

2016- 2017 Financial Aid Calendar



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2016-2017

JANUARY

- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2016-2017 to the Federal government after January 1st. Login at www.fafsa.ed.gov.
- Obtain parents income taxes to assist you in completing the FAFSA. Virginia State University school code is required **003764**.

FEBRUARY

- Annual Financial Aid Expo – attendance is required for current VSU students.
- If you have not completed the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2016-2017 to the Federal government, please do so at this time. The priority-funding deadline is March 31st.

MARCH

- It can take up to 2 weeks to process your FAFSA electronically. You should receive a Student Aid Report from the Federal processing center. If you do not receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) with the results from your FAFSA after 4 weeks you may wish to contact the processing center at (800) 4 FED-AID or (800) 433-3243.
- March 31st is Virginia State University's priority deadline filing date. Be aware that results from your FAFSA received after March 31st may reduce your chances of receiving certain federal and state grants or work-study. All financial aid is awarded on a first-come first-serve basis.

APRIL

- It is **IMPORTANT** to respond to any financial aid request(s) for supporting documentation as requested by your financial aid administrator. (To obtain VSU forms electronically, please visit www.vsu.edu, select "Financial Aid" tab, and then click on "Documents & Forms".
- Notify Virginia State University's Admissions Office of your decision to attend VSU at (800) 871-7611.

MAY

- You should receive your Award Notification (via mail and/or e-mail). Please follow steps provided to accept your award(s).
- If you are applying for the Parent (PLUS) Loan, you must submit your Application online at www.studentloans.gov between May 1, 2016 and July 31, 2016.

JUNE

- Make preparations to pay for college if financial aid does not cover your total tuition. All tuition and fees are due prior to official enrollment.
- If you do not have enough funds to pay for tuition, you may want to contact our Student Accounts Office (804-524-5506) to set-up payment plan.

JULY

- Attend one (1) New Student Orientation Session; refer to your New Student Guide Book for dates.
- Undergraduate registration begins this month for students who have been admitted to the University.

AUGUST

- Undergraduate registration continues this month.
- Virginia State University dorms will open this month; refer to your New Student Guide Book for date.
- **If you have been awarded a Federal Direct Stafford student loan, you must complete the electronic promissory note and entrance counseling. Please visit www.vsu.edu and select "Financial Aid" tab and then "Direct Loans" tab and follow the instructions.**
- Virginia State University classes begin.
- You must be validated before you can begin classes. Validated means you have completed all of your financial obligations. (Financial Aid, Payment Plan, Cash Payments, etc.)

SEPTEMBER

- If you were awarded College Work Study, job placement begins this month. Contact your Financial Aid Office for details of the scheduled **MANDATORY** workshop this month.
- The Office of Student Financial Aid will begin posting financial aid proceeds to your account.

OCTOBER

- Midterms and Fall Break.

NOVEMBER

- Course registration for Spring 2017 begins.

DECEMBER

- Prepare for Fall 2016 final exams.