

**FALL  
2025**

# FINANCIAL AID & VETERANS AFFAIRS NEWSLETTER

## FAFSA NOW OPEN!

The FAFSA opened on  
October 1, 2025!

Complete your Free  
Application for Federal  
Student Aid (FAFSA) at  
[studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) as soon as  
possible to be considered  
for federal, state, and  
institutional aid.

- ✓ Use 2024 income information
  - ✓ Include CCGA's school code: 001558
  - ✓ Don't forget parent signatures if you're a dependent student
- Need help? Stop by the  
Financial Aid Office



**BOOKSTORE  
CREDITS  
JAN 5-21**



## COASTAL SCHOLARSHIPS

*Apply  
Now*

Our CCGA Foundation Scholarship application will open very soon. Complete one application to be considered for multiple scholarships through Scholarship Universe (via your CCGA Portal).  
Tip: Have a short essay ready that highlights your goals, leadership, and community involvement

Want to keep your financial aid at Coastal Georgia?

It's simple: meet Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standards. SAP helps ensure you're on track to finish your degree on time.

✓ Complete at least 67% of your classes  
Dropping or failing classes can hurt your completion rate—so finish strong!

✓ Keep your GPA at 2.0 or higher  
Some programs (like Nursing or Education) may require more, so know your program's rules.

✓ Graduate within 150% of your program's credit hours  
Example: If your degree needs 120 credits, finish within 180 attempted credits.

### Pro Tips to Stay on Track

Meet with your Academic Advisor regularly—they'll help you plan smart.

Monitor your progress using college tools and check in with Financial Aid.

Get support early—use tutoring centers, study groups, and talk to professors.

Plan ahead—only take classes you're ready to complete. Avoid unnecessary withdrawals.

We check your progress at the end of every semester—so stay ahead!

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# Countdown to Graduation: Seniors, Don't Miss These Steps!

Graduation is almost here—congratulations! Before you walk across the stage, make sure you've completed these important financial aid tasks:

✓ **Exit Counseling**

If you've received federal student loans, you must complete exit counseling. It explains repayment options and helps you plan for life after college.

<http://studentaid.gov>

✓ **Update Your Contact Information**

Ensure your email, phone, and address are current so loan servicers can reach you.

✓ **Know Your Loan Details**

Log in to [studentaid.gov](http://studentaid.gov) to review your loan balance and servicer information.

✓ **Plan for Repayment**

Explore income-driven repayment plans, consolidation options, and forgiveness programs.

**Tip:** The sooner you understand your repayment options, the easier the transition will be!



**IMPORTANT DATES**  
**SPRING 2026**

Jan 12- Full Session and 1st Session Classes Begin

Feb 16- Last day to Withdraw w/o Academic Penalty (1st Session)

Mar 6- 1st Session Classes End

Mar 17- 2nd Session Classes Begin

Mar 30- Last day to Withdraw w/o Academic Penalty (Full Session)

Apr 20- Last day to Withdraw w/o Academic Penalty (2nd Session)

May 1- Last Day of Classes