

Frequently Asked Questions

FAQs



Financial Aid

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How do I apply for financial aid?

The first step in determining your eligibility for state and federal aid is to complete the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The FAFSA calculates the expected family contribution toward your educational costs and must be completed each year to receive financial aid. The Georgian Court University Federal School Code for the FAFSA is 002608.

Information provided on the FAFSA is used to determine all forms of federal aid, including PELL Grants, supplemental educational opportunity grants, federal student loans, and federal work study. The state of New Jersey also uses the FAFSA as a means for applying for two state grants: the New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) and the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Grant. Georgian Court University need-based grants are also awarded based on the information provided in the FAFSA.

When do I apply for financial aid?

You must file each year after January 1 to receive financial aid.

Am I guaranteed my financial aid for every year I'm in school?

No, eligibility is determined annually. All students must complete a Renewal FAFSA each year to continue to receive financial aid. Certain variables may change financial aid awards from year to year, such as a change in marital status or a change in expected family contribution. Other variables include a lack of satisfactory academic progress, a move off campus, or economic hardship of the student or the university.

Is my income too high to apply for financial aid?

No, your income does not preclude you from applying for aid. Financial aid decisions are based on each family's unique financial circumstances, such as household income, size, and assets; the number of family members in college; and the cost of education. Georgian Court University's financial aid programs are designed to help families with a wide range of financial circumstances. If you or your family members need help with any aspect of the financial aid process, call us at 732.987.2258 or 732.987.2253 or reach us via e-mail at financialaid@georgian.edu.

*AUGUST–OCTOBER

- Continue your college search process by requesting information at www.georgian.edu/admissions.

- Research scholarship opportunities through parents' employers, local businesses, churches, and libraries, as well as online. Keep track of all scholarship deadlines and requirements.

NOVEMBER–DECEMBER

- Apply for admission to Georgian Court University at www.georgian.edu/admissions and visit the campus.
- Review the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov (you cannot apply for aid until after January 1).
- You and a parent should apply for a FAFSA PIN at www.pin.ed.gov.

JANUARY–FEBRUARY

- Complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov as soon after January 1 as possible; the priority deadline is March 1. The university's school code is **002608**.

- Complete the admissions process. The priority deadline for some merit scholarships is January 1.

MARCH

- Your Student Aid Report (SAR) will arrive via e-mail approximately four weeks after you complete the FAFSA online. Read the report carefully and make any necessary changes.
- Accepted students can access their financial aid awards on Student WebAdvisor at webadvisor.georgian.edu by using the user name and password they were issued upon applying.

APRIL–MAY

- Make sure all enrollment matters have been taken care of: returning enrollment deposit, completing the housing contract, returning the immunization form, and registering for Orientation.

JUNE–AUGUST

- Attend Orientation.
- If you have been awarded work-study, you will receive job opportunity information.
- Stafford loans will be transmitted. Information will be supplied to you via the Internet.
- Fall bills will be available online in July at www.georgian.edu/admissions. Payment arrangements must be made by the published deadline in August.

**This calendar starts in the August prior your to high school senior year.*

COST OF ATTENDANCE (2010–2011)

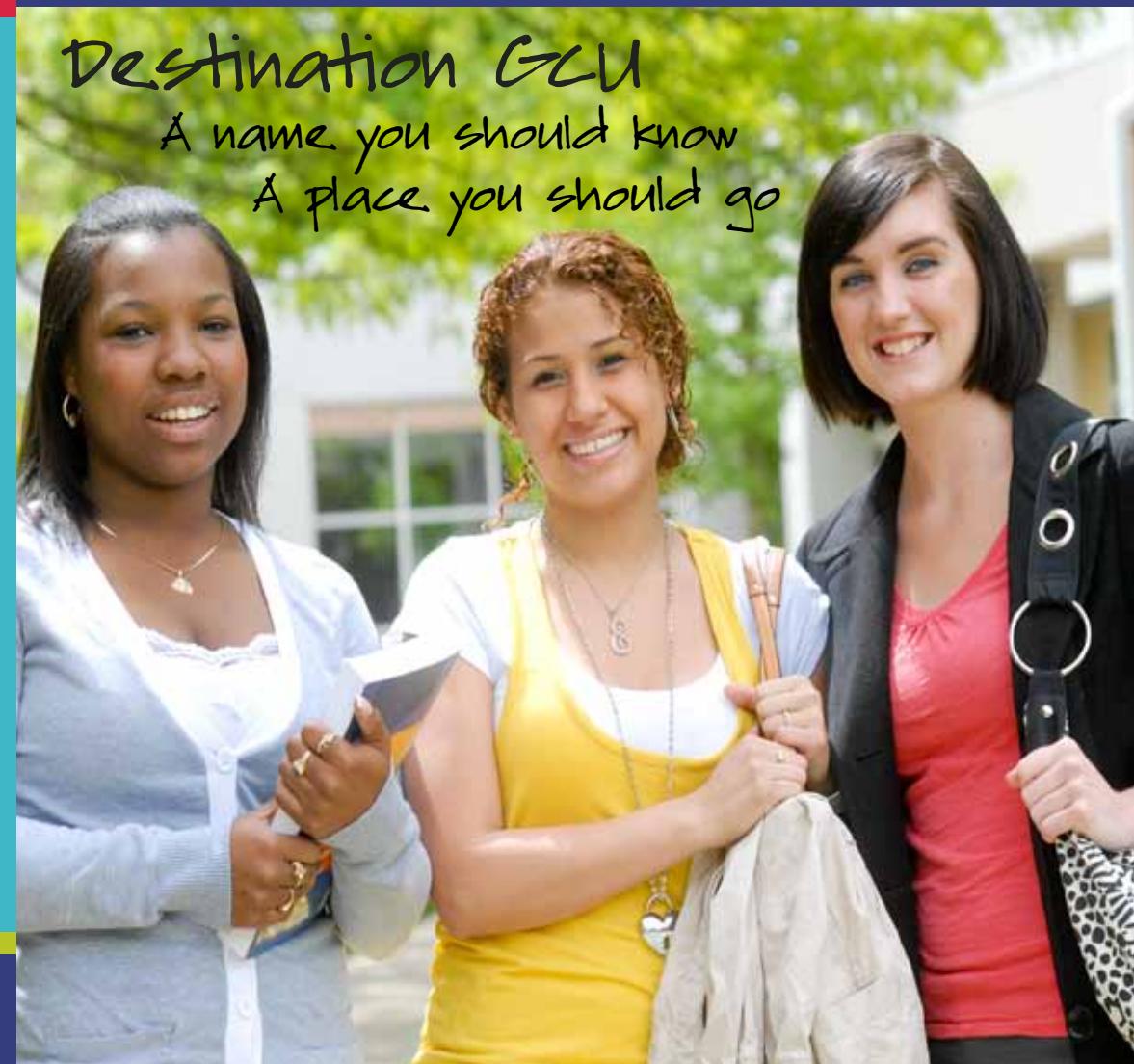
Direct Educational Costs (Annual)	
Undergraduate full-time tuition per year.....	\$24,932
Undergraduate full-time required fees per year.....	\$1,244
Undergraduate tuition per credit.....	\$570
Room and board per year.....	\$9,856
Graduate tuition per credit.....	\$695



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A tradition of excellence...a future of success

Destination GCU
A name you should know
A place you should go



Scholarships & Financial Aid

94%

of full-time GCU students receive some form of financial aid



Making a high quality,
private education affordable

Georgian Court University is proud of its ability to meet the financial aid needs of its students with an annual budget of \$12,000,000 in institutional aid. Georgian Court believes a good education is a right, not a privilege, and through our scholarships and grants, we hope to make education attainable for all students. In fact, 99 percent of full-time, first-time freshmen receive some type of financial aid. To learn about YOUR financial aid award, apply for admission, be accepted, and complete the FAFSA!



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GCU Scholarships

At Georgian Court University, we know that a college education is one of the most important investments you will ever make. For more than a century, Georgian Court has been committed to providing the finest quality private education at an affordable price. The GCU Office of Financial Aid is a powerhouse of information and support that can make a Georgian Court education a reality for you.

We're Here to Help
financialaid@georgian.edu

Financial Aid Grants and Loans



For a complete listing of grants and scholarships, go to www.georgian.edu/admissions/scholarships.

Presidential Full Tuition Scholarship

This scholarship recognizes young women who are candidates for the freshman class.

**Total value
Over \$25,000 per year
or \$100,000 for 4 years**

Minimum requirements:

- Combined 1200 or higher SAT score (critical reading and math) or 26 or higher ACT composite score
- 3.0 GPA

Candidates must apply and be accepted as a full-time campus resident to Georgian Court University by January 1 to be considered for this award.

Bishop John Smith Full Tuition Scholarship

This scholarship is offered to a young woman or man who is an active member of a Catholic church in the Diocese of Trenton, New Jersey.

**Estimated value
\$23,246 per year
or approximately \$92,000 over 4 years**

Minimum requirements:

- Combined 1000 or higher SAT score (critical reading and math) or 26 or higher ACT composite score
- 3.0 GPA by the end of junior year of high school

Candidates must apply and be accepted for full-time admission to Georgian Court University and submit a completed Bishop John Smith Full Tuition Scholarship application with recommendations by January 1.

Academic Scholarships

These scholarships are available for full-time freshman applicants who have applied and been accepted to Georgian Court University prior to March 15.

Women in Leadership Development Awards Annual Grants of \$2,500

These annual grants are available for young women who have exhibited outstanding community service to their school, community, or church. Candidates must apply and be accepted for admission as full-time campus residents and submit a Women in Leadership Development application with recommendations by January 1.

Academic Mercy High School Scholarships From \$2,500 to \$12,500 per year

These scholarships are available for young women who are graduating from a Sisters of Mercy-sponsored high school. Candidates must apply for full-time admission by January 1 and submit a letter of recommendation from the school principal or guidance director.

Academic Dance Scholarships

These talent scholarships are available for women and men in the dance program. Candidates must apply for full-time admission and be offered an audition before January 20.

Athletic Awards

These awards are available for full-time undergraduate women competing in GCU's NCAA Division II sports of basketball, cross country, lacrosse, soccer, softball, tennis, volleyball, and track & field.

Our financial aid team is ready to provide you with in-depth knowledge on funding opportunities and resources available to you. Ninety-four percent of full-time GCU students receive some form of financial aid. That includes federal, state, institutional, and other sources of scholarships, grants, and loans. Incoming students who meet certain academic criteria are also evaluated for non-need-based academic scholarships. Additionally, Georgian Court participates in the Veterans Tuition Assistance Program and the Educational Opportunity Fund Program.

Applying For Financial Aid

Your Checklist

- Request your Department of Education PIN, available at www.pin.ed.gov
- Submit your FAFSA by the priority deadline (March 1) at www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Check your financial aid status online at webadvisor.georgian.edu
- Submit any requested documents. Mail to: Georgian Court University, Office of Financial Aid, 900 Lakewood Avenue, Lakewood, NJ 08701-2697 or fax to 732.987.2023.
- Apply for state grants. New Jersey residents: Please contact the New Jersey Student Assistance Corporation at www.njsac.org. Out-of-state students: Please contact your state grant agency.
- Consider the monthly payment plan offered through Tuition Management Systems (TMS). For information, click www.afford.com or call 800.722.4686.

loans Although there are different types of loans, all loans must be repaid based on the terms and conditions of the promissory note signed.

grants A grant is a need-based award calculated from the FAFSA. GCU grants are subject to change from year to year based on the FAFSA results.

scholarships Scholarships are merit-based rather than need-based. They are awarded at the time of acceptance to the university and do not have to be repaid.

work-study An on-campus job may be included in your financial aid package. Students are paid hourly for the work performed.



Federal / State Funded-Programs

Georgian Court University participates in federal and state financial aid programs, including Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG), Federal Work-Study Program (FWS), and more.

Students who reside in New Jersey may be eligible for the New Jersey Tuition Aid Grant (TAG) and the Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF) Grant.

Contact Us to Learn More

The Georgian Court University Office of Financial Aid is open Monday through Friday and is located in the One-Stop Complex in the Mercy Center near the Wellness Center. Our financial aid counselors are eager to help make a GCU education an affordable reality for you. Call us at 732.987.2258 or 732.987.2253, or contact us via e-mail at financialaid@georgian.edu.

**Georgian Court administers federal, state, and institutional aid to all eligible students without regard to gender, race, disability, age, or national or ethnic origin.*



Georgian Court University reserves the right to review, adjust, or cancel awards at any time because of changes in your financial status, academic status, academic program, athletic program, resident status, enrollment status (full time to part time), or Student Code of Conduct violations. Awards are contingent upon actual receipt and verification of funds by GCU. If adjustments are made to the university's federal and/or state allocations, the university reserves the right to adjust individual institutional aid awards at the beginning of each semester as necessary. All financial aid awards, including the university's institutional aid, are contingent on the availability of funds.