

Financial Aid Frequently Asked Questions

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1. What is a FAFSA form?

FAFSA stands for Free Application for Federal Student Aid and may be completed online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Glenville State College's federal financial aid school.gov.

2. How do I get financial aid?

<u>A FAFSA form is required **each year**</u> to apply for federal and state aid. *High school students* must also complete a state application at www.cfwv.com by March 1 to apply for the WV Promise Scholarship. Other scholarships may also require the FAFSA.

3. Why do I have to fill out an admissions application to get financial aid processed? Filling out an admissions application will get you into our computer system so that your FAFSA can be matched to you by your social security number. Be sure to accurately list your Social Security Number and Date of Birth to prevent delays.

4. Do you have my FAFSA yet?

Glenville processes FAFSA records on a weekly basis. A letter will be mailed to students when their FAFSA arrives. This letter provides information on what to do next and forms that need completed and returned. Be sure all required signatures are provided.

Students may also view their information on the web by clicking on "MYGSC" from the Glenville home page, www.glenville.edu, and then click on Ednet to proceed to login.

5. Why is there a March 1 deadline?

This is the deadline for high school students to be considered for the WV Promise Scholarship. Deadlines may vary by state or program.

6. If I miss the March 1 deadline, will I receive any help?

WV Higher Education Grant deadline is April 15, although earlier submission is recommended. All FAFSAs received will continue to be processed for any available aid.

7. What if my tax information isn't ready by March 1?

You should enter estimated information and update the FAFSA when the actual numbers are available. Tax filers will use the IRS data retrieval tool to make this FAFSA correction.

8. If I live out of state, do I have to apply by March 1?

While out-of-state residents do not qualify for the WV financial aid programs, there may be other programs to consider.

- 9. I don't live with my parents. Why do I have to list their information on the FAFSA? Unless a student meets specific guidelines listed on the FAFSA, parent(s) information is required to be provided to comply with the US Department of Education requirements.
- 10. If my parents are divorced, do I have to list both parents' income on the FAFSA? You will list the income of the parent with whom you live or provides the most support. If that parent is married to someone else, then that person's identifying information and income must also be listed. You would not include the income of the other parent.

11. Are there scholarships available from the school?

Glenville State awards a variety of academic and talent related scholarships. To be considered for academic scholarships, new and transfer students need to apply for admission and submit required transcripts and test scores by February 1 for priority consideration.

12. Why does GSC have a priority scholarship deadline of February 1?

The scholarship awarding process takes place in February and the early applicants are considered first. Later eligible applicants are considered if funds are available.

13. Are there other scholarship programs?

There are online scholarship searches such as www.fastweb.com and also ask your school counselor about local scholarship opportunities.

14. Are there jobs on campus?

Yes. Applications are submitted online from the Student Life tab. Students must maintain a minimum grade point average of 2.0 to work. Academic Support Office assists with job placements and payroll documents.

15. When will I find out about my financial aid awards?

Award notifications are mailed <u>and</u> emailed to first time students as soon as possible after verification is completed, usually beginning early April. Returning students are notified through their GSC email account.

You must meet all eligibility requirements and be fully admitted with the Admissions Office before funds will pay to your account. You must submit official transcripts from all previously attended colleges.

16. Do I have enough money to pay for school?

You can use the Net Price Calculator that is on the website to get an estimate.

17. Am I eligible for student loans?

There are a variety of loan programs for students and parents to consider to help pay for college. *These are funds that must be repaid.* Federal Loan Entrance Counseling **AND** Promissory Note completion must be submitted online at www.studentloans.gov.

18. What are some other payment options?

Cash, check and credit cards are accepted. The Cashier's Office offers a payment plan for tuition, fees, room and board. The college also participates with Tuition Management Systems (www.afford.com) who offers a monthly payment plan with an enrollment fee.

19. What happens if I have to drop a class?

There are no refunds on a dropped class. Dropping too many classes can jeopardize future financial aid eligibility. Repayment of funds may be required upon total withdrawal from all classes.

20. What if I have to withdraw from school?

Procedures must be followed to withdraw from classes as well as residence halls to be sure all records are updated. Students may be required to repay some financial aid funds. Students with loans would begin the six month grace period before repayment is due. See www.nslds.ed.gov for loan history.

21. What is Financial Aid Satisfactory Progress?

To remain eligible for financial aid at Glenville, students must pass at least 2/3 of all attempted classes and maintain a minimum overall grade point average:

Overall GPA Hours	Overall GPA
0 - 30 hours	1.50 GPA
31 - 60 hours	1.80 GPA
61 or above hours	2.00 GPA

22. Are there funds for summer school?

Summer school funds are limited. Students must register and submit a summer school application to the Financial Aid Office to be reviewed for summer funds?

23. How can I find out more?

Details, of this information and more, are available on our website and college catalog. Take time to carefully review all of the materials provided to you, check your MYGSC Ednet records and email account regularly. Other resources: www.studentaid.gov www.cfwv.com