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### 6.6.5 GT TCSG Financial Aid Overview

The Office of Financial Aid follows the Technical College System of Georgia (TCSG) 6.4.1p: Summary of Student Notification Requirements policy (<https://tcsgeu/tcsgpolicy/files/6.4.1p.pdf>), which can be found in the Student Affairs section of the State Board Policies and TCSG Procedures Manual.

#### A. Funds provided by the Federal Government

1. Pell Grant
2. Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)
3. Work-Study Program
4. Subsidized and Unsubsidized Stafford Loans

Additional information can be found at: <http://www.gwinnettech.edu/enrollment/financial-aid/>

*(These funds are **need-based**, and eligibility is determined from the students' annual FAFSA data.)*

#### B. Funds provided by the State of Georgia

1. HOPE Grant
2. HOPE Scholarship
3. HOPE Grant
4. Zell Miller Scholarship
5. Zell Miller Grant
6. Dual Enrollment Funding (Limited to Secondary Education Students)

*(These funds **require various parameters** in order to qualify - i.e. Georgia resident, GPA minimums, etc.)*

#### C. Other

1. Outside scholarships

Additional information can be found at: <https://gwinnettech.academicworks.com/>

### **Application Process:**

1. Students seeking financial assistance **must** complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (**FAFSA**) annually online at <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>. Gwinnett Tech's school code is 016139. The student submits this form to the federal government which, in turn, provides Gwinnett Tech with the information necessary to determine the student's eligibility for various forms of financial assistance. The student must provide specific school code information on this form to ensure that Gwinnett Tech is able to access the electronic report generated by the federal government.
2. Once the Department of Financial Aid receives the student's financial aid information, the student's eligibility for aid is determined. The student will be sent notification from Gwinnett Tech, should further information be required, i.e. tax forms, identity confirmation, etc.

***The process can take up to three weeks depending on the time of year.***

***It is recommended that students submit the FAFSA information as early as possible each year. Awards cannot be made until the student has also completed the admissions process.***

Students who receive **award letters** prior to registration dates and have authorized applied toward their account balance likely will not have to pay tuition, assuming the amount of financial assistance is sufficient to cover charges. Students who are not awarded prior to registration should pay their tuition and will receive reimbursement once eligibility is determined.

Students **must be accepted into a program** of study to receive any form of financial aid. Financial aid cannot be used prior to the semester of acceptance. Students taking classes prior to acceptance are not eligible for financial aid.

Students who receive financial aid **are required** to maintain "Satisfactory Academic Progress" (SAP) in addition to all other requirements. Standards of SAP are as follows:

- Time frame—Students must complete their program in no more than 150% of the credit hour length of the program.
- Hours attempted/completed—Students must complete at least 67% of hours attempted each term and cumulatively.
- GPA—Students must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.0 or higher depending on program specific requirements.

Additional SAP information can be found at:

<http://www.gwinnettech.edu/enrollment/financial-aid/maintaining-your-financial-aid/>

***Further information concerning financial aid eligibility and processes can be found in the Gwinnett Tech catalog or by contacting the Department of Financial Aid.***