GET READY FOR FALL 2023

- Late April/Early May – Federal Parent PLUS Loan application opens
  - [Federal Student Aid]
- April/May/June
  - Complete any remaining requests from the Office of University Scholarships and Financial Aid
    - [View Your Financial Aid] > Financial Aid Information/Award Package By Aid Year
  - Accept scholarships, Federal Work Study, and Federal Direct Student Loans
    - [View Your Financial Aid] > Award Offer tab
  - Complete Terms and Conditions for Scholarships
    - Use same links as above
  - Complete Federal Loan requirements if borrowing federal loans
    - [Federal Student Aid]
    - Student – [Entrance Counseling] and [Master Promissory Note]
    - Parent – [Parent PLUS Loan Application] and [Master Promissory Note]
  - Begin looking into private loan options if you plan to use a private lender
    - VT search portal – [FastChoice]
  - Begin reporting outside scholarships
    - [Hokie SPA] (scroll to Tools) > Financial Checklist for New Students
  - Set up FERPA (Federal Education Rights and Privacy Act) passcode
    - [Hokie SPA] (scroll to Tools)
  - Review 529 Plan procedures
    - Your 529 Plan provider
- July
  - July 18 – fall semester bill available (on-line)
    - [Hokie Wallet] (parents)
      - Request Authorized Payer Access
    - [Hokie SPA] (scroll to Tools)
      - Authorized payer set-up for parent access
  - Immediately after fall bill - Apply for [Federal Parent PLUS] or Private/Alternative Loans
    - Do not wait – minimum of 2 weeks processing time
    - Apply for full year loan (fall and spring semesters) – spring bill will be similar to fall bill for planning purposes
  - Begin 529 Plan withdrawal/transfer process
    - Your 529 Plan provider
- August
  - Bill payment deadline – August 10
    - Pay any balance not covered by financial aid, scholarships, 529 Plans
- December
  - Mid-December – spring semester bill available

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL THE LAST MINUTE