5 Reasons You Should Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

1. The FAFSA is an entry way to all college funding opportunities.
   Colleges use the FAFSA to fully analyze student eligibility for institutional aid and offer opportunities such as federal work-study.

2. The FAFSA form provides families with an educated snapshot of their ability to afford college.
   Completing the FAFSA creates a Student Aid Report, which highlights the Expected Family Contribution (EFC). The report alerts families to financial gaps.

3. The FAFSA can be used to receive and keep Georgia HOPE Scholarship dollars and other state-based aid.
   The Georgia Student Finance Commission allows students to submit their FAFSA form as one of the acceptable documents to qualify for HOPE.

4. Completing the FAFSA aids in a smooth transition from high school to college.
   Data from the National Center of Education Statistics suggests 90% of high school FAFSA completers enroll directly in a postsecondary program.

5. Completing the FAFSA can highlight your eligibility for scholarships.
   The Student Aid Report created from completing the FAFSA is used by outside scholarships to help validate the applicants’ financial need.