



**OFFICE OF FINANCIAL AID
EAST GEORGIA COLLEGE**

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In order to assist students with the financial aid process, the Office of Financial Aid at East Georgia College (EGC) has outlined information that will be helpful to you in preparing for your educational costs. Please plan accordingly when submitting the required financial aid documentation. In order to receive financial aid at East Georgia College, the following steps must be completed as outlined below:

1. If you have completed the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**, you will receive a copy of your **Student Aid Report (SAR)**. **Allow 4-6 weeks processing time.** If you listed East Georgia College as a school you plan to attend, the Office of Financial Aid at EGC will receive an electronic copy of your SAR. If you did not list EGC as one of your options, you must add our **Title IV School Code, 010997**, by calling 1-800-433-3243 or go on-line at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>, choose Option #3, and make your corrections.
2. Upon receipt of your SAR, carefully read the **comments on Page 1** and check the SAR for **accuracy**. Make any necessary corrections as described above. If you choose to submit the corrections to the Office of Financial Aid, you may do so by printing a copy of your SAR, make all necessary corrections, **SIGN (parent signature required if you are a dependent student), and RETURN ALL pages of the SAR** to the Office of Financial Aid, East Georgia College, 131 College Circle, Swainsboro, Georgia 30401-2699. The Office of Financial Aid will electronically transmit the changes to the SAR for you.

NOTE: Students attending the Statesboro Campus may submit all documentation to the East Georgia College Statesboro Center, 1525-A Fair Road, Statesboro, Georgia 30460.

3. If you have been selected for verification, you will need to complete a verification worksheet and submit a **signed** copy of your 2009 Federal Income Tax Return (if you filed a return). If you are a dependent student, you must also submit a **signed** copy of your parent(s)' 2009 Federal Income Tax Return. If you are married, you must submit a **signed** copy of your and your spouse's 2009 Federal Income Tax Return. If a Federal Income Tax Return was not filed, you will need to contact the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service at 1-800-829-1040 to request verification of your non-filing status. Additional documentation may be required to complete the verification process. Please submit all requested documents in a timely manner. **This process may take 4 or more weeks to complete.**
4. Complete an East Georgia College Institutional Financial Aid Application and return to the Office of Financial Aid as soon as possible. If you wish to apply for a student loan, you may request loan information from the Office of Financial Aid in Swainsboro, the East Georgia College Statesboro Center in Statesboro, Georgia, or visit our website at <http://www.ega.edu/finaid/>.

NOTE: New Entering Freshmen must be enrolled for 30 days before the first loan disbursement is released.

5. **Submit an official copy of all academic transcripts from colleges, universities, or technical institutions you have attended prior to enrollment at East Georgia College.**

6. All veterans are encouraged to visit the Department of Veteran Affairs website at <http://www1.va.gov/opa/newtova.asp> for information concerning applying for VA Educational Benefits. If you are eligible for educational benefits, please submit a copy of your DD-214 and Certification of Eligibility/Notice of Basic Eligibility forms to the Office of Financial Aid for processing of your enrollment certification.
7. If you received Veteran Educational Benefits at another institution, you must submit a copy of Form 22-1995 or Form 22-5495 to the Office of Financial Aid, whichever is applicable.

We encourage you to submit your application as soon as possible after January 1st of the academic year that you plan to attend college and a prompt response to any request for additional information requested by the Office of Financial Aid. Incomplete financial aid files cannot be processed. Priority dates for applying for financial aid can be found on our website at <http://www.ega.edu/finaid/dates.htm>.

At East Georgia College, as with most institutions, financial aid responsibility rests with you and your family. Federal guidelines require that you cover a portion of the yearly cost of your education. The amount of financial aid assistance you will be offered will be determined by subtracting your Expected Family Contribution (EFC) from your standard school budget. The award offered **may not** cover your entire Cost of Attendance (COA) therefore, **please be prepared to pay out-of-pocket for your educational expenses that may not be covered entirely** by your financial aid award. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Financial Aid at 1-478-289-2009 or email us at finaid@ega.edu.