

Overview

Financial aid provides funds to eligible students for their direct college expenses (tuition and fees) and indirect college expenses (books, supplies, equipment, and a reasonable allowance for living expenses and transportation.) The funds come in three forms: grants, which do not have to be repaid; loans, which must be repaid; and part-time jobs from which the student earns an hourly wage. Students awarded financial aid may receive some or all forms of aid.

A student starts the financial aid application process by completing the **Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)** online at <https://studentaid.gov/>. The Great Bay Community College school code is **002583**.

The 2024-2025 FAFSA is the application for aid for Summer 2024, Fall 2024, and Spring 2025.

The 2025-2026 FAFSA is the application for aid for Summer 2025, Fall 2025, and Spring 2026

A new FAFSA must be filed each year. The financial aid year begins with the summer term at GBCC. The preferred filing date is April 1 for the upcoming financial aid year. Students who meet this filing date will be considered for all institutional funds. Students who file after this date will be considered on a funds-available basis. If you are unable to meet the preferred deadline, filing by these dates will help to have your financial aid in place before you begin classes:

Begin Enrollment	FAFSA	Best to File By
Summer 2024	2024-2025	April 1, 2024
Fall 2024	2024-2025	June 1, 2024
Spring 2025	2024-2025	October 1, 2024
Summer 2025	2025-2026	April 1, 2025
Fall 2025	2025-2026	June 1, 2025
Spring 2026	2025-2026	October 1, 2025