



Financial Aid Newsletter

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IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR . . .

TIME TO DO YOUR FAFSA!

The financial aid filing season officially began on Sunday, October 1, 2018 with the launch of the 2019-2020 FAFSA at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>.

Most students and parents are eligible to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) to electronically transfer their 2017 tax return information. The tool returned for the 2019–2020 FAFSA with extra security and privacy protections to safeguard sensitive taxpayer data.

Each year, more than 20 million FAFSAs are submitted, resulting in more than \$120 billion in federal grants, loans and work-study funds to help pay for college or career school.

Students who plan to submit the FAFSA online should create an FSA ID as soon as possible at <https://studentaid.gov/fsaid>. If a student is considered dependent for FAFSA purposes, one of the student's parents also needs to create an FSA ID in order to sign the FAFSA online and complete other federal forms as needed.

We encourage you to complete the 2019-2020 FAFSA as soon as possible.

CCGA's priority deadlines are as follows:

May 1, 2019 to have the 2019-2020 FAFSA completed and received by the college.

June 1, 2019 to have any additional documentation, if required, turned into the Financial Aid Office to guarantee financial aid, if eligible, by the first day of classes.

CCGA Federal School Code: 001558



*You will need to create a [CampusLogic](#) account using your [Student Email](#)

*Log in with your Student ID and CCGA password

*Complete the electronic forms and upload all of the required documentation the form requests. *(You will not be able to submit your verification without ALL of the required documentation)*

(Note: Dependent students and parents: Students will supply the parent's email address on the form. The parent must click the link in their personal email address to access the form in CampusLogic. Parents must create their own account.

****If you have already completed your FAFSA, it is HIGHLY suggested that you create a CampusLogic account ****

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DON'T FALL FOR THESE MYTHS ABOUT FINANCIAL AID

“Federal student aid is just ‘free money’ like grants.”

Reality: Federal student aid includes three different kinds of financial help: grants, low-interest loans, and work-study funds (a part-time job on or near campus). To learn more about the different types of federal student aid, visit StudentAid.gov/types.

“I didn’t qualify for financial aid last year, so filling out the FAFSA® form again is just a waste of time.”

Reality: It’s super important to fill out a FAFSA form every year you’re in college or career school. Why? Because things can change. For instance, your school or state might create a new grant or scholarship, or the factors used to calculate your aid could change from one year to the next. Either way, if you don’t submit a new FAFSA form, you’re out of luck.



“My parents make too much money, so I won’t qualify for aid.”

Reality: There is no income cut-off to qualify for federal student aid. Many factors—such as the size of your family and your year in school—are taken into account. And remember: when you fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form, you’re also automatically applying for funds from your state, and possibly from your school as well. In fact, some schools won’t even consider you for any of their scholarships (including academic scholarships) until you’ve submitted a FAFSA form. Don’t make assumptions about what you’ll get—fill out the FAFSA form and find out.

“I support myself, so I don’t have to include parent information on the FAFSA® form.”

Reality: This is not necessarily true. Even if you support yourself and file taxes on your own, you may still be considered a dependent student for federal student aid purposes. If you are considered dependent, you must provide your parents’ information on the FAFSA form. The form asks a series of questions to determine your dependency status. You can preview the questions at StudentAid.gov/dependency.

HAPPY FINALS WEEK



MAY THE ODDS BE EVER IN YOUR FAVOR

In order to receive Financial Aid you must be making satisfactory academic progress, you must meet all three of the following criteria.

- ◆ You must successfully complete 67% of all coursework attempted
- ◆ You must maintain a cumulative GPA of 2.00
(BSN 2.80, Education 2.50, Radiological Science 2.50)
- ◆ You must complete your degree within 150% of the credit hours required for your degree

Federal regulations require that 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.

All current students, returning students, and transfer students are reviewed at the END OF EVERY SEMESTER to make sure they are in good standing. This is a review of your entire academic history at the College of Coastal Georgia and all transfer work - not just one semester. If you do not make the above requirements at the end of the semester, you will not be eligible to receive any federal or state financial aid (Pell Grant, HOPE Scholarship, Federal Direct Loans, Federal Work-study, etc.)

If you choose not to appeal, if your appeal is denied, or you do not qualify for a warning, you must pay out of pocket until you are back in good standing with regards to the requirements outlined by the College of Coastal Georgia.



Students are evaluated to insure they attained a "B" average (3.0)

at the following Hope Scholarship checkpoints:

30 attempted semester hours

60 attempted semester hours

90 attempted semester hours

and at the end of every Spring Semester

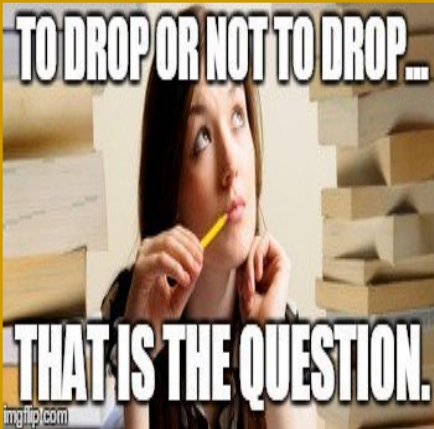
(except for beginning Freshmen enrolled less than full-time)

If you currently do not have the HOPE Scholarship and have reached one of the above checkpoints and would like to be evaluated for HOPE, please fill out the HOPE Evaluation form at the end of the Fall Semester and we will be happy to review your account.

DON'T KNOW HOW TO FIND ACADEMIC RESOURCESCHECK OUT THIS AWESOME LINK!

CLICK BELOW!





- ◆ If you decide not to attend classes at College of Coastal Georgia, it is your responsibility to Drop ALL courses before the first day of the session to avoid any fee-related charges.
- ◆ Once the add/drop period is over, you can Withdraw from a class up to a certain time-frame (normally near mid-term); however, you will not be refunded for that class. Withdrawing from a course may also affect your financial aid.
- ◆ If you fail to complete your classes for any reason, you may have to repay a portion of your funds.

Stop by our office if you are questioning to drop or withdraw from a course

SUBMIT YOUR VA ENROLLMENT

- Login to [MYCCGA Portal](#)
- On the RIGHT side select **MyForms**
- Scroll down – select **FALL 2018 OR SPRING 2019 Enrollment Certification**
- Select Veteran Enrollment and Certification (*you will be redirected to the Dynamic Forms page*)
- **Login** with your Student ID number and password to access the form
- Complete the electronic form, upload schedule, insert signature, click submit

NOTE: *All Chapter 33 (Post 9-11) Veterans, Spouses & Dependents must submit an updated (Certification of Eligibility) each semester to be certified*

Go to <https://www.vets.gov/education> to request updated Certification of Eligibility

Upload a Copy of your schedule & COE

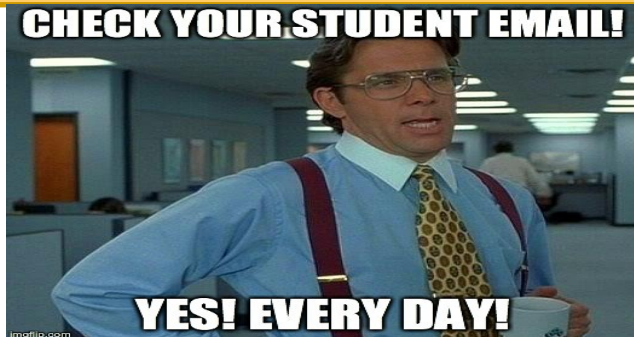
- Login to your COAST account
- Select Student Records
- Select Registration
- Select **Student Detail Schedule**—*Failure to submit correct schedule (Detail Schedule only) will result in form being rejected and a delay in processing*
- Select Term
- Copy & paste in word document or pdf file and upload in Dynamic Forms

BOOKSTORE CREDIT-AUTHORIZATION

If you are eligible for bookstore credit, you must **Authorize** on your COAST Account to have credit available in the CCGA Bookstore. Follow these steps for authorization:

- * Select COAST
- * Select Financial Aid
- * Select Student Authorization
- * Make a selection to Authorize "Federal Funds"
- * Click Submit

Bookstore credit will be available to use for the Spring Semester Jan 7th-22nd; please make sure you purchase your books for the entire Spring semester during this timeframe. If you are taking a second session class; plan accordingly.



IMPORTANT DATES

Last Day of Fall 2018 Semester — Dec 4th

Bookstore Credits Available — Jan 7th-22nd

SPRING 2019 SEMESTER DATES

Full & 1st Session begins	January 14th
Ecore begins	January 14th
2nd Session begins	January 18th

LAST DAY TO WITHDRAW

Full Session	March 8th
2nd Session	April 12th

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