I completed my FAFSA - Now what happens?

- Monitor your VT email and HokieSPA for notices of important documents we might need and provide those promptly.
- Be sure to complete your General Scholarship Application before February 15th at finaid.vt.edu and please see instructions below.
- For Incoming Freshmen- we will begin mailing award packages for the 17-18 academic year at the end of February. The packages will include a brochure explaining all the financial aid awards, how to compare all your offers and what steps still remain for accepting you awards.
- For Returning Students – we will begin sending award notices for the 17-18 academic year by email in May, after Spring grades have posted. This is a change from last year, but having an accurate GPA will help ensure students receive correct aid packages!

New Scholarship Gateway

The Scholarship Gateway provides online access to different scholarship applications, including the General Scholarship application. The application deadline is February 15, 2016.

- Some scholarships awarded by the Scholarships and Financial Aid office do not require a separate application. To be considered, you only need to submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) by January 15, 2017.
- Check with your college or department for scholarship opportunities. It is not uncommon for them to have their own scholarship selection process.
- There is a section on Hokie SPA that will give current students specific details on scholarships based on their college and/or major. It is located in the Financial Aid Scholarship section under Financial Aid Information. From this link you will find the details on general scholarships that specific colleges and departments have provided to us. Keep in mind that not all colleges and departments have provided information, so check their websites as well.

Education Abroad

Planning to study abroad this Spring semester? Please make sure you...

- Complete the Global Education Documentation Form and submit to the Global Education Office prior to the semester you will be abroad.
- Know when your trip expenses are due. Program fees may be due prior to the semester you will be abroad.
- Determine if and when financial aid will apply. Remember, financial aid cannot be disbursed until the semester you are studying abroad. Also, for Non-VT and Exchange programs, financial aid cannot disburse until you have arrived at the host institution. Check with a financial aid advisor if you’re unsure.

Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

- Satisfactory Academic Progress was assessed at the end of the spring term.
- To see the SAP policy please visit: http://www.finaid.vt.edu/appeals/sap/SAP.html
- Spring 2017 SAP appeal deadline is February 7, 2017.
- If you are on a SAP contract, please review your terms to make sure they are met by the end of fall semester.

NOTE: Grades removed by academic relief, medical withdrawal or student resignation will count toward SAP.
Student Accounts with past due charges will have their Spring Semester enrollment administratively dropped after 11:59 pm, January 30th, 2017

- Are you ready to pay Spring Semester by 30th?
  - Enroll in the Spring Budget Tuition Plan
  - Contact Non-Virginia Tech Scholarship Sponsors
  - Contact College Savings Pre-Paid
  - Address unresolved FAFSA conditions
  - Payment Options: [http://www.bursar.vt.edu/billing_payment/payment_options.php](http://www.bursar.vt.edu/billing_payment/payment_options.php)

Tax Season Information

Student’s electronic 2016 university tax form (1098-T) will be produced in mid-January. 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](http://www.bursar.vt.edu/billing_payment/tax_season_info.php).

Student Login:

- Have your student login to [www.hokiespa.vt.edu](http://www.hokiespa.vt.edu)
- Choose the “University Account Information” menu
- Select “Enroll in 1098-T Tax Form”
- Select “Electronic viewing only, via Hokie SPA/University Account Information/Tax Notification”
- Click “I accept above choice”

Note: The online 1098-T is only available to students through their Hokie SPA.

Add/Drop, Spring 2017

Add/Drop for Spring Semester is open. Please make certain all past due charges are paid to prevent a hold from being placed on your student’s account. A hold will prevent access to add/drop request, and receipt of transcripts.

Expecting a Refund?

University policy requires student refunds be sent by electronic funds transfer (direct deposit) into an account designated by the student. Failure to enroll in direct deposit will result in refund delays. Spring Semester Refunds begin January 12th.

Student Log-in:

- Log-in to [www.hokiespa.vt.edu](http://www.hokiespa.vt.edu)
- Choose “University Account Information” Menu
- Enroll in Direct Deposit (All Other VT Payments (Student Refunds, Travel Reimbursements, etc.)
- Enter Bank Information, select “Submit”
- Review Bank Information, if correct select “Add This bank”
- Select “Exit”

Want to add a Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act Authorization? (FERPA)

A reminder to students, the Bursar’s Office requires that your parent, or others, have a FERPA passcode to discuss specific details of your student record, such as specific charges and payments, circumstances regarding holds and status and disposition of refunds. You may establish the passcode for your parent, or others, through your student Hokie SPA. Please tell your parents to have their FERPA passcode ready whenever calling or emailing your office so that we may provide assistance.

Student Log-In:

- Log-on to [www.hokiespa.vt.edu](http://www.hokiespa.vt.edu)
- Choose “University Account Information” menu
- Choose “Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act” (FERPA)
- Enter individual’s information and assign passcode

Note: Inform the new authorized individual of their passcode.