



## OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

### Spring 2018 Financial Aid Basics

#### FEDERAL STUDENT AID

File your **FREE** Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) early and every year!

- The FAFSA became available for 2017- 2018 academic year on October 1, 2017 .
- In order to file the FAFSA, the student and the parent (if the student is dependent) both need a FSA ID which is used to confirm your identity when accessing your financial aid information and electronically signing your federal student aid documents.
- To request an FSA ID visit <https://fsaid.ed.gov/npas/index.htm>
- File the FAFSA - <https://fafsa.ed.gov>
- **KSU's School Code: 001577**

#### AWARDS

To view your awards, log on to your Owl Express account.

Step 1: Click on Financial Aid

Step 2: Click on Financial Aid Awards

Step 3: Select the academic year, 2017-2018

Step 4: Click on "Terms and Conditions" and "accept" after reading them. Once you have accepted the Terms and Conditions, you will be able to see your awards.

Step 5: Click on "Accept Award Offer" to accept your award(s).

#### SCHOLARSHIPS

For scholarship opportunities, please visit:

- [financialaid.kennesaw.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships.php](http://financialaid.kennesaw.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships.php)
- [www.gafutures.org/scholarship-search](http://www.gafutures.org/scholarship-search)
- [www.collegeboard.org](http://www.collegeboard.org)

You may apply for Foundation Scholarships on-line from November 1-March 15 to be awarded for the following fall.



#### CHECK OWL EXPRESS FOR MISSING REQUIREMENTS

- Login
- Click Financial Aid
- Click Missing Requirements

##### For verification documents:

- Tax Return Transcripts for **2015** must be provided. Copies of your tax return forms cannot be accepted in place of a Tax Return Transcript. A Tax Return Transcript can be ordered **at no charge** online from the IRS website at <https://www.irs.gov/Individuals/Get-Transcript>
- Once received, print your KSU Student ID # on each page and submit it to the Office of Student Financial Aid.

##### For C-FLAG documents:

- Bring the original document, the Office of Student Financial Aid will make a copy.

#### SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS

To maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP):

- Must maintain a 2.00 cumulative GPA (3.00 Graduate)
- Must earn 67% of all coursework attempted
- Cannot exceed the maximum timeframe (150% of maximum credits to graduate)
- SAP will be evaluated at the conclusion of every semester
- You can only file an SAP Appeal twice while attending KSU

**NOTE:** To learn more about SAP, please visit our website at <http://financialaid.kennesaw.edu/policies/satisfactory-academic-policy.php>

## RECEIVING STAFFORD LOANS

Steps to complete the Loan Process:

**Step 1:** Accept your loans via Owl Express

**Step 2:** Complete an on-line Master Promissory Note with Direct Lending. To complete this requirement, go to: <https://studentloans.gov>

**Step 3:** Complete Entrance Loan Counseling. To complete this requirement, go to: **studentloans.gov**

**Step 4:** Students must e-sign their Master Promissory Note. The student will utilize their FSA ID that was used to complete the FAFSA.

**Step 5:** Students must be enrolled at least half-time (6 credit hours for Undergraduate and 5 credit hours for Graduate) to receive loans.

## ALTERNATIVE STUDENT LOANS

- A student must be maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress to receive an alternative/private loan.
- You should allow 4-6 weeks for an alternative loan to be processed and for funds to be received at KSU.
- To find out the date your loan funds will be released to KSU, please contact your lender.
- Alternative/Private loans do not authorize and will disburse when the funds are released to KSU, but no earlier than KSU's published disbursement date.

## SPRING 2018 DATES TO REMEMBER

**October 1, 2017** - Priority Deadline for 2017-2018 FASFA

**November 1, 2017** - Document Deadline for all required documents

**December 1, 2017** - Bookstore Credits Available

**December 4, 2017** - Payment Deadline

**January 14, 2018** - Last day to use financial aid credit at KSU Bookstore

**January 16, 2018** - Final Payment Deadline

**January 19, 2018** - Financial aid disbursement

**January 24, 2018** - Refunds Available

## HOPE PROGRAM

To apply for only the HOPE Scholarship and not federal aid, complete the GSFAPP at [gafutures.org](http://gafutures.org)

- To be eligible, students must:
  - \* Be a Georgia resident
  - \* Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen
  - \* Maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA
- HOPE eligibility expires after students:
  - \* Attempted or received payment for 127 credit hours towards a degree program.
  - \* Lose eligibility a second time
  - \* Reach June 30th of the 7th year after high school graduation
- Students are evaluated at 30, 60, and 90 attempted hours and at the end of every Spring term.
- Students may only regain eligibility at the 30th, 60th or 90th attempted hour checkpoint.
- HOPE pays \$157.00 per credit hour for the 2017-2018 academic year.
- Awards up to 15 credit hours prorating based off enrollment

## ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The information is the same as the HOPE Scholarship except:

- Must be identified as Zell Miller Scholars upon high school graduation
- Students must maintain a 3.3 cumulative GPA.
- The Zell Miller Scholarship pays 100% of the standard tuition.



## CONTACT INFORMATION

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- Check our website under 'Contact Us' to find your assigned Financial Aid Counselor! -

**Office Hours:**

**Monday-Friday — 8:00 A.M.-5:00 P.M.**