You must satisfy all 3 conditions to continue receiving Federal and/or State financial aid. Failure to meet these goals can result in your financial aid being suspended, regardless of your eligibility in prior semesters.

Students will be notified of their financial aid SAP status at the end of each semester via their WaveNet account. It is the student’s responsibility to check their financial aid SAP status. If you fail to meet SAP requirements due to extenuating circumstances and your aid was suspended, you have the right to appeal this decision.

For details about SAP and the appeals process, please contact our Financial Aid Office and/or visit our website.

**Suspected Misuse of Financial Aid**

HGTC’s Financial Aid Office will report any potential fraud or falsified information (on the part of the student, the parent, preparer of financial aid applications or related parties) to the USDOE and all other related agencies for immediate action.

Anyone suspecting fraud or abuse may make a confidential report by contacting the Office of Inspector General at 1-800-MIS-USED (1-800-647-8733).

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**Contact Information**

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**Student Loans**

The College strongly urges students to consider loans only as a last resort in financing their education. Student loans MUST be repaid, and generally cannot be waived even through bankruptcy filings. To learn more about loans, visit HGTC’s website at www.HGTC.edu.

**Summer Financial Aid**

Students may be able to qualify for financial aid for the summer semester depending upon their eligibility, the availability of funds, and the following criteria:

- You are in an eligible program;
- You meet SAP requirements;
- You complete an application for summer aid;
- You have aid left over from the fall or spring term; and/or some students may be eligible for Year Round Pell (YRP). If you attended Full Time for the Fall and Spring semesters, you may be awarded up to 150 percent of your scheduled Federal Pell Grant award during a single award year. In order to be considered for YRP, you must be enrolled in at least 6 credit hours for the summer semester.

**Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)**

When you receive financial aid funding from Federal or State sources, there are conditions you must meet to maintain eligibility. To remain in compliance with SAP guidelines, you must:

- Complete 67% of the course hours for which you have enrolled;
- Maintain a minimum 2.0 cumulative Grade Point Average; and
- Complete your degree within 150% of the published length of the program.

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How long does it take to get aid?

It really DEPENDS ON YOU, the student. The financial aid process generally takes 6 weeks, so it is important to APPLY EARELY and routinely monitor your WaveNet account for updates. Please note that if you apply after April 1 or get selected for verification, this may delay processing time. Make every effort to submit your FAFSA before April 1.

If you get selected for verification, the College cannot continue processing your application until all documents are received. As such, respond to all requests for additional documents as soon as possible to ensure timely processing of your aid.

Veterans’ Educational Benefits

If you served on active duty, you might be eligible for education benefits offered by the Department of Veteran’s Affairs. For example, the Post-9/11 GI Bill provides financial support for educational and housing expenses to individuals with at least 90 days of aggregate service after September 10, 2001 or individuals discharged with a service-connected disability after 30 days. You must have received an honorable discharge to be eligible for the Post-9/11 GI Bill.

Each year, the Department of Education selects approximately 30% of all FAFSA’s submitted for “verification” purposes. When a student gets selected for verification, HGTC’s Financial Aid Office is required to verify the information submitted on their FAFSA.

If selected, you may be asked to submit one or more of the following documents:

• Parent federal tax information;
• Student federal tax information;
• Various income verification documents; and
• Other personal information.

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Federal School Code

When completing the FAFSA, please enter the number “004925” when asked for the school code.

What happens after I apply for aid?

Once you have applied and been admitted to HGTC, the College will provide you with a “WaveNet” login ID. This login ID will enable you to sign in from any computer and review the status of your financial aid application.

After submitting your FAFSA, additional information may be requested of you and must be received by the College to continue processing your application. As such, it is essential to monitor your WaveNet account at least twice weekly for additional requests for information from the College.

What if I get selected for verification?

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If you are the spouse or child of a service member who is considered 100% disabled by the VA you may be eligible for Dependent Educational Assistance.

For more information regarding veteran’s educational benefits, please visit our website at www.hgtc.edu or call our veteran’s counselor at 843-349-7549. You can also visit www.benefits.va.gov as an additional source of information.

At Horry-Georgetown Technical College, approximately 90% of all students receive some form of financial aid. Aid may come in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, veteran’s benefits, and/or work-study (part-time employment on or off campus). This brochure provides essential information to help you understand, apply for, and receive financial aid for which you are eligible.

Familiarizing yourself with the information in this pamphlet, and following the directions herein, will greatly simplify the process for receiving financial aid.

All financial aid is awarded without regard to race, color, sex, age, religion, national origin, disability or other individual distinction.

Should you have questions about financial aid, please call HGTC’s Financial Aid Office at 843-349-5251, visit any of our three campuses, or access the College website at www.HGTC.edu.

The Role of the College

HGTC serves as the coordinator between you the student, and the US. Department of Education (USDOE). To process your application, the College is required to comply with all USDOE, federal, and state laws governing that process.

Who has to apply and when should I apply?

If you want to receive financial aid, you must submit the FAFSA. The College strongly urges all students applying for the fall semester to apply for financial aid as soon as possible in order to receive the maximum amount of aid for which you are eligible. Applying early best ensures your aid will be processed timely.