Check out the NEW University Scholarships and Financial Aid Website!

@ [http://finaid.vt.edu/](http://finaid.vt.edu/)

Types of Aid: [http://finaid.vt.edu/undergraduate/typesofaid.html](http://finaid.vt.edu/undergraduate/typesofaid.html)

Easy Access to Forms: [http://finaid.vt.edu/forms.html](http://finaid.vt.edu/forms.html)

Appeal Information: [http://finaid.vt.edu/appeals.html](http://finaid.vt.edu/appeals.html)

And much more!

Looking for an exciting and rewarding summer job opportunity?

Help provide financial aid advising to our new and continuing Hokies this Summer!

University Scholarships and Financial Aid seeks to hire enthusiastic and engaging Peer Counselors! Peer Counselors will receive special training to be able to assist students and families with completing documents and understanding their financial aid awards.

Must be registered for Summer classes on the Blacksburg campus and eligible for work-study.

Wage positions are also available!

Apply through [Hokies4Hire](http://hokies4hire)

### 2017-2018 Financial Aid Notifications

- Notifications of financial aid awards and requested documents will be going out in late May to continuing students via their Virginia Tech email and [Hokie SPA](http://hokiespa.vt.edu).
- All of the following can be found on Hokie SPA:
  - Financial Aid Holds
  - Award Information
  - Eligibility Requirements
  - FERPA Information
  - Direct Deposit
  - Academic Progress
- Prospective students will receive paper packages and notification in March and April via the email address listed on the FAFSA to view award information by logging in to the [Guest Access Gateway](http://guestaccessgateway). If you have problems accessing this site or logging in, please contact the Admissions Office at admissions@vt.edu.

### Graduating in May?

Please be sure all the student account charges are paid in full to prevent a hold on the student’s diploma and transcript.

### Dining Services – Summer Plans

Are you going to be taking classes this summer? Summer dining plan signup is now available via the Online Services menu of hokiepassport.vt.edu. Check out the options at [http://dining.vt.edu/plans_policies/summer_plans.html](http://dining.vt.edu/plans_policies/summer_plans.html).
**Financial Aid Frequently Asked Questions and Answers**

1. **Where is your office and do I need an appointment to speak with someone?**

   *Answer:* We are located at 800 Washington Street in the Student Services Building suite 200. We always have staff on hand to help you between 8am and 5pm, Monday through Friday.

2. **I did my FAFSA when do I receive my Award Letter?**

   *Answer:* We will begin mailing the prospective freshman and transfer students award packages the end of February. Returning students will begin receiving award notifications in May, after spring grades have posted.

3. **What do I do if my family's income has changed since the 2015 taxes were filed?**

   *Answer:* There is an appeal process in which we will evaluate the difference of income from your 2015 tax return and your current income from 2016. Please go to our website for more details.


4. **I received a notice that I need to turn in tax documents but I did not work, what do I turn in?**

   *Answer:* If you did not work you will need to complete the 4506-T form and send to the IRS. The IRS will mail you a Verification of Non filing, which is proof that you did not file a return for the year. If you did work, but did not file a return, we will also need this verification letter from the IRS along with copies of your W2's or 1099 forms. Below is the website for the IRS so you can obtain the 4506-T form.

   [https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript](https://www.irs.gov/individuals/get-transcript). Please have the IRS mail YOU a copy and then YOU return to our office.

5. **I am thinking of attending Summer School will I have financial aid?**

   *Answer:* If you have any remaining Direct Loans you can use this pay for summer school. If these loans are already depleted, you can apply for a Parent Plus loan or an alternative loan. For more information please review our website at [http://www.finaid.vt.edu/](http://www.finaid.vt.edu/)
Have questions concerning your student’s account?

As a reminder, the Bursar’s Office requires your parents to have a FERPA passcode in order to discuss details about your student record such as specific charges and payments, circumstances regarding holds, status and disposition of refunds. You may establish, or re-disclose, their FERPA passcode through your student Hokie SPA.

- Log into www.hokiespa.vt.edu
- Choose “University Account Information” Menu
- Choose “Family Educational Rights to Privacy Act” (FERPA)
- Enter individual’s information and assign passcode
  Note: Coordinate the passcode with your student.

Late Fees and Registration Holds are applied to student accounts which have an amount past due.

More about Late Fees and Holds here: http://www.bursar.vt.edu/late_fees/#late
Note: March includes two significant registration dates. Add/Drop for Summer Session(s) opens March 11th, and Fall 2017 Course Request opens March 21st then closes promptly on the 28th. Please make certain your account is paid so a registration hold does not hinder your enrollment.

Tax Season Information

Your electronic 2016 university tax form (1098-T) is available through your student Hokie SPA. The 1098-T may allow qualified students and parents to claim an education credit on their annual tax return for this calendar year. More information here.

- Log into www.hokiespa.vt.edu
- Choose the “University Account Information” menu
- Select “Tax Notification”
  Note: The online 1098-T is only available to students through their Hokie SPA.

Important Information for Semester Course Drop and Resignations

If you’re considering withdrawing, resigning, or reducing your course load to less than full-time status, please review our refund policy: http://www.bursar.vt.edu/refunds/refund_policy.php

Enrolling for the Summer Session 2017?

Bill and payment deadlines for students enrolled in Summer Session I, and/or Summer Session II:
- Summer Session I: Billed April 14th with payment due date of May 10th.
- Summer Session II: Billed May 13th with payment due date of June 12th.