

Financial Aid Checklist for Incoming Transfer Students

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 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.*
- *If you already have a FAFSA on file with another school for the same school year, be sure to add the Voorhees College school code to the school list on the FAFSA. You can do this by going to www.fafsa.ed.gov and follow the directions in Step 3 to "Add or Delete a School Code."*

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

If you transfer in the middle of an academic year or summer, the financial aid that you received at another school does not automatically transfer to Voorhees College. You must check with both schools for specific instructions on how to handle your financial aid eligibility.

- *If you were awarded a Stafford, PLUS or private loan at your previous school and your loan was for the entire academic year, you should contact the financial aid office at your previous school and request that any spring loan disbursement scheduled for your previous school be cancelled.*
- *If you received a LIFE Scholarship at your previous school, you must submit a copy of your award letter from that school to verify your eligibility.*
- *If you attended a Tech school during the fall semester and received a LIFE scholarship, you must be certain that Voorhees College has received your final high school grade transcript.*
- *If you were awarded the Palmetto Fellows Scholarship, you must complete and submit the "In State Transfer" form at the [SC Commission on Higher Education](#) website.*

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.