



**Congratulations on being accepted to East Georgia State College! We can't wait to welcome you into Bobcat Nation! To make your entry to EGSC as smooth as possible, please read the following information. If you have additional questions, please contact the Office of Admissions at 478.289.2017 or [admissions@ega.edu](mailto:admissions@ega.edu)**

*Note: Not all items may pertain to your situation*

## **First Steps**

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***Below are the first steps you need to complete.***

### **1. Accessing your Username**

All accepted students are issued a myEGSC ID—a unique username that is used in a variety of ways. Please note your username can be recognized as the portion of your email address before the @ symbol. For example, if the email address is [jsmith123@ega.edu](mailto:jsmith123@ega.edu) then the username will be [jsmith123](mailto:jsmith123@ega.edu).

### **2. Activate myEGSC account**

myEGSC - the student portal that you'll use to log into pretty much everything and includes information about your student file, registration, financial aid, advisor, grades, and more. Explore and learn to navigate the portal so you will be familiar with its use.

### **3. Fill out your FAFSA Application**

Your application for financial aid can also verify your citizenship. East Georgia State College's Code is **010997**. This application will determine if you're eligible for all federal and state aid programs. You're encouraged to submit a FAFSA, even if you think you're not eligible for federal aid programs, as this application will review your eligibility for the HOPE Scholarship and other financial aid opportunities.

### **4. Check your CatMail**

This is the official means of communication with students by various college departments (Business Office, Financial Aid, etc.) at the college, and it is important to check your e-mail account regularly.

### **5. Apply for Housing**

The housing application is available only to students attending the Swainsboro campus. Housing priority will be given on a first-come, first-served basis.

### **6. Upload Photo for CatCard**

Your CatCard is your official student ID card and can be obtained after uploading an approved photo AND having class registration on your account. *\*Online only students are not required but are recommended to obtain a card.*

### **7. Activate CampusLogic account**

The Office of Financial Aid uses CampusLogic to assist students who are chosen for verification or have conflicting information on their FAFSA. **ALL** students must activate their account, even if they are not selected for verification. *\*FAFSA must be on file to complete this requirement*

## **Before Classes Begin**

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**Below are the steps to complete before classes begin.**

### **8. Complete Online Orientation**

Our Orientation modules are an efficient, virtual introduction to life at East Georgia State. Once you complete virtual Orientation, you'll be prompted to complete a registration survey to assist in registration by our advisement team. It is mandatory for ALL new students.

### **9. Verify Lawful Presence**

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia requires all applicants provide East Georgia State College with specific documentation verifying his/her lawful presence in the United States. Students who are considered International or undocumented must submit a Lawful Presence Opt-Out form.

### **10. Verify Tuition Classification**

Please refer to your official acceptance letter. If you are classified as out-of-state and wish to receive instate tuition, you must complete a Residency Correction form or appropriate waiver along with required documentation.

### **11. Submit Required Immunizations**

Immunizations are required for MMR, Tetanus/Diphtheria, Varicella and Hepatitis B. If you'll be living on campus, you must also obtain the Meningitis/Meningococcal (MENI) vaccine. Students who are enrolled in fully online distance learning programs are exempt from immunization requirements as long as they only enroll in fully online courses.

### **12. Take the Academic Placement Exam**

Students who do not meet the ACT or SAT minimum requirements are automatically placed in Learning Support co-requisite courses in English and Math. Students are strongly encouraged to take the Accuplacer to ensure proper academic placement. Exams must be taken prior to the start of the term and cannot be taken after enrolling in academic courses.

### **13. Review Financial Aid Award**

Review your financial aid award in Bannerweb in the *Financial Aid* tab. You must accept/deny aid as needed. Check remaining balance due and pay your bill by the first day of class.

### **14. Authorize Fees**

In order for your Financial Aid funds to be used to pay your Tuition and Fees or to be used in the bookstore (Book Voucher) you must "Authorize" East Georgia State College. Federal Aid and Hope Aid are authorized separately. If you elect not to let EGSC use your Financial Aid for tuition and fees, you will be required to pay out of pocket any tuition and fees owed by the fee payment deadline, or your courses will be dropped. Your Financial Aid disbursement will be electronically deposited to your designated financial institution approximately 10 days after courses begin.

### **15. Send Final Transcripts**

Show all credits and the date of your high school graduation. Submit an official college transcript if you attended another university or college through a dual enrollment program with final grades posted.

### **16. Disability Services Notice**

East Georgia works to accommodate students with disabilities. If you have a disability and require special services, please contacting the Office of Counseling and Disability Services by calling 478.289.2039.

### **17. Apply for VA Education Benefits**

Military personnel, their spouses, and their dependent children may be able to receive military benefits to pay for their tuition at East Georgia.