



## 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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