

High School to College Transition Checklist

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CONGRATULATIONS on your decision to attend Grays Harbor College!

Remember, deciding to attend GHC is just the start of your college journey – there is a lot to do before you show up on the first day of class. Read the list below to make sure you are ready to start and be sure to check your personal and student emails, so you do not miss important information or requests.

Do not be afraid to ask questions, check-in with advisors and professors, or seek out additional support if you need it: faculty, staff, administrators, and support services are here for you!

GHC Staff are available virtually! Visit our Virtual Assistance Lobbies (<https://www.ghc.edu/covid19/va>) to talk with staff from Financial Aid, Counseling, Testing, Student Life, Workforce Funding, and more.

Individuals with disabilities are encouraged to contact AccessAbility Services if accommodations are needed for the enrollment process: <https://www.ghc.edu/dss>

APPLY

Gain admission to Grays Harbor College by completing your online application: <https://www.public.ctc.edu/ApplicantWebClient/Applicant/ApplWelcome.aspx>

FINISH THE FINANCIAL AID PROCESS

Financial Aid Application:

If you haven't already, submit your FAFSA (<https://fafsa.ed.gov>) or WASFA (<http://www.readysetgrad.org/wasfa>) as soon as possible as there may still be aid available to you.

Not sure if you should complete the FAFSA or the WASFA? To find out, complete the questionnaire at <https://readysetgrad.wa.gov/WASFAelig>.

There are many possible funding options available. Check out <https://www.ghc.edu/pay-for-college> for more information.

- Use Grays Harbor College Federal School Code: 003779
- VERIFICATION: Grays Harbor College's Financial Aid Office may contact you requesting more information related to your FAFSA/WASFA. Respond as soon as possible to GHC requests in your student financial aid portal account. Your FAFSA/WASFA is not considered complete until you submit the required information.

Financial Aid Award Letter:

Financial Aid awards can be viewed in the Student Financial Aid Portal. Notify financial aid if you plan to attend part-time. You are still required to accept or decline all or part of your offered loans and/or work study. Accept or decline online through the Financial Aid Portal or return a paper award before the listed deadline. <https://www.ghc.edu/financialaid>.

Scholarships:

If you received an outside scholarship (not awarded through financial aid and/or GHC), you need to report them to the Financial Aid Office as soon as possible by email or phone.

Contact the Financial Aid Office at 360-538-4081 or finaid@ghc.edu with any questions or concerns.

GOOD TO KNOW

Emergency Funds:

Funds are available to students on a limited basis to pay for emergencies related to books, testing fees, and other school-related needs. Learn more about what is covered and how to apply if you ever need access to these funds at: <https://www.ghc.edu/studentlife/emergency-assistance>

COMPLETE TESTING OR SEND TRANSCRIPTS

Determine if you need to take a placement test or if can use high school coursework, GPA, or Smarter Balanced Assessment scores for course placement:

<https://www.ghc.edu/admissions/placement>. Many courses will require an assessment of your skill level in reading and math to ensure you are prepared to complete courses successfully.

- Currently placement testing is by appointment only. Contact the Student Support Center at 360-538-4099 or counseling@ghc.edu to make a testing appointment.
- We are offering remote testing for the college placement test, by appointment only. For information, please email your name and phone number to counseling@ghc.edu, give us a call at 360-538-4099 or contact us through the Virtual Lobby at <https://www.ghc.edu/covid19/va>. We look forward to serving you.
- Bring the following items to your placement assessment:
 - High School Transcript
 - Smarter Balanced Scores
 - Previous College Credit
- Ask your high school counselor or college readiness staff for help if you need a copy of a transcript or test scores.

REGISTER FOR CLASSES

After you apply to GHC, complete your financial aid application, and determine placement, it's time to register for classes! Contact the Student Support Center at 360-538-4099 or counseling@ghc.edu to make an Entry Registration appointment.

At your Entry Registration appointment, you'll learn how to access your my.ghc.edu account, check your financial aid portal, talk with an advisor about academic and career goals, and register for classes.

- Find Your Student ID: <https://www.ctc.edu/~grays/student/waci240.html>
- Find Your my.ghc email address: <https://my.ghc.edu/Email>

GOOD TO KNOW

Academic Calendar:

Know when the quarter starts, when tuition is due, and other important dates on the Academic Calendar: https://www.ghc.edu/academic_calendar/month

FIGURE OUT TRANSPORTATION

All full time students can receive a parking pass or a Grays Harbor Transit bus pass for free each quarter. For more information on parking at GHC, please visit <https://www.ghc.edu/parking>.

GET YOUR TEXTBOOKS & MATERIALS

Look up the textbooks you need for class by visiting: <https://www.bookstore.ghc.edu/>. Purchase your books from the GHC bookstore or online. You can rent or buy your books used, which is usually cheaper than buying new.

Consider your options and study habits and buy a laptop or chromebook if needed.

PAY TUITION

Pay your Fall Quarter tuition and fees before the tuition due date (found on the Academic Calendar) or sign up for a tuition payment plan before then. Your financial aid will be applied to your account, which means if you have a “remaining balance” on the bill, you still owe money.

- Check your balance and pay your tuition online: <https://www.ctc.edu/~grays/wcc/index.html>
- If you cannot pay your full tuition balance by the due date, set up a payment plan to pay three smaller payments. <https://forms.ghc.edu/tuition-payment-plan/>

Contact the Cashier (cashier@ghc.edu) if you have any questions about your student account.

FIND SUPPORTS & COMMUNITY

Find community, access student supports, and get involved! Don't be afraid to reach out if you are interested in something or need assistance – groups and resources are there for you! Check out some options below:

- Explore all aspects of Student Life! Get involved in Student Government, join a club, or help organize on campus activities: <https://www.ghc.edu/studentlife>
- Join GHC Esports, our new online gaming community: <https://www.ghc.edu/studentlife/esports>
- Access free tutoring if you need academic assistance. This includes eTutoring and resources for off campus students. <https://www.ghc.edu/instruction/learning-center/tutoring-services>
- Access free mental-health and wellness counseling: <https://www.ghc.edu/advising/personal-counseling>
- Apply to be a part of the TRIO program to receive comprehensive advising and support if you are a first-generation college student, low-income, and/or have a disability: <https://www.ghc.edu/trio>

STAY UPDATED

- Check your GHC student email and Canvas messages regularly. Once you're on campus you will need to check it every day: <https://my.ghc.edu/>
- Make sure to keep your contact information updated with the college through your student account so you don't miss important notices and information: <https://my.ghc.edu/>