FAFSA Application Process

1. **Electronically submit the FASFA** at [www.fasfa.gov](http://www.fasfa.gov) as soon as possible.  
   *It can take up to 10 days for GSW to receive your FASFA data from the Department of Education.*

2. **Please make sure your RAIN account is active.** If not yet admitted, students may go to the GSW Website, click on Financial Aid, Check Financial Aid Status, and New Students.  
   *If your FASFA is selected for verification, you will be required to submit additional documents through [www.gsw.verifymyfafsa](http://www.gsw.verifymyfafsa).  
   *It can take up to 3 weeks once you have submitted all requirements to receive an award.*

3. **The ONLY acceptable documentation to verify tax information will be the IRS Data Retrieval Tool through the FASFA application or by submitting an official Tax Return Transcript from the IRS** for tax filers, and both an official IRS W-2 Wage and Tax Statement Form and Letter of Non-Filing for non-tax filers.  
   *It can take up to 10 days to receive the IRS Tax Transcript by mail.*

4. **Financial Aid does not transfer from one school to another.** If you are a transfer student, you will need to cancel pending loans or grants at the school you last attended. **After** requesting the cancellation at your previous school, please notify Georgia Southwestern that your loans and grants have been cancelled. Transfer students expecting HOPE must complete a HOPE Evaluation Form from the GSW website, click the Financial Aid Banner, click Forms, and click HOPE/Zell Miller Scholarship Evaluation Request Form. **We cannot proceed until pending aid shows cancelled by your previous school.**

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