SOUTH GEORGIA TECHNICAL COLLEGE

2024-2025 Financial Aid

Financial Aid Available at SGTC

Federal Funds

- PELL
- FSEOG
  - Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant
- Federal Work Study

State Funds

- HOPE Grant
- HOPE Career Grant
- Zell Miller Grant
- HOPE Scholarship
- Zell Miller Scholarship
- REACH Georgia
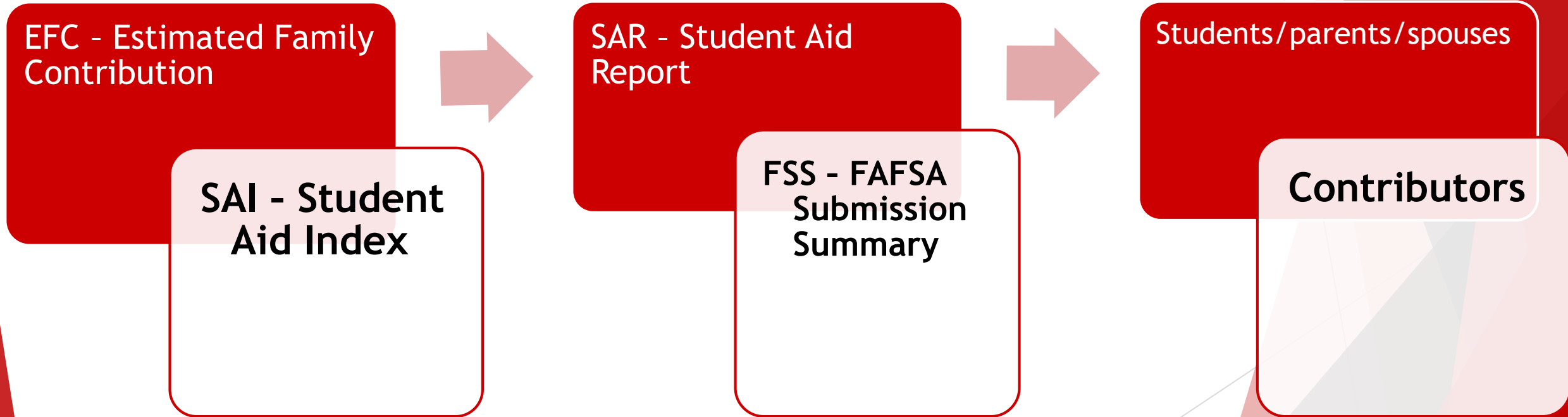
What is FAFSA and why the FAFSA is important?

Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA®) form.

SGTC uses your FAFSA data to determine your federal aid eligibility.
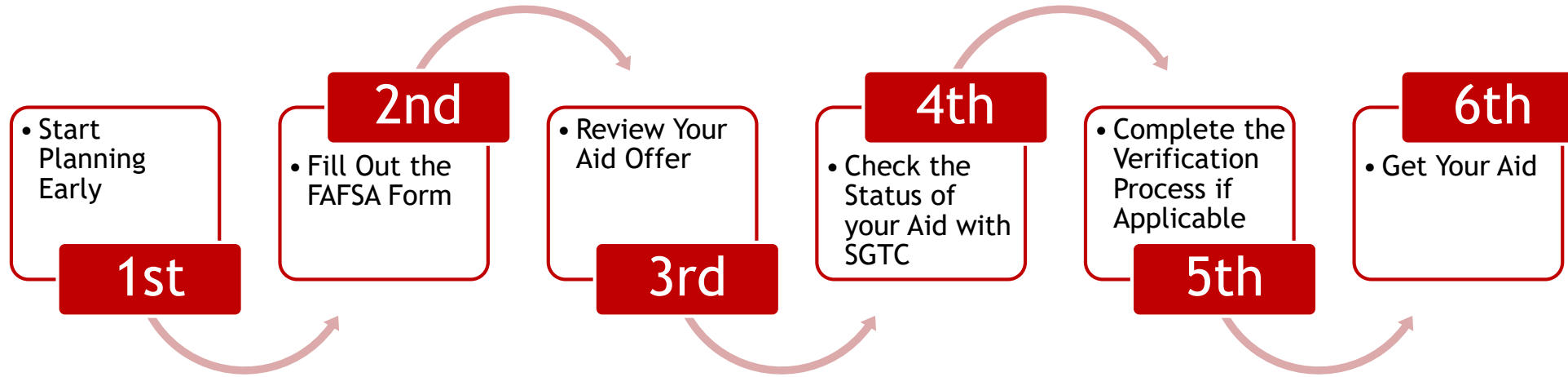
What is FAFSA Simplification?

▶ Simplification Act of 2021

▶ Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2022

▶ Largest overall of federal student aid legislation

▶ Streamlined application process

▶ Expansion of aid eligibility

New Terminology on the FAFSA

EFC – Estimated Family Contribution

SAI – Student Aid Index

SAR – Student Aid Report

FSS – FAFSA Submission Summary

Students/parents/spouses

Contributors

How Financial Aid Works

1st
- Start Planning Early

2nd
- Fill Out the FAFSA Form

3rd
- Review Your Aid Offer

4th
- Check the Status of your Aid with SGTC

5th
- Complete the Verification Process if Applicable

6th
- Get Your Aid

Common FAFSA Mistakes
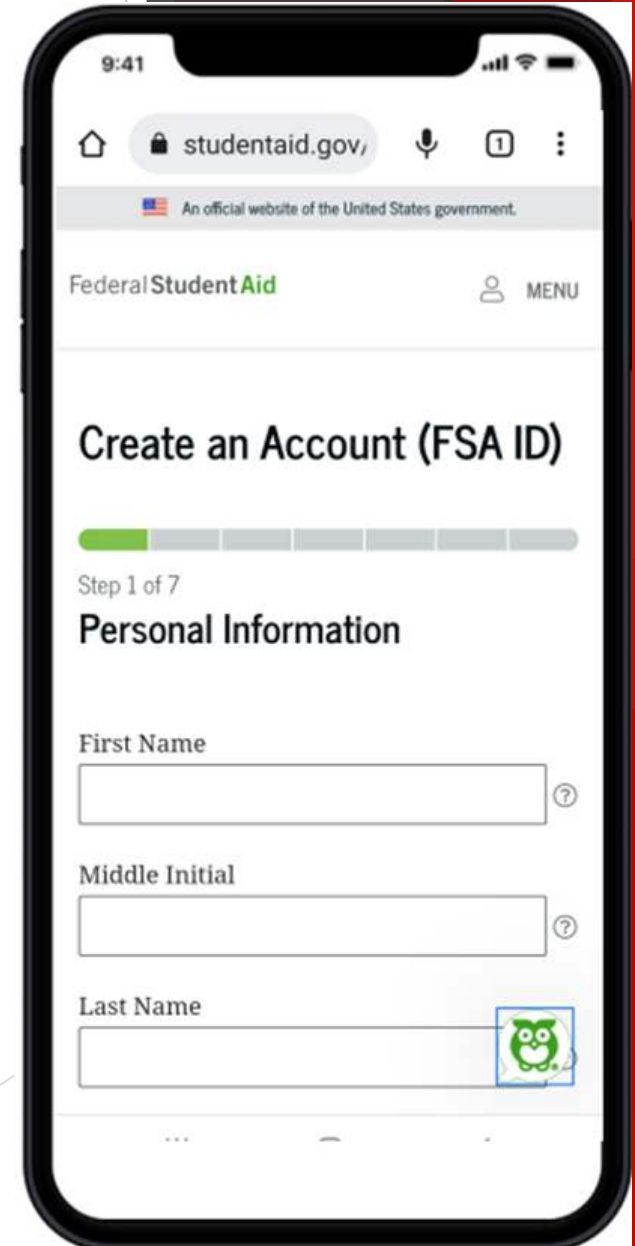
- Not Completing the FAFSA Form
- Not Using the Correct Website
- Not Getting an FSA ID Ahead of Time
- Waiting to Fill Out the FAFSA Until After You File Taxes
- Not Filing by the Deadline
- Not Reading Definitions Carefully

- Inputting Incorrect Information
- Not Reporting Parent Information
- Listing only one college
- Not Using the URS Data Retrieval Tool
- Not Signing the FAFSA Form

2024-2025 FAFSA Updates

▶ Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) – required for all students and parents

▶ IRS Data Retrieval Tool – will become Federal Tax Information (FTI) and no longer optional

▶ Shorter application with few questions

▶ Role-Based

▶ Dependent students must invite parent into FAFSA but either one can begin the application

▶ Consent and Approval – required for tax information

Federal Student Aid ID

- Student Aid Log-in required

- New users FSA ID must match w/ SSA before use (up to 3 days)

- Two-step verification required each log-in

- Married-Filing-Separate or Unmarried Living Together: Both parents will need an FSA ID

- Dependent students - to invite parent, student invite information must match contributors FSA ID (name, DOB, SSN)

- Spouses will also need an FSAID

Users Without a Social Security Number

- Limited functionality when creating an account
  - Mailing address, email, phone number, two-step verification
- Parents or spouses (contributors) of student or citizen of a Freely Associated State will have to answer knowledge-based verification questions to verify identify
  - Derived from personal identifiers
  - Generated by a credit bureau but no credit check is performed, and no credit history is pulled
  - One to four verifiable questions
- 1-800-433-3243: FSAIC

Logging in to Complete the FAFSA

www.studentaid.gov   School code: 005617

Independent Students Provides Consent

➤ Informs the student about consent and their federal tax information.

➤ Student's federal tax information is transferred directly into the FAFSA® form from the IRS to help complete the Student Financials section.

➤ The student selects "Approve" to provide consent and is taken to the next page.

➤ Do not approve: student becomes ineligible for all federal aid

FAFSA® FORM 2024-25 — Student Raya Tran — Save — FAFSA Menu

Provide Consent or Be Ineligible for Federal Student Aid

Summary

Your consent is needed to retrieve and disclose federal tax information (FTI). With your consent, we can obtain tax return information automatically from the IRS to help you complete the FAFSA® form. If you don't provide consent, you will not be eligible for federal student aid, including grants and loans. You must provide consent even if you didn't file a U.S. federal tax return or any tax return at all.

→ Get your 2022 tax return information for the 2024–25 FAFSA form.

→ Tax return information is required to complete the FAFSA form.

→ FTI is used to determine your eligibility for federal student aid.

Under penalty of law, I certify that I am the individual associated with the FSA ID log-in credentials used to access the FAFSA form to provide the necessary approval and consent for the disclosure and use of my federal tax information (FTI) from the U.S. Department of the Treasury. By accepting below, I approve and consent to:

- The U.S. Department of Education to disclose my Social Security number, last name, and date of birth to the U.S. Department of the Treasury in order to obtain my FTI only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and the amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated and shared my FTI by a program authorized under subpart 1 of Part A, Part C, or Part D of Title IV of the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended.

- The use of my FTI by U.S. Department of Education officials and contractors (as defined in 26 U.S.C. § 6103(l)(13)), only for the purpose of determining the eligibility for, and amount of, federal student aid for myself or of others for which I participated and shared my FTI by a program authorized under Title IV of the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended.

- The U.S. Department of Education to redisclose my FTI received from the U.S. Department of the Treasury, pursuant to 26 U.S.C 6103(l)(13)(D)(iii), which includes:
  - institutions of higher education participating in the federal student aid programs authorized under the *Higher Education Act of 1965*, as amended;
  - state higher education agencies; and
  - scholarship organizations designated prior to Dec. 19, 2019, by the Secretary of Education.

- The use of my FTI for the application, award, and administration of student aid awarded by the federal government, institutions of higher education, state higher education agencies, and designated scholarship organizations.

- The redisclosure of my FTI to any future 2024–25 FAFSA forms for which I elect to participate (e.g., if I elect to participate in my child's FAFSA form or to complete my own FAFSA form after participating in another FAFSA form). My FTI will be redisclosed to these additional applications upon my affirmation to participate. I understand that I may decline an invitation to participate, which will prevent the transfer of my FTI to that FAFSA form.

Dependent Students

➤ As the student is considered dependent, they are asked to provide information about their parents.

➤ The FAFSA® form considers their "Parent" to be their legal (biological or adoptive) parent.

Dependent Student Invites Parents to FAFSA® Form

The student is asked to enter personal information about their parents to send them an invite to their FAFSA® form. In this scenario, the student invites one parent

Dependent Student FAFSA® Confirmation

Displays information about tracking the student's FAFSA form and next steps.

FAFSA Submission Summary Landing Page

- The FAFSA Submission Summary is broken into four tabs: Eligibility Overview, FAFSA Form Answers, School Information, and Next Steps.

- Student will see information about when their form was received and processed. They also have the option to print their FAFSA Submission Summary to keep for their records.

What is the SAI?

▶ Student Aid Index

▶ Replaces Estimated Family Contribution(EFC)

▶ Can be a negative number (-1500)

▶ Changes income information originally calculated into Pell Grant eligibility

　　▶ Removes child support received, VA noneducation benefits, untaxed income, housing allowances

Enrollment Intensity

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CHANGES TO PELL ELIGIBILITY

- Beginning with the 2024–25 award year, the Department will no longer publish a Federal Pell Grant Payment and Disbursement Schedule.
- Instead, Scheduled Pell Grant Eligibility will be determined in one of three ways:

1

Maximum Pell Grant
Non-tax filers; **or**
Tax filers, based on:
- AGI
- Poverty guidelines
- Family size

2

Calculated Scheduled Pell Grant

- Maximum Published Scheduled Pell Grant *minus* Calculated SAI

3

Minimum Pell Grant
Based on:
- AGI
- Poverty guidelines
- Family size

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STANDARD TERM PROGRAMS

- Number of enrolled credits ÷ Credits required for full-time enrollment

- Round to nearest whole percent using standard rounding rules
  - $7 \div 12 = 0.58333 \rightarrow 58\%$

Enrolled Credit Hours	Enrollment Category	Enrollment Intensity
12 (or more)	Full-Time	100%
11	Three-Quarter Time	92%
10		83%
9		75%
8	Half-Time	67%
7		58%
6		50%
5	Less-than-Half-Time	42%
4		33%
3		25%
2		17%
1		8%

Other Changes Due to FAFSA Simplification

- Half-time enrollment during summer is no longer a requirement to receive more than 100% of a year's Pell Grant.

- No longer can FAFSA be renewed

- Family size – replaces household size and pulls directly from taxes but can be updated

How Can I Prepare?

- Visit www.studentaid.gov
- Create/update existing password and keep it in a discreet place
- Update email address, phone numbers, name
- Ask your parent/spouse questions
- Finalize a time to complete application with parent
- December 2023 – no precise date

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