Follow these steps to apply for Federal Student Aid:

Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at www.fafsa.ed.gov. Include the Georgetown University school code which is 001445 to have your FAFSA information forwarded electronically to the Financial Aid Office for review.

As of May 10, 2015, the FSA ID — a username and password — has replaced the FAFSA PIN and must be used to log in to certain U.S. Department of Education websites. If you do not already have an FSA ID, you can create one when logging in to www.fafsa.gov, www.studentloans.gov, and www.studentaid.ed.gov.

Complete Entrance Counseling and electronically sign the Master Promissory Note (MPN) online for the Direct Unsubsidized Loan at www.studentloans.gov.

Both the Entrance Counseling and the MPN need to be completed in order for funds to be disbursed to your student account.

Evaluate your need for additional funding, such as the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan through the Department of Education, or alternative/private loans through various private lenders.

Prior to borrowing through the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS Loan Program, or any additional alternative/private loan, you may need to review credit reports for potential issues. Contact any of the following credit bureaus for information: Experian, Equifax, or TransUnion.

Once you have made the decision to apply for the Direct Graduate PLUS Loan, go to www.studentloans.gov to complete the credit application and Direct PLUS Loan Request.

If approved for the Direct Graduate PLUS Loan, complete a separate MPN for this loan.

If declined for the Direct Graduate PLUS Loan, you can reapply with a co-signer (endorser) or appeal the denial through the Department of Education.

Once the GU Financial Aid Office has reviewed your application, you will receive an email when your award letter is available to view online via the MyAccess student portal.

For additional information on Federal Student Aid programs, please visit www.studentaid.ed.gov.