Important Dates

Summer Registration
November 2 - May 12

Tuition and Fee Payment
Deadline
May 12

Late Registration
May 16-24

Classes Begin
May 21 (weekend)
May 23 (weekday)

Final Fee Payment
Deadline
May 24

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Apply Now for 2016-2017 FAFSA

It’s that time of year again! Remember that you must reapply for financial aid each academic year which begins with Fall Semester.

To apply for the 2016-2017 FAFSA go to: https://fafsa.ed.gov/. When completing the FAFSA be sure to take advantage of the IRS Data Retrieval Tool.

The Office encourages all students to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool. The use of this tool can reduce your chance of error, as well as your chance of being selected for verification.

The Priority Deadline for Fall 2016-2017 is July 15, 2016.
Clayton State University Federal School Code: ***008976***

NEW!!!
Early FAFSA for 2017-2018

Starting in the 2017-2018 school year you will be able to complete your 2017-2018 FAFSA early. Instead of waiting until you and/or your parents have completed your tax returns for the previous year (2016), students will now be able to complete the FAFSA using information from TWO years prior (2015). Using tax information from two-years prior on the FAFSA will make it more precise and provide families an earlier and more accurate idea of their anticipated financial aid and college costs.

With the switch to Early FAFSA, students and families will be able to:

1. File the FAFSA earlier. Under the new Early FAFSA system, the 2017-18 FAFSA will be available in October 2016, rather than January 1, 2017.

2. More easily submit a FAFSA. The IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT), which allows automatic population of a student’s FAFSA with tax return data and decreases the need for additional documentation, can be used by millions more students and families under Early FAFSA, since tax data from two-years prior would be readily available upon application.

3. Receive earlier notification of financial aid packages. If students apply for aid earlier, the Office of Financial Aid and Scholarships can in turn provide financial aid notifications to students earlier, ensuring that students and families have more time to prepare for college costs.

Money Smart Week
April 23-30, 2016

Money Smart Week is coming to Clayton State University!
Created by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago in 2002, Money Smart Week is a public awareness campaign designed to help consumers better manage their personal finances.

Check us out!
Wednesday, April 27, 2016 from 11am-2pm on University Center Main Street.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

A review of your academic progress is completed each semester after grades are posted. A student must meet the SAP requirements listed below to remain eligible for financial aid. Emails are sent if there is a change in a student’s financial aid. To view your SAP status, please log into the DUCK account Message Portal and click on “2016-2017 Financial Aid Snapshot.”

SAP Requirements:

• Maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA (transfer and institutional)
• Successfully complete 67% of all courses attempted
• Must complete program of study within 150% of hours required for declared degree program

***For more information, please visit http://www.clayton.edu/financial-aid/SAP
Summer Financial Aid Eligibility

Be sure to review your Financial Aid Award Letter on the DUCK to see if you have funds awarded for summer. If not, there is a summer survey currently available in your DUCK Message portal asking if you plan to attend Summer Semester. The processing time for the reviewing of summer financial aid eligibility can take up to 4 weeks. Remember, if you have accepted all the funds offered and you have attended full time for Fall/Spring, you may NOT have any federal financial aid for the summer.

Money Saving Tips for Students

1. Limit the number of times you eat out monthly. Plan meals in advance.

2. Open a savings account that earns interest.

3. Use a free tool, like FinAid Student Budget Calculator, to keep track of finances.

4. If you need a credit card, make sure you get one with the lowest interest rate and possible cash back rewards. Pay for items that you would normally buy anyway and then at the end of the month pay off credit card balance in full to avoid debt.

5. Access student discounts when out shopping or dining.

Maintaining HOPE/Zell

The HOPE and Zell Miller Scholarships are Georgia’s unique programs that award qualifying students in degree seeking programs.

A student who is receiving HOPE/Zell Miller is reviewed at the end of every Spring Semester and, also, once they have attempted 30, 60 or 90 credit hours.

You must have a 3.0 GPA when crossing these checkpoints to maintain eligibility for HOPE; a 3.3 GPA for the Zell Miller.

Remember:

127 attempted hours is the maximum limit to receive HOPE/Zell Miller.

Veterans Affairs Educational Benefits

Inside the Financial Aid Office is where you will find your Veterans Affairs Educational Benefits Representative and Coordinator. If you are a VA benefit recipient, and need information on how to apply for your Educational benefits, please contact Ms. Nicole Bates at 404-466-4172 or Ms. Tiffany Robbins 404-466-4183 in the Financial Aid Office. Each term all VA students must complete a VA enrollment survey via their school email in order for your enrollment to be certified. It is very important that you keep the VA certifying officials informed of any changes you make with your schedule each term.