

FINANCIAL AID NEWSLETTER

2025-2026 FAFSA IS NOW OPEN!



The time to secure your financial aid for the upcoming academic year is here! Each year, more than 20 million students submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), unlocking access to over \$120 billion in federal grants, loans, and work-study funds to help pay for college or career school. Don't miss your opportunity to be apart of this incredible funding pool!

To streamline the process, students planning to submit the FAFSA online should create their FSA ID as soon as possible at <https://studentaid.gov>. If you are considered a dependent student, one of your parents will also need to create an FSA ID to sign your FAFSA online and complete other essential federal forms. (in some cases both parents may need an FSA ID)

Start your application today and take the first step toward achieving your educational goals!

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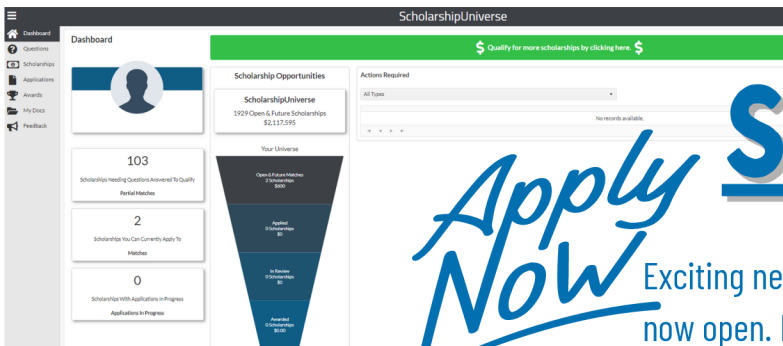
Welcome to Coastal Georgia! At the Financial Aid Office, we are dedicated to supporting you every step of the way as you navigate your educational journey. Our mission is to ensure that you have the resources and guidance you need to make your college experience both enriching and stress-free when it comes to managing your finances.

Whether you have questions about your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), need assistance with understanding your financial aid package, or are looking for ways to maximize your funding opportunities, we are here to help. Our knowledgeable team is committed to providing personalized support so you can focus on what matters most—achieving your academic goals and enjoying your time at Coastal.

Remember, our door is always open. Don't hesitate to reach out to us with any questions or concerns. We're here to help you succeed! Best wishes for a successful and memorable year.

Terral Harris

Associate Vice President for Financial Aid



Apply Now

SCHOLARSHIPS

Exciting news! Applications for our Coastal Foundation Scholarships are now open. Don't miss this opportunity to support your academic journey. Apply now and take the first step towards securing financial assistance. Visit <https://www.ccgga.edu/admissions/financialaid/scholarships/> to learn more and submit your application today!

TIPS FOR MAINTAINING YOUR FINANCIAL AID ELIGIBILITY



To keep your financial aid at Coastal Georgia, you need to meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards. SAP makes sure you're moving toward your degree on time. We review your progress at the end of every semester. Here are some tips to help you stay on track and avoid SAP issues:

COMPLETE 67% OF ATTEMPTED HOURS

Ensure you complete at least 67% of all coursework attempted. Withdrawing or failing classes can negatively affect your completion rate.

MAINTAIN A CUMULATIVE GPA OF 2.0 OR HIGHER

Your Financial Aid GPA must stay at or above 2.0. Some programs, such as Nursing, Radiologic Science, and Education may have higher GPA requirements. Stay informed about your program's standards.

STAY WITHIN THE MAXIMUM TIME FRAME

Complete your degree within 150% of the credit hours required for your program. For example, if your degree requires 120 credit hours, you must finish within 180 credit hours attempted.

Helpful Tips to Stay on Track:

Meet with an Academic Advisor Regularly: They can help you select appropriate courses and stay on schedule.

Monitor Your Progress: Use the college's tools and contact your financial aid counselor to track your Financial Aid GPA, credit hours, and completion rate.

Seek Academic Support: Utilize campus tutoring centers, study groups, and meet with your professor if you're struggling in any classes.

Plan Ahead: Only enroll in courses you're ready to complete and avoid withdrawing from classes unless absolutely necessary.

By staying informed and proactive, you can successfully maintain SAP standards, keep your financial aid, and achieve your academic goals!

What You Need to Know About the Pell Recalculation Date (PRD)

1. What is the Pell Recalculation Date?

This is the date when the Financial Aid Office reviews your enrollment status (how many credit hours you are currently taking) and adjusts your Federal Pell Grant award, if necessary.

2. Why Does It Matter?

Your Pell Grant amount is tied to your enrollment status. If your enrollment status changes after the semester starts (e.g., you drop or add classes), your award may be recalculated to match your current status as of the recalculation date.

What Should You Do?

Lock in Your Schedule: Before the recalculation date, make sure your class schedule reflects your enrollment intentions. Avoid making changes that could reduce your credit hours.

Understand the Impact of Classes: Dropping or Withdrawing courses can reduce your Pell Grant amount, and you may have to repay funds if you've already received a higher award.

Stay Informed: Meet with your financial aid counselor before you drop or withdraw from a course to understand the impact of your award.

Who to call? **BURSAR** or **FINANCIAL AID**:

Have a question and you're not sure whom to call? Below are some common questions and who to call:



1. How much is my bill? **BURSAR**
2. Why am I being charged all these fees? **BURSAR**
3. How much financial aid do I qualify for? **FINANCIAL AID**
4. How do I apply for a student loan? **FINANCIAL AID**
5. When will I get my refund? **BURSAR**
6. How do I set up a payment plan? **BURSAR**
7. If I withdraw from a class; will it affect my Financial Aid? **FINANCIAL AID**
8. Can you tell me how many swipes/dining dollars I have left on my meal plan? **BURSAR**

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IMPORTANT VA UPDATES

Spring Enrollment Form Now Available

GI BILL® HOTLINE: 1-888-442-4551

VA BENEFITS HOTLINE: 1-800-827-1000

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IMPORTANT DATES

Jan 13- Full Session and 1st Session Classes Begin

Feb 2- PRD(Pell Reculation Date)

Feb 17- Last day to Withdraw w/o Academic Penalty (1st Session)

Mar 7- 1st Session Classes End

Mar 17- 2nd Session Classes Begin

Mar 31- Last day to Withdraw w/o Academic Penalty (Full Session)

Apr 21- Last day to Withdraw w/o Academic Penalty (2nd Session)

May 2- Last Day of Classes