

2020- 2021 Financial Aid Calendar



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2020-2021

JANUARY

- Submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2020-2021 to the Federal Government. Now available as early as October 1, 2019! Please remember to use **2018 tax information**. Login at www.fafsa.gov.
- Obtain parents income taxes to assist you in completing the FAFSA. Virginia State University's School Code is required **003764**.
- **Priority deadline is March 31, 2020.**

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 2020-2021, 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 (SAR) from the Federal Processing center. If you do not receive your 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. Please 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" for the 2020-2021 award year.
- Notify Virginia State University's Admissions Office of your decision to attend VSU at (800) 871-7611 or (804)524-5901.

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.studentaid.gov. To ensure processing before fall registration, please submit by June 30, 2020; for spring registration, please submit by November 30, 2020.

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](mailto:StudentAccounts@vsu.edu) (804-524-5506 or bursar@vsu.edu) to set-up a tuition payment plan.

JULY

- Attend one (1) New Student Orientation Session; refer to your New Student Guide 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 for date.
- *If you have been awarded a Federal Direct Stafford student loan, you must complete the electronic master promissory note and entrance loan counseling.* Please visit www.studentaid.gov.
- 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.
- The Office of Student Financial Aid will begin posting financial aid disbursements to your banner account.

OCTOBER

- Midterms and Fall Break.

NOVEMBER

- Course registration for spring 2021 begins.

DECEMBER

- Prepare for fall 2020 final exams.