Need to apply for an alternative student loan?

New FASTChoice tool is available!

**FASTChoice** is a tool that offers information about private loans to help determine which lender is best for you. Our office does not endorse or represent any of the lenders participating in **FASTChoice**, nor will the University or its representatives be able to provide advice on choosing a lender. Check it out today!

Planning to attend Summer Classes?

Awarding for Summer I/II begins in late March and continues throughout the summer term. You must actually be registered for Summer I/II classes to be awarded!

For summer financial aid, we use the same FAFSA as the prior fall and spring, meaning that no additional FAFSA is required. While there may be limited grant funds available, summer aid is typically limited to loans: Federal Direct Loans, Parent PLUS, Graduate PLUS, and Private/Alternative. This year the PELL Grant is being awarded to eligible students.

Students must be enrolled at least half time (6 credits undergraduate / 5 credits graduate) over the summer terms in order to receive federal loans (Federal Direct/Parent PLUS/Graduate PLUS).

*When applying for Federal loans, we advise you to apply before 5/1/18 in order for the funds to be available for beginning of Summer Session I

More information is available on our website at this link: [Summer Financial Aid](#)

Accepting the admissions offer

If offered admission to Virginia Tech, you will find important steps in this link that you will need to complete!

[https://vt.edu/admissions/undergraduate/apply/accepting-the-offer.html](https://vt.edu/admissions/undergraduate/apply/accepting-the-offer.html)
Outside Scholarship Opportunities

New regulations for the Virginia Guaranteed Assistance Program (VGAP) require students to advance to the next class level each academic year, starting with the 2017-2018 year.

For example, a freshman student receiving VGAP in the Fall 2018 semester must advance to sophomore level prior to the Fall 2019 semester in order to renew VGAP for the Fall 2019 semester. If the student fails to advance class level, she/he may be considered for the Commonwealth Grant, which is a lesser amount, until she/he advances class level and may then be reconsidered for VGAP. Students can view their overall earned hours in Hokie SPA. VGAP also requires full-time enrollment each semester. For additional eligibility criteria please visit

https://finaid.vt.edu/undergraduate/typesofaid/grants/Virginia-guaranteed-assistance-program.html

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