



2010-2011 Financial Aid Information **Demorest and Athens Undergraduate Students**

Procedures for Obtaining Financial Aid



STEP 1: WHAT TYPES OF AID DO YOU WISH TO APPLY FOR? (CHOOSE #1 or #2)

1. **The Piedmont College Financial Aid Application (Decline FAFSA Form):**
To apply for ONLY Piedmont College scholarships and NOT apply for loans or need-based grants, apply online at www.piedmont.edu/financial_aid. This application must be printed and completed annually.

OR
2. **The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA):**
To apply for need-based grants and student loans complete the FAFSA. This application must be completed annually. (Directions on back side)
3. Students must be enrolled at least **6 credit hours** to be eligible for student loans.



STEP 2: GEORGIA RESIDENTS: APPLY FOR STATE AID

1. Complete the on-line TEG/HOPE application at www.gacollege411.org to apply for the **Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant** and the **Hope Scholarship**. **This application has to be completed only once during your enrollment at Piedmont.**



STEP 3: ALLOW TIME FOR PROCESSING YOUR APPLICATION

Typically, financial aid award letters are mailed to students 14-21 days after the file is complete.



STEP 4: COMPLETE YOUR FINANCIAL AID FILE

1. After you receive your award letter, review it and read all enclosed information carefully.
2. To accept and finalize the Georgia Tuition Equalization Grant and/or the Hope Scholarship, you must complete the on-line TEG/HOPE application at www.gacollege411.org.
3. To accept and finalize student loans, you must complete both of the following:
 - a. Master Promissory Note at www.dlenote.ed.gov (you will need your PIN). **This will only be completed once every 10 years while at Piedmont.**
 - b. Entrance Counseling at www.dl.ed.gov **The Entrance Counseling only is completed once while at Piedmont, unless you are starting a new program or degree.**
4. Sign, date, and return the award letter to Financial Aid before the expiration date.



QUESTIONS:

Contact the Financial Aid Office at finaid@piedmont.edu or call 706-776-0114 or 1-800-277-7020

TO RESOLVE APPLICATION OR TECHNOLOGY QUESTIONS PLEASE CALL:

FOR FAFSA: 1-800-4-FED-AID or FOR ETEG/EHOPE: 1-800-505-4732

FOR DIRECT LOAN OR MASTER PROMISSORY NOTE: 1-800-848-0979



COMPLETING THE FAFSA

1. **Request a Pin:** Go to the FAFSA website (www.fafsa.ed.gov) and request a PIN number by clicking the link to the **PIN Site**. A PIN will be sent to you within two business days.
****Note: If you are a dependent student, your parent must also apply for a PIN.**

2. **Complete your FAFSA** and sign it using your PIN at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

<u>Application Terms</u>	<u>FAFSA Year</u>	<u>Tax Year</u>
Fall 2009, Spring 2010, Summer 2010	2009 – 2010	2008
Fall 2010, Spring 2011, Summer 2011	2010-2011	2009

- b. For helpful advice and time-saving tips, use the “Before Beginning the FAFSA” guide at www.fafsa.ed.gov/before001.htm. Piedmont College Federal School Code is **001588**.

3. **Review your Student Aid Report:** You will receive a copy of your submitted FAFSA, called a “Student Aid Report” (SAR), via email. Review and make any necessary corrections at www.fafsa.ed.gov.

4. **Allow for processing time:** It will take up to one week for Piedmont to receive your processed FAFSA. Once we receive it, we will either:
 - a. Assemble a financial aid package for you – a process that will take between 14-21 days – and send you an award letter **OR**
 - b. Send you verification paperwork to complete (30% of FAFSA filers are selected to verify the information they entered). After the verification is complete, we will prepare a financial aid package for you and send you an award letter.
 - After FAFSA data is verified and necessary corrections made, typically students can expect award letters within 14-21 days.