

Financial Aid Checklist for Incoming Freshmen

Use this checklist as a guide to help you apply for aid, review your awards, and pay your fees. We hope you find this list helpful, but it is intentionally brief and not meant to be all inclusive and provide you with every bit of information you may need to know. We encourage you to read our entire web site to gain a fuller understanding of the entire financial aid process.

Apply For Aid

Complete the [Free Application For Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#). This application is required for most types of federal financial aid including student loans, and is done on the web.

When completing the FAFSA you will need a [PIN](#). If you need to provide parent information on the FAFSA, your parent will also need a PIN. You obtain PINs at <http://www.pin.ed.gov>.

- *Voorhees College's School Code is 003455.*
- *Remember that it could take 1 to 2 weeks for the Voorhees College Financial Aid Office to receive the results of your application from the Federal Processor.*

[Check the status of your financial aid application on TIGER PORTAL for any needed information.](#)

If you need additional loan assistance, first consider a [PLUS loan](#).

Only as a last resort, you may wish to consider a [Private Educational Loan](#).

Review and Finalize Your Awards

[Check your awards on TIGER PORTAL.](#) If you wish to make any changes to your awards or assumed hours of enrollment, print your award letter from TIGER PORTAL, make the desired changes, and send the updated award letter to our office with your signature.

If you have been awarded Palmetto Fellows, LIFE, HOPE, or South Carolina Tuition Grant, be sure to complete the online affidavit statement. A link to the online affidavit statement can be found on our "Forms" page.

Complete all required [Stafford Loan Entrance Counseling](#).

[Complete your Stafford Loan Master Promissory Note.](#)

If you have been awarded [Federal Work Study](#), you can contact the FWS coordinator for a job position and FWS request form.

If you have not been awarded Federal Work Study and you wish to be considered for it, please contact us. Please remember completing a FWS application does NOT guarantee you will receive it.

Make sure any [non-institutional scholarship checks](#) are sent to our office.

- *You may need to endorse a check if it is made co-payable to you and the College.*

Helpful Terms

FAFSA: FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This application is required for most financial aid programs.

TIGER PORTAL: <http://tiger.voorhees.edu/ics> is the College's student web connection to most academic and financial information, including Financial Aid. You must be an admitted (<http://www.voorhees.edu/admissions>) student to gain access to the site.

Entrance Counseling: Required for your first Stafford loan. Loan entrance/exit counseling is conducted during individual or group counseling sessions. Entrance counseling must be completed before funds can disburse.