

REQUIREMENTS FOR STATE FINANCIAL AID

Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) is required to verify the lawful presence in the United States of each applicant for public benefits prior to receipt of such benefit. In order to comply with the law, applicants for all state funded financial aid programs will now be required to complete and submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Regulations set by Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) requires beginning summer term 2013, a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) will be required in order to receive any state financial aid.*

The 2012-2013 or 2013-2014 FAFSA may be used for summer term 2013. Please note that effective June 8, 2013, GSFAPPS will no longer be available as an application for any state financial aid. A 2013-14 FAFSA will be required for fall term 2013 and will be applicable through summer term 2014. A current year FAFSA is required for each year that you seek state financial aid.

*** State Financial Aid Programs Affected as accepted by Savannah State University**

Georgia's ACCEL Program
Georgia's HOPE Scholarship
Georgia's Zell Miller Scholarship
Georgia's HOPE GED Grant
HERO (Helping Educate Reservists and their Offspring) Scholarship
Georgia's Public Safety Memorial Grant
Student Access Loan (SAL)

To complete the FAFSA, please click here <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>.

High School Students Attending High School and College as Dual or Joint Enrolled

** Completion of a FAFSA is **not** required for a dual-enrolled or joint-enrolled high school student (through Georgia's ACCEL Grant programs). However, if such student is 18 years of age prior to the beginning of the term for which funding is sought or will turn 18 during the term for which funding is sought, he or she must complete a notarized affidavit and provide acceptable documentation to the Georgia Student Finance Commission (GSFC) to prove lawful presence in the United States.

If you have questions about the new requirement or if you are unsure whether you are receiving any state financial aid, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at Savannah State University..