminder your user ID is your student ID 9200XXXX@student.ccga.edu.

If your phone number or address changes, please make sure you go to the Registrar's Office and get it updated as soon as possible.

If you would like the Financial Aid Office to be able to communicate with your parents, please be sure to complete a **FERPA form** and turn it in to the Financial Aid Office.

Remember your financial aid cannot disburse until your attendance has been verified in your class(es).

## Veteran's important message if you plan to take summer classes

### Summer term sessions:

Full Session – June 8 - July 31, 2015 (8 weeks full session) **6 hrs or more is full-time**

1<sup>st</sup> Session – June 8- July 1, 2015 (4 weeks) **3 hrs or more is full time**

2<sup>nd</sup> session – July 6 - July 29, 2015 (4 weeks) **3 hrs or more is full-time**

CL1 Culinary Service – May 12, 2015 - May 28, 2015 (3 weeks) **2 hrs or more is full-time**

E-Core Full Session – June 1 - July 24, 2015 (10 weeks) **7 hrs or more is full-time**

Because full-time status impacts education benefits, students should be aware of how many credit hours they need to take for the VA to consider them as full-time in each term.

Students are encouraged to turn in their [Veteran Enrollment Certification form](#) as soon as they have finalized their summer enrollments. If you are under Chapter 33 and plan to take only online classes, be aware that the highest Basic Allowance for Housing (BAH) you can qualify for is 50 percent of the national average of all BAHs. This currently equates to \$714.50.



### Review financial aid requirements via COAST

- \* Financial Aid
- \* My Eligibility
- \* Student Requirements
- \* 2014-2015

### Review SAP Status

- \* Financial Aid
- \* My Eligibility
- \* Academic Progress

### Review Charges and Authorized Aid

- \* Student
- \* Student Records
- \* Student Account
- \* Account Detail for Term
- \* Select **Summer 2015 (or desired term)**
- \* If there is an expected refund, the amount will have a negative balance.

If you have any questions or concerns about your requirements, SAP status, or authorized aid, please contact us at 912-279-5722 or email [finaid@ccga.edu](mailto:finaid@ccga.edu).

Any remaining balances will be due to the Bursar's Office no later than June 8, 2015.

## ACCESSING STUDENT LOAN INFORMATION

Do you have student loans? Are you interested in finding out who your Loan Service Provider is or would you like to set up a repayment plan?

For information about all of your federal student loans from the US Department of Education; go to [www.nslds.gov](http://www.nslds.gov). (You will need your FAFSA pin to log-in)



For more information or for help using NSLDS to manage your loan(s); contact the financial aid office and we will be happy to assist you.

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## ADDITIONAL FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANCE

### Student Aid Information Center

P.O. Box 84

Washington, DC 20044

1-800-433-3243/1-800-730-8913 (TTY)

[www.ed.gov/finaid](http://www.ed.gov/finaid)

### Federal Direct Loan Information

[www.studentloans.gov](http://www.studentloans.gov)

- Complete Loan Entrance Counseling
- Sign Master Promissory Note
- Parent's complete PLUS loan applications
- Complete Exit Counseling; if necessary

### Federal Direct Loan Consolidation

1-800-557-7392 / 1-800-557-7395 (TTY)

[www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov](http://www.loanconsolidation.ed.gov)