

EMMANUEL COLLEGE

Financial Aid Checklist for High School Seniors

Fall Semester (August -December):

- Apply for an FSA ID** at www.fsaaid.ed.gov. Required for parents and students. Each application must have their own email address; you may not use the same email address for everyone in the family. You must have an FSA ID to file a FAFSA.
- Complete your FAFSA** available Oct. 1 at www.fafsa.ed.gov. You can send your FAFSA results to up to 10 schools by adding a school code. The Emmanuel College school code is 001563.
- Georgia Residents** – If you are going to a private college you must complete the GTEG/HOPE Scholarship Application at www.gafutures.org. You can add up to six private colleges on your application. This allows you to receive scholarship aid from the state of up to \$5430 annually.
- Research scholarship opportunities.** Talk to your school counselor, teachers or other adults in your community about scholarships offered by local organizations. Create a Fastweb account (www.fastweb.com) to search for scholarships.
- Look up deadlines.** Don't miss the priority deadlines for your colleges' financial aid applications. The Emmanuel College deadline is March 15th.
- Get an estimate of what your top-choice colleges will actually cost.** Explore net price calculators so you know true cost.
- Check your email regularly** – You may need to provide additional documents if you are selected for verification. Make sure you create an account and log-on if the school needs you to access an electronic account to finalize your aid offer.

Spring Semester (January- May):

- Apply for any private scholarships you've found.** Make sure you understand and follow the application requirements and apply by the deadline.
- Select a financial aid package by the deadline.** Once you've compared the offers, you and your family should discuss which package best meets your needs. Financial aid is limited, so if you don't accept your award on time, it may go to another student.
- Contact the Emmanuel College financial aid office, if necessary.** Financial aid officers are there to help you if you have questions. If your financial aid award is not enough, don't be afraid to ask about other options. Our number is 706.245.2844.
- Complete financial aid paperwork.** If loans are part of your financial aid package, you'll have to complete and submit paperwork to secure the loans. Parent and students will need to complete documents at www.studentloans.gov.
 - Students should complete Direct Loan Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Notes as soon as possible.
 - Parents should complete the PLUS loan application after March 15 and can complete a Master Promissory Note afterwards if necessary.
- Finalize your college choice by May 1, National Candidates Decision Day.** Tuition deposits are generally refundable up until this date. Notify the school of your choice you will be attending. Communicate your choice to those schools you will not be attending.
- Make plans to attend whatever early/summer registration event is offered.** Summer registration allows you to obtain your class schedule and finalize last minute enrollment details as well as your bill.
- Get ready to pay the first college tuition bill.** This usually covers the first semester and is due before you enroll. The Emmanuel College payment deadline is July 15th.