



OFFICE OF STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Fall 2016 Financial Aid Basics

Welcome to Kennesaw State University! The Office of Student Financial Aid is here to assist you with paying for your education. We work with a variety of federal, state and institutional loans, grants, scholarships and work programs. You can learn more about all of these programs on our website at

<http://financialaid.kennesaw.edu/>

FEDERAL STUDENT AID

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

- The FAFSA became available for 2016 - 2017 academic year on January 1, 2016.
- In order to file the FAFSA, the student and the parent (if the student is dependent) both need an 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

Your awards can be viewed via Owl Express at any time. You must accept or decline any offered loans. Grant and Scholarship aid will automatically be accepted on your behalf.

- Login
- Click on Financial Aid
- Click on Financial Aid Awards (this is bold and underlined)
- Select the academic year, 2016-2017
- Click on "Terms and Conditions" and "Accept" after reading the T & C. Once you have accepted the Terms and Conditions, you will be able to see your awards.
- Click on "Accept Award Offer" to accept or decline your loans.



CHECK OWL EXPRESS FOR MISSING REQUIREMENTS

- Login
- Click Financial Aid
- Click Missing Requirements

For verification documents::

- Tax Return Transcripts 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>

SCHOLARSHIPS

For scholarship opportunities, please visit:

<http://financialaid.kennesaw.edu/types-of-aid/scholarships.php>

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

RECEIVING STAFFORD LOANS

Steps to complete the Loan Process:

- Accept your loans via Owl Express
- Complete an on-line Master Promissory Note with Direct Lending. To complete this requirement, go to: <https://studentloans.gov>
- Complete Entrance Loan Counseling. To complete this requirement, go to: <https://studentloans.gov>
- Students must e-sign their Master Promissory Note. The student will utilize their FSA ID that was used to complete the FAFSA.
- Students must be enrolled at least half-time (6 credit hours for Undergraduate and 5 credit hours for Graduate) to receive loans.

EMERGENCY LOANS

Please review eligibility requirements for Emergency Loans at

<http://financialaid.kennesaw.edu/types-of-aid/loans.php>

Apply on-line:

- September 7 - Tuition/Fees Emergency Loan Applications available
- September 13 - Personal Emergency Loan applications available
- The on-line Tuition/Fee & Emergency loan applications will be available for submission beginning at 7:00 A.M. on the specified date. The application will be available until 12:00 P.M. or until emergency loan funds are exhausted.

FALL 2016 DATES TO REMEMBER

- April 1 - Priority Deadline to complete 2016-2017 FAFSA
- May 1 - Priority Deadline for all required financial aid documents
- July 1 to August 26 - Financial aid credits available at KSU Bookstore if financial aid file is complete, and pending aid disbursement exceeds charges on account (maximum \$750).
- August 30 - Final payment deadline for Fall 2016 (for students with an active financial aid file)
- August 30 - Financial Aid will disburse to KSU account to pay toward tuition and fees
- September 2 - Refunds will be issued by Bursar's Office to BankMobile
- September 13 - Deletion of classes by Bursar's Office for non-payment of account

HOPE PROGRAM

Georgia residents or those who expect to gain residency, should complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at fafsa.ed.gov.

Basic HOPE Information:

- Students must maintain a 3.0 cumulative GPA.
- HOPE counts all attempted hours.
- HOPE will only pay for 127 attempted hours.
- HOPE will provide \$152.00 per credit hour for the summer 2016 term.
- Students are evaluated at 30, 60, and 90 attempted hours and at the end of every Spring term.
- If you lose HOPE, you may regain your eligibility only at the 30th, 60th or 90th attempted hour. You may lose and regain HOPE one time.
- You have 7 years following high school graduation to utilize all of your HOPE Scholarship eligibility.

ZELL MILLER SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

The information is the same as the HOPE Scholarship except:

- Students must maintain a 3.3 cumulative GPA.
- The Zell Miller Scholarship pays 100% of the standard tuition.

Students are designated as eligible for the Zell Miller Scholarship Program by Georgia Student Finance Commission.

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