

HERE, YOU ARE.



THE TRANSFER EXPERIENCE

YOUR GUIDE TO APPLYING AT GSU



Our Philosophy

At Governors State University, we take passion and purpose personally. We're invested in your forever. Our distinct approach to the university experience doesn't just prepare you for a long-term career: it equips you to enter the world as a leader.

Here, you are supported every step of the way.

Supporting students is at the heart of our mission. We want your transition into university life to be as easy as possible. That's why we've designed numerous resources to ensure you receive the **support** you need **at every stage**. It all starts with a visit to our **Undergraduate Academic Advising Center** where you can connect with an advisor anytime. Need additional guidance? We provide resources to help you stay on track at every level of your education. Or, for those who crave a challenge, our **Honors Program** offers an **enriched academic experience**.

We know your strengths are the key to your success.

You know what makes you *you*—and we want to know too! At GSU our strength-based learning approach not only enables us to recognize **your unique attributes**, but we work with you to develop your strengths to help you become the best *you* you can be.

Your professors will know your name—and your classmates will too.

Your accomplishments will shine on our **intimate campus** where you can make a **big name** for yourself. Classes are small—so you'll know each of your professors and fellow students personally. Outside of the classroom, you can participate in any one of more than **80 student clubs and organizations** on campus to establish a network of peers who share your personal and academic interests.

Mentorship prepares you for success after college.

We think mentorship is essential to your success—and the Gallup polls agree. Research shows that long after you graduate, your professional engagement and overall well-being are directly linked to **meaningful relationships** with your college mentors. In the **Center for the Junior Year**, you'll find peer **success coaches**: specially selected and trained students who work by your side to help bring your dreams to life. Our **low faculty-to-student ratio** also ensures you'll reap the benefits of **individualized instruction** and **mentorship** from faculty members who are leading scholars in their fields.



Critical Analysis
Steps 1-5
-Writing Process

WHAT IS THE GSU EXPERIENCE?

The GSU experience is different at every stage of your education—and for good reason. Your needs change as you develop your skills, discover your passion, and prepare yourself for your professional journey ahead.

Jaguar Bites: Academic Advising

Through a close partnership with your advisor, ensure that your undergraduate experience is crafted to develop your talents – not just as a student but as an individual. From the day you apply to the day of graduation, advisors provide structure, guidance, and support for you to make sure you are taking the right step every time. Learn more at www.govst.edu/advising.

If you are transferring from another accredited college or university with less than 24 credit hours, you will enroll as a freshman and take part in a learning community. Consult with your advisor to determine how your credits will transfer.

As a transferring GSU freshman, you'll be enrolled in a metamajor tailored to your academic interests. Within the group, you'll experience a cooperative learning environment made up of peers and mentors extending your education far beyond traditional career preparation. Your academic advisor will ready you for success by providing a structured, full-time schedule custom-built to keep you on track to finish college in four years. Every freshman enrolls in First Year Seminar, a foundational humanities course that prepares you for a strong academic experience. For more information about the first year experience at GSU visit www.govst.edu/freshman.

On weekdays, you'll attend classes with your fellow learning community students. After class, dive into life at GSU by attending athletics events, theatrical performances, and other campus activities. Don't forget to budget time for studying: find a spot in the Lakeside Lounge, or book one of the library's reserveable group study rooms equipped with smart technology.

Sophomore Year

During your sophomore year, you'll focus your academic interests by selecting a major that brings your mission to life. Select a major from one of our colleges, such as the College of Education, College of Health and Human Services, College of Arts and Sciences, or the AACSB-accredited College of Business.

Junior Year

Experience a real-world education as you delve deeply into your major by taking advantage of many on-campus opportunities for professional development. Our **Center for the Junior Year** is here to help you connect your passion to your purpose. Visit Career Services to learn valuable ways to build your interview skills, prepare your résumé, and attend career and internship fairs.

Senior Year

The final year of your undergraduate experience culminates with a **Senior Capstone course**. Demonstrate your academic achievement through a cumulative project that demonstrates the accomplishment of four years of study. Many of our seniors create capstone projects with real-life impact, touching the lives of community members on and off-campus.

I'VE ALREADY COMPLETED SOME COLLEGE COURSEWORK. HOW DO I BRING THAT WITH ME?

Your experience is the cornerstone of Governors State University's heritage; in fact, transfer students make up the largest portion of our student body. Whether you enter with just a few courses or you've made the decision to complete your degree, you will find resources and programming that fit your needs. Take part in an intentionally tailored undergraduate curriculum that ensures your transition into the GSU experience is seamless.

Transferring as a Freshman

If you are transferring to Governors State with less than 24 credit hours from another accredited college or university, you will enroll as a freshman in one of our themed cohorts and may start classes in the fall or spring semester.

Transferring with 24 Credits or More

With more than 24 credit hours under your belt, you will transfer into GSU almost ready to enter your sophomore year or beyond. Enroll in courses at any point in the academic year to begin taking classes at the start of fall, spring, or summer semester.

For more information, visit www.govst.edu/transfer.

Transferring through the Dual Degree Program

Our Dual Degree Program (DDP) stems from a partnership with 17 community colleges throughout Chicagoland. As a participant of the DDP, you'll earn numerous benefits, such as a locked-in tuition rate, competitive scholarship opportunities, and a more affordable education.

See more information about our Dual Degree Program on page 11, or visit www.govst.edu/DDP.

Transferology

Transferology is a nation-wide network that provides detailed information on how your learning experiences will transfer to higher education institutions. This online transfer-planning tool can assist you in determining how your previous coursework will transfer to Governors State University.

How to Create a Transferology Account:

1. Go to www.transferology.com/school/govst
2. Click the “Create an account” link
3. Enter requested information
4. Save your user ID (email address you use to create the account) and password

For more tips on creating a Transferology account, visit www.govst.edu/transfer-credits.

Transfer Thursdays

Are you close to completing at least 24 college credit hours or an associate degree? Do you have a GPA of 2.0 or higher? * Get your admission decision on the spot at Transfer Thursdays, GSU’s on-site admission program for transfer students. At Transfer Thursdays, you can tour the GSU campus, meet with an admission counselor, obtain information about GSU’s financial aid process, and receive an on-site admission decision. ***

What you’ll need to do:

1. Register online: www.govst.edu/transferthursdays
2. Bring official transcripts from all colleges previously attended (in sealed envelopes from the colleges/universities) or arrange to have all official transcripts sent to Governors State University **

*Some programs have a higher GPA requirement

**Some programs require additional documents to complete the application process

***Social Work and the R.N. to B.S.N. programs are ineligible for on-site admission decisions



I'M READY TO TURN MY PASSION INTO MY PURPOSE. WHAT PROGRAMS CAN HELP GET ME THERE?

BUSINESS

- Accounting (B.S.)
- Business Administration (B.A.) – Concentrations in: Entrepreneurship, Finance, Human Resource Management, Management, Management Information Systems, Marketing, Operations and Supply Chain Management
- Business and Applied Science (B.A.)
- Economics (B.A.)
- Manufacturing Management (B.A.)

If you have drive, determination, and discipline, you will be on your way to advancing your career with the knowledge and skills you gain through our diverse programs, including ones focused in **Business, Economic Development, and Supply Chain and Logistics.**

HUMANITIES, SOCIAL SCIENCES, AND THE ARTS

- Anthropology and Sociology (B.A.)
- Art (B.F.A.)
- Communication (B.A.)
- Criminal Justice (B.A.)
- English (B.A.)
- Gender and Sexuality Studies (B.A.)
- History (B.A.)
- Interdisciplinary Studies (B.A.)
- Media Studies (B.A.)
- Political Science (B.A.)
- Theatre and Performance Studies (B.A.)

Art is not simply an activity done by artists. It is a phenomenon that shapes perception, embodies emotion, communicates attitudes, and expands the boundaries of human experience. If you are interested in exploring your own creativity, consider our programs in the **Creative and Expressive Arts.**

SCIENCES, MATHEMATICS, AND COMPUTER SCIENCE

- Biology (B.S.)
- Chemistry (B.S.)
- Computer Science (B.S.)
- Data Analytics, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
- Digital Forensics and Data Analytics, Post-Baccalaureate Certificates
- Information Technology (B.S.)
- Mathematics (B.A.) – Concentrations in General Mathematics and Actuarial Science

Our increasingly technological society has resulted in an ever-growing demand for graduates in computer science fields. Through our **Technology programs**, you will learn to use state-of-the-art technology, systems, and applications to solve real-world problems.

HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

- Addictions Screening, Assessment, and Referral, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
- Communication Disorders (B.H.S.)
- Community Health (B.H.S.)
- Health Administration (B.H.A.)
- Health Informatics (B.S.)
- Nursing (R.N. to B.S.N.)
- Social Work (B.S.W.)

The Health Professions and Life Science Pathways Cohort for highly qualified incoming freshmen provides a clear pathway into the rapidly growing health professions. If you meet the rigorous standards as an undergraduate in the Health Professions and Life Science Pathway, you may be eligible for guaranteed admissions into our Master of Occupational Therapy, Master of Health Sciences in Communication Disorders, or Doctor of Physical Therapy programs.

EDUCATION

- Early Childhood Education – Licensure and Non-Licensure (B.A.)
- Early Childhood Education for Currently Licensed Teachers, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
- Elementary Education (B.A.)
- College Career Counseling, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
- ESL Endorsement, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
- Reading Specialist Endorsement, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
- Online Teaching, Post-Baccalaureate Certificate
- Special Education Endorsement Coursework, Post-Baccalaureate Endorsement
- Secondary Education Teacher Licensure – Post-Baccalaureate Certificate, Biology, Chemistry, English, Mathematics
- Psychology and Counseling
- Psychology – General, Forensic, Mindfulness Studies, Pre-Clinical (B.A.)

You'll find that the skills and knowledge our **Human Behavior and Development programs** offer will prepare you to lead, implement, and provide support to diverse constituencies on both the individual and community levels.



For a complete list of programs, visit www.govst.edu/ProgramListing.

I WANT AN EVEN GREATER CHALLENGE. IS GOVERNORS STATE THE PLACE FOR ME?

With a variety of ways to ensure you'll have an experience tailored to your own unique journey, our programming is focused on guiding you toward fulfilling your dreams.

Honors Program

Challenge yourself in a deeply enriched academic experience by joining the GSU Honors Program. In the Honors Program, you will enroll in a learning community composed entirely of your fellow honors students. Together, you'll develop personal and professional skills through high-impact, challenging, and experiential learning opportunities, both in and out of the classroom.

In the Honors Program, undergraduate students share in:

- Exploring challenging subjects and ideas
- Cultivating individual strengths
- Developing leadership skills

To be eligible for the GSU Honors Program, students must meet and maintain selective criteria. Students from all disciplines are welcome and encouraged to apply.

Learn more at www.govst.edu/honors.

Dual Degree Program

Research by the National Student Clearinghouse Research Center proves that when students complete an associate degree, they are even more likely to obtain further education. But don't just take their word for it—our numbers prove it, too. More than ninety percent of our Dual Degree Program (DDP) students who have completed their associate degree and enrolled at GSU have graduated, transferred, or are still enrolled and pursuing their degree. In the Dual Degree Program, you'll enroll in full-time classes at one of 17 Chicagoland community colleges while working with a DDP Transfer Specialist to map out your pathway to dual (two) degrees. DDP students receive a multitude of benefits; among them, a locked-in tuition rate, full-tuition scholarship opportunities, and a more affordable education.

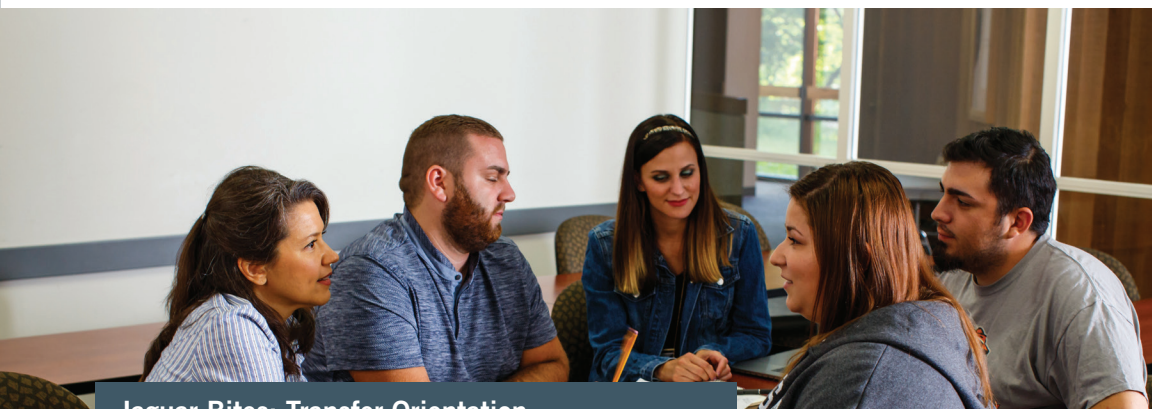
Find out more at www.govst.edu/DDP.

DDP COLLEGES

- College of DuPage
- Harper College
- Joliet Junior College
- Kankakee Community College
- Moraine Valley Community College
- Morton College
- Prairie State College
- South Suburban College
- Triton College
- Waubensee Community College

City Colleges of Chicago

- Harold Washington College
- Harry S. Truman College
- Kennedy-King College
- Malcolm X College
- Olive Harvey College
- Richard J. Daley College
- Wilbur Wright College



Jaguar Bites: Transfer Orientation

Once admitted, your journey as a GSU student begins with Transfer Orientation, where you will learn about resources designed to help you succeed as a college student. During this one-day event, you will learn your way around campus, meet with an academic advisor, spend time with other incoming students, and register for classes. All incoming transfer students are required to attend. Learn more at www.govst.edu/TransferOrientation.

WHAT SERVICES ARE OFFERED OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM?

We have an abundance of resources and teams dedicated to your wellness and success. Here are just some of our most popular on-campus services.

Career Services

Your college education is a catalyst for your future career. Get a jumpstart on building your résumé.

www.govst.edu/careerservices

Health and Student Counseling Center

New to GSU and available to all enrolled students, our two-prong approach to wellness and self-care includes medical care managed by Advocate Health Care and counseling services provided by licensed GSU counselors.

www.govst.edu/advocate-health-center

Undergraduate Academic Advising Center

Enjoy the confidence of knowing an academic advisor is always available to you during business hours with our new UAAC.

www.govst.edu/academicadvising

GSU4U

Personal challenges and emergencies can interfere with your academic progress. GSU4U is here to help if you experience difficulty securing food or housing by connecting you with valuable resources.

www.govst.edu/gsu4u

Resources for Writers

Writing studies at GSU transcend the traditional freshman composition course. We make sure that your writing is improving from the first year through the last.

www.govst.edu/first-year-writing-program

The Jaguar Den

Relax between classes, connect with friends, and discover student resources in this student lounge. Here, you will also find support services such as the GSU Food Pantry, Jaguar Career Closet, and more.

www.govst.edu/jaguarden

Veterans Resource Center

If you are a veteran or active duty military, you and your family members will receive guidance, assistance, and resource referral services from fellow military representatives.

www.govst.edu/veterans

Center for the Junior Year

The CJY isn't just for juniors. Here, you explore how to design your field of study that leads into your personal career goals through internships and experiential learning.

Email cjy@govst.edu

Library

Need a quiet place to study, a private room to work on a group project, or help with research or writing a paper? Visit the GSU Library. Resources are also available online.

www.govst.edu/library

Tutoring Services

Work through challenging courses with tutors who excel in the subject. Make an appointment at the Student Success Commons for help with any of your courses.

www.govst.edu/ARC

Access Services for Students with Disabilities

Accessible education is our mission. Every student can find the right path at GSU.

www.govst.edu/disability-services

Leadership Training

One of the most highly valued career skills is leadership. We've developed multiple programs for building your skills so you can bring them to life.

www.govst.edu/Leadership

Writing Center

Writing is a foundational academic skill that you will continually develop throughout your undergraduate curriculum. Visit in person or online for help with writing for any course.

www.govst.edu/writingcenter

Male Success Initiative

MSI is an enrichment program for male students, particularly men of color, that provides professional, academic, and personal development. Come make your plan for success from orientation to graduation.

www.govst.edu/msi

Family Development Center

We understand that education is a whole-family commitment. Our NAEYC-accredited program is designed to provide the highest level of care for your child and support for your family.

www.govst.edu/children

Student Life

Put the "U" in GSU: join one of over 80 student clubs and organizations that energize our thriving campus life.

www.govst.edu/studentlife

OUR BRAGGING RIGHTS ARE YOURS.

GSU student-athletes shine both on the field and in the classroom. Part of the National Association of Intercollegiate Athletics (NAIA), GSU provides the necessary tools for student-athletes to be competitive on the playing field, successful in the classroom, and recognized as leaders on campus and in the community. In 2017–18, student-athletes were recognized locally and nationally for their academic achievements by the Chicagoland Collegiate Athletic Conference (CCAC) and the NAIA. The GSU men's basketball team also earned a CCAC championship in 2018, the first in university history.

Learn how to become a student-athlete at www.gsujaguars.com.

UNLEASH YOUR INNER JAGUAR.

Take part in our competitive athletics, or relax and enjoy the game.

- Men's and Women's Basketball
- Men's and Women's Cross Country
- Men's and Women's Golf
- Men's and Women's Soccer
- Women's Volleyball

See a schedule of all Jaguar athletic events at www.govst.edu/jaguar-schedule.



2017-18 CCAC Conference Champions





I'M STARTING TO UNDERSTAND THE VALUE. NOW LET'S TALK COST.

Accessibility is at the heart of our mission—that's why GSU's tuition rates are always among the lowest in Illinois. Are you an Indiana undergraduate student? You'll still receive the same low in-state tuition rate.

Jaguar Bites: International Students

Your immersion into a new culture and language will prepare you with lifelong leadership skills. Study in the peacefulness of the campus with easy access to the international hub of Chicago, only a one-hour train ride away. GSU welcomes students from across the globe to study under our renowned faculty and alongside our other students. Our Office of International Services will guide you through every step of your journey: from the application process to obtaining official immigration documentation, through post-graduation optional work authorization, we are here to help. For more information, visit www.govst.edu/OIS.

In-state (Illinois and Indiana):

*Tuition:** \$9,390
Fees: \$2,806
Total (without housing) \$12,196
*Housing:*** \$5,896
***Total (with housing)* \$18,092**

**Based on 15 semester hours Fall and Spring Semester*

***Based on semi-suite double occupancy option*

Out-of-State:

*Tuition:** \$18,780
Fees: \$2,806
Total (without housing): \$21,586
*Housing:*** \$5,896
***Total (with housing):* \$27,482**

Calculate your own approximate costs using our tuition estimator at www.govst.edu/tuition.

Return on Investment

GSU was recently ranked among the top 50 universities nationally for offering the best return on your college investment by LendEDU. Simply put, students who invest tuition dollars at GSU are likely to have a well-paying job after college. In fact, 80 percent of GSU students are employed six months after graduation, while the national average is just 52 percent.

Applying for Financial Aid

Loans, grants, out-of-pocket—there are a lot of ways to pay for college. We know that this process can be a challenge, so our Office of Financial Aid offers a series of financial aid workshops called FAFSA Fridays, where students can receive assistance in completing their FAFSA. Students who apply early have more opportunities to receive federal, state, and institutional aid—a move that can significantly reduce your debt after college.

The FAFSA opens for the 2019–20 year on October 1, 2018. Complete your FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov using GSU school code 009145.

Scholarships

Making sure you find every financial resource available to you is part of our commitment to your long-term success. GSU offers a variety of institutional scholarships based on academic merit, personal achievement, or financial need. We will also work with you to find external scholarships available through a variety of channels. Resources can be found at www.govst.edu/scholarships.

Work-Study Opportunities

If you are eligible for federal work-study, you can apply for a job right here on campus. Our Office of Career Services will help you find a job that will provide you with valuable experience and résumé-building opportunities. Find out more at www.govst.edu/work-study.



MAKE YOURSELF AT HOME AT PRAIRIE PLACE.

Where to Live?

Find your home in Prairie Place—GSU’s state-of-the-art campus housing—as you develop lifelong relationships with fellow students, attend campus programs, and enjoy close proximity to your classes. Live alongside faculty-in-residence who facilitate thought-provoking conversations in our true living and learning community.

Admitted prospective students who enroll at GSU in the summer or fall of 2019 can apply for housing starting February 13, 2019. Assignments are made based on the date the completed application (including application fee and pre-payment) is submitted. Early application and deposit are advised.

For more information, email housing@govst.edu, call 708.235.7110, or visit www.govst.edu/housing.





Hungry for more than just education? Satisfy your Jaguar appetite with a GSU Meal Plan.

STEP 1: Complete the online application and review Terms and Conditions at www.govst.edu/housing/mealplan.

STEP 2: Pay for your Plan. Meal plan charge for the fall semester will be placed on your student account starting in June. If you have sufficient financial aid, the cost of the meal plan will be covered by your financial aid allocation.

STEP 3: Meal plan funds are allocated to your myONECARD for use when the GSU Meal Plan contract starts.

Meal plan dates: August 22, 2019 and January 19, 2020

STEP 4: Once your meal plan account is funded and the semester starts, use your meal plan monies as you would use a debit card. Each time you purchase food and beverages, the amount of your purchase is subtracted from your meal plan account. You can monitor your balance at any time from your myONECARD online account.

CHOOSE FROM THREE DIFFERENT MEAL PLANS

Gold: \$1500/semester • **Silver:** \$1000/semester • **Bronze:** \$500/semester

HOW DO I APPLY?

1. Create an account and complete your application at applynow.govst.edu.
2. Pay the \$25 application fee online or submit an application fee waiver.
3. Arrange to have all official college transcript(s) from schools (currently and/or previously attended) sent to GSU.*

*School officials may email official transcripts and test scores to apotranscripts@govst.edu or send through U.S. mail to Governors State University Admission Processing, 1 University Parkway, University Park, IL 60484. All supplemental items must be received in order for your application to be completed and reviewed for an admission decision.

HAVE ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS? SEE MORE FOR YOURSELF AT AN UNDERGRADUATE OPEN HOUSE.

Mingle with peer mentors and learn about campus life, ask about academic programs, visit with financial aid experts, and tour campus.

View all Open House events at www.govst.edu/openhouse-events.

SATURDAYS FROM 10 A.M. TO 1 P.M.

October 13, 2018*

November 17, 2018

March 23, 2019*

June 15, 2019

July 27, 2019

WEDNESDAY FROM 5 P.M. TO 8 P.M.

April 24, 2019

*Combined undergraduate and graduate Open House event.



VISIT US.

You can also take one of our guided campus tours, offered Monday through Thursday at 10 a.m. Call our Office of Admissions at 708.534.4490 to schedule your pre-admission appointment.



Admission Requirements

- 24 or more semester hours of college coursework earned
- If you have earned less than 24 hours, you must apply as a freshman
- 2.0 or higher cumulative GPA
- Provide official transcripts from all previously attended colleges or universities

Please note, some programs have their own application deadlines and require higher GPAs and/or additional materials for admission. For a complete listing of our academic programs, visit www.govst.edu/degree.

READY TO BECOME A JAGUAR? HERE'S HOW TO DO IT.

Steps to Take

- 1 Visit during one of our Open House events, or schedule an appointment to take a guided tour of campus. **pg. 20**

- 2 Complete your application at applynow.govst.edu. **pg. 20**

- 3 Take the first step in paying for college by filling out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) starting October 1 using GSU school code 009145. **pg. 17**

- 4 Search for GSU and other scholarships. Resources available at www.govst.edu/scholarships. **pg. 17**

- 5 Secure your on-campus residence by completing applications for Prairie Place and your GSU Meal Plan. **pg. 18-19**

- 6 Attend Transfer Orientation to meet with your advisor, register for classes, and get your GSU myONECARD. www.govst.edu/transfororientation **pg. 11**





Mark Your 2018–19 Calendar

2018

October 1: FAFSA opens. File the FAFSA as soon as possible to maximize consideration for Illinois MAP grants and scholarship opportunities.

October 13: Combined Undergraduate and Graduate Open House

November 17: Undergraduate Open House

2019

March 23: Combined Undergraduate and Graduate Open House

February 13: Housing Application Opens

April 24: Undergraduate Open House

June 15: Undergraduate Open House

July 27: Undergraduate Open House

Jaguar Bites: FAFSA

File your FAFSA early—Illinois Monetary Assistance Programs (MAP) grants are awarded on a first-come, first-served basis and do not require repayment. When funds run out, grants are no longer available even to qualifying students, so don't procrastinate on completing your FAFSA.



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