

Important Deadlines

The Coastal Alabama Financial Aid Priority deadline is July 1st for funds awarded on a first-come-first serve basis. To receive full consideration for all aid sources, student applications, including the submission of all required documents, including documents required for Admissions, must be completed, and received on or before July 1st. Completed applications and documents received after that time will still be processed for Pell Grant and Direct Loan eligibility. If funds are still available, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Alabama Student Assistance Program Grant, and Federal and Institutional Work-Study will also be processed.

All tuition and fees are due before classes begin, to avoid having a schedule removed. If financial aid is not complete, students may have to pay out of pocket. If a schedule is removed, students may re-register (with payment) for classes during the late registration period, provided space is available. There is a late registration fee.

Beyond the initial July 1, priority deadline, the Financial Aid Office processes applications and documents in the order received, throughout the academic year and until the federal deadline. Students who delay submitting required documents will cause a delay in receiving financial aid and may be responsible for charges owed to the College, prior to the financial aid offer being available. Once all documents are correct and received, students should allow 7 to 10 business days for complete processing.

Once the student submits the FAFSA application, it will take 3 to 5 business days to reach Coastal Alabama. Students should submit a FAFSA, complete the verification process, and be cleared in Admissions before the term begins.

Financial aid will not be processed beyond the published federal deadline which is in September every year or 120 days after the student's last date of enrollment, whichever is earlier. This is an absolute federal deadline and cannot be circumvented. In addition, the federal deadline for FAFSA submission is June 30 at midnight of the academic year and cannot be circumvented. For example, the FAFSA for the 2022/2023 academic year opened October 1, 2021, and will close for submission on June 30, 2023.