

STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

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The purpose of the student aid program is to help make higher education a reality for persons who would be unable to attend without financial assistance. However, financial aid is awarded only to eligible students who have been admitted to the University. The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) may be submitted at any time.

Financial aid applications are accepted and processed throughout the academic year, but priority is given to those submitted by May 1.

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GRANTS

Federal Pell Grant. Gift aid, with no repayment required. Available to undergraduate students who show financial need and who have not received a bachelor's degree. A FAFSA is required.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG). Gift aid, with no repayment required. Available to undergraduate students who show financial need and who have not received a bachelor's degree. First priority goes to students who also qualify for a Federal Pell Grant and have the greatest need. A FAFSA is required.

LEAP (Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership) Program. LEAP is a federal/state grant program available to Georgia residents working on their first undergraduate degree program. Eligibility requirements are: demonstrate substantial need, be eligible to receive a Federal Pell Grant, maintain satisfactory academic progress, be at least a half-time student (6 semester hours or more), have not borrowed in excess of the annual or aggregate limits for federal student loan programs, have no defaulted student loan or overpayment due on state or federal financial aid, and not have received LEAP assistance for more than 8 semesters. A FAFSA is required.

Vocational Rehabilitation Assistance. Vocational Rehabilitation provides assistance to students with physical limitations. Usually fees are paid for eligible students. Apply through your local office of Vocational Rehabilitation, a division of the Department of Human Resources.

OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS

Veterans Financial Aid Services. The Veterans Affairs Office, a part of the Office of Financial Aid, is located in the University Center. A full-time counselor assists all veterans in completing applications for educational benefits, making adjustments in payments, providing tutorial assistance, updating enrollment certifications, and with other services to assist veterans with their education.

Veterans Administration Assistance. Veterans, service personnel, and eligible dependents may qualify to receive benefits through the Veterans Administration. Applications may be made through the VSU Office of Veterans Affairs. Veterans enrolled in physical education courses can be certified to the Veterans Administration for VA benefits when the courses will be credited toward the completion of their approved educational program. It must be documented that credit cannot be granted for the courses based upon prior military training or experience. Veterans should refer any problems to the Veterans Office for assistance. Telephone 229-333-5935.

Montgomery GI Bill (Active Duty). This program of education benefits is for students who enter active duty for the first time after June 30, 1985. The student must, with certain exceptions, serve continuously on active duty for three years of a 3-year enlistment, or for a lesser benefit, two years of an initial active duty obligation of less than three years. A student also may qualify for benefits by initially serving two continuous years on active duty, followed by four years of Selected Reserve Service.

Montgomery GI Bill (Selected Reserve). This program of education benefits is for Reservists of the armed forces as well as the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard. To be eligible for this program, a reservist must have a 6-year obligation to serve in the Selected Reserve, complete Initial Active Duty for Training, have a high school diploma or its equivalent, and remain in good standing in a drilling Selected Reserve Unit.

If a student has a parent who is a military veteran with a disability, the student may qualify for help from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Benefits may be awarded for pursuit of associate, bachelor, or graduate degrees at colleges and universities. Details are available in the Office of Veterans Affairs of Valdosta State University.

LOANS

The Federal Direct Stafford/Ford Loan. This loan allows students enrolled at least half-time to borrow money at low interest for educational expenses. There are two types of Federal Direct Stafford/Ford Loans: (1) Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford/Ford Loans and (2) Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford/Ford Loans. The Federal Direct Subsidized Stafford/Ford Loans is need based, and the Federal Government subsidizes and pays the interest on this loan while the student is in school and during the six-month grace period. The unsubsidized loan is not need-based. This loan was created for borrowers who do not qualify for federal interest subsidies. The student either pays the interest while in school and during the six-month grace period or it is added to the balance of the loan. A FAFSA is required.

Pickett and Hatcher Educational Fund is a nonprofit, noncommercial educational trust fund created to assist full-time undergraduate students in fields of study other than law, medicine, or the ministry. Low interest loans with deferred payments are made to qualified residents of Alabama, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, South Carolina, Tennessee, or Virginia. The deadline for submitting applications is July 1. For information and application forms write to: Pickett and Hatcher Educational Fund, Inc., Post Office Box 8169, Columbus, Georgia 31908.

VSU Short-Term Loans. Short-term emergency loans are available from the Office of Business and Finance each semester. Apply to the VSU Office of Student Accounts located in the Bursary.

Federal Direct Parent (PLUS) Loan. This loan is an educational loan for parents of dependent undergraduate students enrolled at least half-time. Financial need is not an eligibility requirement, but good credit is required. Loan eligibility is based on the cost of attendance minus other aid received. A FAFSA is required.

WORK

Federal Work-Study Program (FWSP). The University participates in the Federal Work-Study Program. Eligible students may work part-time during the academic year. To apply for and be considered for the FWSP, the students must complete and submit all required financial aid documents to the Office of Financial Aid. Priority is given to those students who have completed financial aid applications by May 1.

Student Assistant Program. On-campus jobs, financed by the University, are also available. Each department has its own funds for this program. Inquiries should be made to Student Employment Services, located in Powell Hall West, 2nd floor.

Other Employment. The Job Location and Development Program, administered through the Office of Student Employment Services, Powell Hall West, 2nd Floor, assists students in obtaining part-time employment off-campus.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Regardless of your family's income or your potential for a scholarship, complete all financial aid applications required by the VSU Office of Financial Aid. VSU General Scholarship Applications are due in the Office of Financial Aid by March 1 and are available on line at <www.valdosta.edu/finaid>. Other scholarship information is available at this website.

STATE-WIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

The following scholarships, available to Georgia residents only, are awarded by state committees.

Wine & Spirits Wholesalers of Georgia Scholarship. Full tuition awarded throughout the State of Georgia on a rotating basis. Must be a Georgia resident undergraduate with superior academic achievement, good citizenship and financial need. Apply to the VSU Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

Ty Cobb. Awarded annually to rising sophomores, juniors, and seniors. To qualify, one must be a Georgia resident, demonstrate financial need, and possess at least a "B" average. Applications available from: Ty Cobb Foundation, P.O. Box 725, Forest Park, Georgia 30051, or by e-mail, <tycobb@mindspring.com>.

HOPE Scholarship (Helping Outstanding Pupils Educationally) is funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education and is available to eligible Georgia 1993 or later high school graduates. HOPE covers tuition, fees and a book allowance (\$150 for 6 hours or more; \$75 for 5 hours or less).

HOPE Scholarship Eligibility Requirements

Georgia Residency. Students receiving a tuition waiver must also have graduated from a Georgia high school.

Grade point eligibility for entering freshmen is based on a final high school GPA of 3.0 or better as determined by the high school and reported to the Georgia Student Finance Authority (GSFA). GSFA will submit to VSU a final list of the freshmen who are eligible to participate in the program in July.

Regardless of high school graduation or high school grade point average, students with a cumulative grade point average at the 30th, 60th, or 90th attempted hour are eligible to participate in the Program; if they were Georgia residents at the time they first enrolled in a post-secondary institution in Georgia.

Maintain a 3.0 cumulative grade point average while in college. This requirement covers all prior colleges attended as well as VSU. The grade point average is reviewed at the 30th, 60th, and 90th attempted hour. Be advised, the HOPE Scholarship Regulations for public institutions are different from those at the private and technical institutions.

If you lose the HOPE Scholarship after your Freshmen year because your grade point average drops below 3.0, you are eligible to reapply for the HOPE at the 60th or 90th attempted hour, provided your cumulative grade point average is a 3.0.

If you have not attempted more than 127 hours at VSU and/or any other college(s) combined, you may be eligible. Attempted hours include any letter grade for A, B, C, D, F, W, WF, I, IP, U, S, V.

Full-time enrollment is not a requirement. The income cap has been eliminated.

All students who meet the HOPE Scholarship eligibility requirements and wish to apply for the HOPE Scholarship are required to complete the FAFSA and provide any additional documents as requested by the OFA for verification purposes.

For the complete HOPE Scholarship Program Regulations, visit the Georgia Student Finance Commission web site at www.gsfc.org/ or if you have questions, you may contact the VSU HOPE Scholarship Coordinator in the Office of Financial Aid 229-333-5935, or contact the Georgia Student Finance Commission at 1-800-505-GSFC.

UNIVERSITY-WIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

Valdosta State University offers academic scholarships each year to incoming Freshmen and transfer students. Various criteria are considered, such as SAT or ACT scores and high school or junior college grades. The Office of Admissions notifies eligible students of their selection and the amount of their scholarship. There is no application for these scholarships, as eligible students are automatically selected by the VSU Office of Admissions. The scholarships offered are as follows:

R. B. Whitehead Scholarship. Provided from funds donated to the University by the late Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Whitehead of Valdosta. The Whiteheads were enthusiastic supporters of the University, donating money not only to scholarships but to campus beautification. Selected by the VSU Office of Admissions.

John and Gertrude Odum Scholarships. Provided from funds donated to the University by the late John and Gertrude Odum. Mrs. Odum was a Professor of English at VSU for many years and a long-time supporter of academic excellence. Selected by the VSU Office of Admissions.

SCHOLARSHIPS BASED ON MAJOR

Most scholarship applications should be submitted before March 1 of each year. On any scholarship in which financial need is a criteria for consideration, the student must have a FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) form on file with the Office of Financial Aid (OFA).

College of the Arts

Robert F. Barr Scholarship. Funds are available for scholarship awards for promising instrumentalist Music and Music Education majors through the Robert F. Barr Scholarship Fund. Recipients are selected on the basis of audition by the Department of Music.

Lee M. Bennett Art Scholarship. VSU students majoring in art, who meet certain criteria are eligible to apply for this scholarship, created by Mrs. Bennett's will. Apply to the Art Department.

Wesley Ren Christie Scholarship. A scholarship for up to the amount of full tuition for Communication Arts majors. High school seniors must have a combined SAT score of at least 1100. Applications for this scholarship will be chosen on the basis of SAT or ACT scores, the academic average and standing in high school or junior college, and an original essay. Apply to the Department of Communication Arts.

Elene D. Dorminy Scholarship. One full tuition scholarship from funds provided by the John Henry Dorminy Foundation. Awarded annually to an undergraduate music major, based on musical ability and potential. Recipients are selected by the Department of Music on the basis of audition.

Tammy Lee Fortner Scholarship. This endowed scholarship was created to honor the memory of Tammy Lee Fortner by her parents and family. The scholarship is available to sophomores, juniors, and seniors majoring in art. It is renewable. The scholarship will be awarded based upon a combination of need and academic merit, and recipients are selected by the Department of Art Scholarship Committee.

Bernard L. Linger Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship. This endowed scholarship was created to honor the memory of Bernard L. Linger and is awarded to a sophomore, junior, or senior majoring in music, art, or communication arts. The recipient must have carried a minimum of fifteen (15) credit hours per semester during the year prior to application and must have maintained an overall 3.5 GPA. Renewable for up to three years if the student maintains a 3.5 cumulative GPA, and continues to major in music, art, or communication arts. Apply to the College of the Arts.

Ola Lee Means Scholarship. This non-renewable scholarship is offered to outstanding students in the field of English and those enrolled in a program in the School of the Arts. In even numbered years, the award will be made to a student majoring in English. In the odd numbered years, the award will be made to a student enrolled in a School of the Arts major of study. Recipients will be selected from the appropriate school or department. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a Valdosta State University General Scholarship Application.

Louise Sawyer Theatre Scholarship. This scholarship fund established in memory of Louise Sawyer is awarded to a student pursuing a degree in theatre arts. Applicants are selected by the Department of Theater Arts.

LaForrest Eberhardt Theatre Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to theatre majors based on a combination of academic achievement and audition or portfolio presentation. Apply to the VSU Theatre Department.

Golden Circle Theatre Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to theatre majors based on a combination of academic achievement and audition or portfolio presentation. Apply to the VSU Theatre Department.

Lucy Martin Stewart Scholarship. Awarded each year to a vocal music major. Selection is made solely on promise as a performer. Recipients are selected by the Department of Music on the basis of audition.

College of Arts and Sciences.

Alpha Kappa Delta Scholarship. This annual endowed scholarship is available to undergraduates and graduates based on a combination of academic achievement and financial need. The scholarship was established to promote interest in the study of sociology at Valdosta State University. Recipients are chosen by the Department of Sociology, Anthropology and Criminal Justice, where application may be made.

Harold S. Gulliver, Sr. Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship was created to honor the memory of Harold S. Gulliver, Sr. and is awarded based on academic ability and financial need. Preference will be given to English and Humanities majors. Apply by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

James E. Martin Scholarship. This scholarship was created to honor the memory of James E. Martin. The scholarship is awarded to a student pursuing a Bachelor of Science degree in physics. The scholarship can be renewed for up to three years if the student maintains a 3.0 GPA in all courses required for the physics major. Recipients are selected by the Physics Department.

Andy Kopyy Memorial Scholarship. This annual endowed scholarship was created to honor the memory of Andy Kopyy and is awarded to students majoring in computer science who are also minoring in German. The recipients must maintain a 3.0 grade point average in all courses and are chosen annually on the basis of ability, promise, and need, by a decision made by the Department Head of Mathematics and Computer Science and the senior Professor of German in the Department of Modern and Classical Languages. Apply to the Department of Math and Computer Sciences.

Ola Lee Means Scholarship. See awarding criteria listed in College of the Arts section.

Julia Wisenbaker Sumerford Scholarship. This non-renewable, full tuition scholarship is offered to outstanding students in the fields of chemistry and nursing. In the even numbered years, the award will be made to a student majoring in the field of chemistry. In the odd-numbered years, the award will be made to a nursing student. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

Harley Langdale, Jr.
College of Business Administration

Steele Scholarship. The premier scholarship of the Harley Langdale, Jr. College of Business Administration, this endowed Scholarship was created in 2002 to honor the memory of Rea and Lillian Steele. Steele Scholarships are awarded annually to outstanding incoming freshmen and transfer students majoring in one of the five business disciplines. Minimum requirements for consideration include an SAT score of 1230 and a high school or transfer grade point average of 3.25 on a 4.0 scale. Involvement in activities, leadership, service to the community and financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid) are also considered. A Steele Scholarship is renewable for up to three additional years for recipients maintaining a 3.25 average while continuing to pursue a BBA degree. Recipients are selected by the College of Business Administration. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

Belk-Hudson Management Scholarship. This endowed scholarship provided by Belk-Hudson of Valdosta, awarded to an outstanding management major, is renewable if the student maintains a 2.75 GPA and is making satisfactory progress toward completion of the B.B.A. degree. Recipients are selected by the School of Business Administration. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

Citizens Community Bank Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded by the Office of Financial Aid based on student recommendations by the Dean of the College of Business Administration. Minimum requirements include an SAT score of 1000 or higher and high school GPA of 2.5 on a 4.0 scale. A current FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) should be on file at the Office of Financial Aid. Apply by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

James L. Dewar, Sr. - Park Avenue Bank Scholarship. Created in honor of Mr. Dewar, Sr., this scholarship invites applications from students who graduated from Lowndes County schools and are majoring in one of the fields of business administration. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

John Henry Dorminy Scholarship. This scholarship is provided by the Dorminy Trust Fund. Incoming Freshmen at VSU who will be majoring in the College of Business Administration are eligible. This scholarship is renewable for up to three years if the student maintains a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

Bank of America Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded based on the recommendation of the Dean of the College of Business Administration. Preference is given to business majors. Must be in good academic standing. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

Max Stephenson Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded based on the recommendation of the Dean of the College of Business Administration. Preference is given to business administration majors. Must be in good academic standing. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

Georgia Gulf Sulfur Business-Athlete Scholarship. This scholarship established by the Georgia Gulf Sulfur Corporation to recognize outstanding performance in the classroom and the field of competition is awarded to an incoming freshman at Valdosta State University, majoring in a School of Business discipline, and participating in one of VSU's intercollegiate athletic teams. A minimum 950 SAT is required, and the scholarship can be renewable up to three additional years if the student maintains a minimum 2.5 GPA, continues to pursue a College of Business degree program, and continues to participate in one of VSU's intercollegiate athletic sports. Apply to the OFA by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

College of Education

Ola M. Brown Minority Scholarship. This endowed scholarship for a minority student majoring in Education is available to a student in good academic standing and demonstrates financial need (must have a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Selection will be determined by the College of Education Scholarship and Honors Committee. For application and deadline information, contact the College of Education.

Mattie H. Dewar Scholarship. This annual endowed scholarship was created by her family members to honor the memory of Mattie Hendry Dewar. The scholarship is awarded to students pursuing service occupations in the fields of education, welfare, and religious activities. For application and deadline, contact the College of Education.

Catherine Hensley McDonald Memorial Scholarship. The members of the Valdosta Junior Service League established this scholarship in memory of Catherine Hensley McDonald. The scholarship is available to students majoring in the Business-Vocational Education program, who have completed 50 semester hours, have a minimum GPA of 2.5, and have demonstrated financial need (must have a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, on file with the Office of Financial Aid). The scholarship is renewable for one year if the recipient maintains the 2.5 GPA. Selection is made by the Department of Adult and Career Education Scholarship Committee. Apply to the College of Education.

HOPE Promise Scholarship. Funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education and is a component of the HOPE Scholarship Program. The purpose of this program is to attract high-achieving undergraduates into the teaching profession and provide them with financial assistance beginning the junior year and continuing through the senior year. Scholarship recipients agree to teach in a Georgia public school at the preschool,

elementary, or secondary level after graduation. If a recipient fails to meet this obligation, the scholarship becomes a loan, which must be repaid in cash, with interest. Applications should be available late spring semester. To apply, contact the Georgia Student Finance Commission at 770-724-9030 or toll-free at 1-800-505-GSFC, or the VSU HOPE Coordinator in the Office of Financial Aid at 229-333-5935 and request a HOPE Promise Scholarship Application. For the complete HOPE Scholarship Program Regulations, visit the GSFC website address at < www.gsfc.org/ >.

Saralyn Sammons Scholarship. The Saralyn Sammons Scholarship was established to honor of Miss Sammons, Head of the Department of Business Education for 26 years. The scholarship is awarded to a student in the Department of Adult and Career Education who has completed 30 hours at VSU, has a minimum 3.0 GPA, and has demonstrated financial need (must have a Free Application for Student Aid, FAFSA, on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Recommendations for this scholarship are made by the Department of Vocational Education Scholarship Committee. Apply to the College of Education.

Speech and Language Pathology Scholarship. The members of the Valdosta Junior Service League have established this scholarship for an undergraduate or graduate student majoring in communication disorders, who has completed 50 semester hours, has a minimum 3.0 GPA, and has demonstrated financial need (Applicants must have a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, application on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Selection is made by the College of Education Scholarship and Honors Committee. Contact the Special Education and Communication Disorders Department for application information.

Jim and Mary Threatte Scholarship. This annual scholarship was established by Jimmy '65 and Quay Allen of Tifton, in honor of Mrs. Allen's parents. The recipient must be pursuing a degree in education, have a minimum of 3.0 GPA, and demonstrate financial need. Selection is made by the College of Education Scholarship and Honors Committee. Apply to the College of Education.

College of Nursing

Virginia McCraw Gaskins Scholarship. One scholarship is offered each year from funds provided in memory of Virginia McCraw Gaskins. Preference is given to students who are pursuing a course of study leading to a degree in nursing. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

Kiwanis Club of Valdosta Scholarship. One nursing scholarship is sponsored annually by the Kiwanis Club of Valdosta. This scholarship is renewable, and recipients are recommended by the College of Nursing. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

Thomas H. Moseley, M.D., Nursing Scholarship. A scholarship is provided in memory of Dr. Thomas H. Moseley, Sr. It is awarded to a senior nursing student, with consideration given to academics and financial need (must have FAFSA application on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

Julia Wisenbaker Sumerford Scholarship. See awarding criteria listed in College of Arts and Sciences section.

Jane Parramore Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to senior nursing majors based on academics and financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

Lettie Pate Whitehead Foundation Scholarship. This scholarship is awarded to undergraduate female students, in good academic standing and with demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Recipients are selected by the College of Nursing. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

Air Force ROTC. Scholarships are available to students enrolled in ROTC at VSU and are based on performance, academic achievement and leadership potential. For further information contact the VSU Air Force ROTC Office at 229-333-5954.

Beth Burnette Scholarship. This endowed scholarship is created to honor the memory of Beth Burnette. The scholarship is available to students who are graduates of Valdosta High School. Recipients will be selected by the Office of Financial Aid based upon a combination of financial need and academic merit. The scholarship is renewable for three years. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

Paul A. Burnette Memorial Scholarship. This scholarship established in memory of Paul A. Burnette, by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burnette, will be awarded annually to a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. The recipient must have a 2.5 GPA and demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA application on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

Griffin L.L.C. Scholarship. The Griffin Corporation has established this endowed scholarship to assist the dependent child of a Griffin Associate. Incoming freshmen, as well as students enrolled at VSU, with a Griffin employed parent, are eligible for this scholarship. This scholarship is renewable if the student maintains a 15-credit hour enrollment at VSU, a 2.0 GPA, is making satisfactory progress toward a degree, and the parent is maintaining employment with the Griffin Corporation. Applications are available through the Griffin Corporation Human Resources Department, and are due April 1.

Margaret H. Hiers Scholarship. This scholarship was established to honor Margaret H. Hiers for her many years of service to VSU. The scholarship is awarded to a student selected by the Office of Special Services. Contact the Office of Special Services for scholarship information.

Lorene Joiner Memorial Scholarship. This endowed scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Thomas, in memory of Mrs. Thomas' mother, Lorene Joiner. The scholarship is intended to benefit students with demonstrated financial need (must have

a Free Application for Federal Student Aid, FAFSA, application on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Apply through the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

Clare Philips Martin Scholarship. This scholarship is available to a student currently enrolled at VSU who has completed no fewer than 60 semester hours at VSU with a GPA of 3.5 or higher. To qualify, a student must have demonstrated intellectual growth and leadership through involvement in clubs, organization, projects, and work experience while in college. This award is presented during the University Honors Day program, during Spring semester. The deadline for application is March 1. To request a Clare Philips Martin Scholarship Application, contact the Office of Financial Aid.

Paul Scott Marty Scholarship. This endowed scholarship was created to honor the memory of Paul Scott Marty, son of Mr. And Mrs. Chester Marty. The recipient must be an Air Force ROTC cadet who will be entering the junior year and will not be receiving the Air Force ROTC Scholarship. For further information, contact the VSU Air Force ROTC Office.

Dr. Joseph Durrenberger Scholarship. This endowed scholarship is available to deserving undergraduate students, with preference given to those who are considered non-traditional, having reached the age of 25, maintaining a 2.5 grade point average, and enrolled full time. This scholarship is renewable. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

Sallie Hutchinson Scholarship. This scholarship is available to deserving undergraduate students, with preference given to female students who permanently reside in one of the following counties: Berrien, Cook, Lowndes, Thomas, or Brooks. This scholarship is renewable. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

Roy L. "Butch" Pierce Scholarship. Awarded each year based on academic excellence and financial need. May be renewed. Preference given to residents of Seminole County, Georgia, and the surrounding area. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

Walter R. and Dorothy S. Salter Scholarship. This fund provides scholarships for undergraduate students enrolled in a pre-medical program of study. Recipients are selected by the trustee of the estate of Mrs. Salter. Students must be enrolled full time, have a 3.0 GPA, be a declared pre-med major having completed two major level courses in both chemistry and biology (4 courses). Application can be made to the Office of Financial Aid by completing the VSU General Scholarship Application.

Barbara Pearlman Soshnik Scholarship. This endowed scholarship was created by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pearlman to honor the memory of their daughter. This scholarship is awarded by the VSU Office of Financial Aid to a deserving student with demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA application on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

James D. Walker Scholarship. Awarded to a junior transfer student. Based on academic excellence and financial need (must have a FAFSA application on file with the Office of Financial Aid). May be renewed for the senior year. Preference given to residents of Suwannee County, Florida. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

Milton M. Ratner Foundation Scholarship. This scholarship is intended to benefit students in good academic standing and with demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA application on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Apply to the Office of Financial aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

Frances Wood Wilson Foundation, Inc. Scholarship. This scholarship is intended to benefit students in good academic standing and with demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA application on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Apply to the Office of Financial aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS

Athletic Scholarships. For scholarship information regarding a particular sport, contact the VSU Athletic Office.

Georgia Gulf Sulfur Athletic Scholarship. These scholarships were established to assist academically and athletically talented students who are members of the VSU Men's or Women's basketball team. Selection is made by the coaching staffs of the basketball programs and the athletic director.

Billy Grant Scholarship. This scholarship was established in memory of Billy Grant, for his many contributions to the VSU Athletics Program. The scholarship is awarded to a member of the VSU golf team based on recommendations from the golf coach and athletic director.

Jesse F. Tuggle Scholarship. The Jesse F. Tuggle Scholarship was established as an endowed scholarship, to assist members of the VSU football team. Recipients of the scholarship must be in good academic standing. Selection is determined by the football coaching staff and the athletic director.

FINANCIAL AID ACADEMIC REQUIREMENTS

In accordance with the Higher Education Act of 1965, as amended, students must be making satisfactory academic progress, both in quality and quantity, to qualify for and continue to receive Title IV federal financial aid. The satisfactory academic progress standards for federal financial aid recipients at Valdosta State University are as follows:

Undergraduate Students

Qualitative. All students are expected to maintain the academic standards outlined in the official Catalog of Valdosta State University. Students who fail to meet these standards will be placed on academic suspension. Students receiving financial aid who are placed on academic suspension will have their financial aid terminated. Financial aid

applicants who were placed on academic suspension at the end of the last semester they attended are not eligible for financial aid.

Quantitative. In addition to maintaining the specified grade point average, students receiving financial aid must complete their degree within an acceptable number of attempted hours and successfully complete a minimum percentage of credit hours each academic year.

To maintain financial aid eligibility at Valdosta State University, a student must complete their degree program by the time they have attempted 150% of the number of semester hours required to earn the degree. Examples: Students pursuing a degree which requires 120 semester hours may not receive financial aid after they have attempted 180 hours. If the degree requires 130 semester hours, students will be expected to have earned the degree after having attempted no more than 195 hours.

Students must successfully complete 67% of the courses for which they register in any academic year. The grades of A, B, C, D, and S count as the successful completion of a course. The grades of F, W, WF, I, IP, U, NR, and V do not count as the successful completion of a course.

Remedial Course Work

No student may receive financial aid for more than 30 hours of remedial course work, which includes all College Preparatory Curriculum deficiencies and developmental courses. Federal financial aid cannot be disbursed based on enrollment in Regents' Test preparation courses.

Monitoring of Satisfactory Progress

Qualitative academic requirements will be checked at the end of each semester and at the time the student applies for financial aid. The limitation of total hours attempted and the 67% completion requirements will be checked at the end of the spring semester. The grade point average of students who apply during the academic year will be checked as of the last semester attended; the limitation on the total hours attempted and the 67% completion requirement will be checked as of the end of the previous spring semester.

Summer Semester

Courses taken during the summer are counted exactly the same as courses taken during any other semester.

Transfer Students

Transfer students will be considered as incoming freshmen for the initial awarding and disbursement of financial aid until transcripts arrive and are evaluated. Only grades earned at Valdosta State University will be used to determine the grade point average for financial aid eligibility. Hours transferred to Valdosta State University will be counted as total hours attempted at the end of the academic year.

Repeated Courses, Remedial Courses, Withdrawals, and Incompletes

Students should be careful in repeating courses, as all attempts at a course are counted in the maximum hours allowed to obtain a degree. Students are also reminded that withdrawing from a course does not count as successful completion and does not

count in the required 67% completion rate each academic year. Incompletes also do not count as the successful completion of a course, and excessive incompletes can result in the termination of financial aid. Students can receive financial aid for no more than 30 hours of remedial course work (including remedial courses and courses to satisfy deficiencies in the College Preparatory Curriculum). However, students required to take remedial course work may have their eligibility extended by the number of remedial hours taken, up to a maximum of 30 hours.

Reinstatement of Aid

Reinstatement of Financial Aid depends upon availability of financial aid funds at the time of the application for reinstatement and other factors:

Students terminated from aid because of academic suspension or failure to complete 67% of their courses in an academic year may apply for reinstatement of aid after they have completed 9 or more semester hours with a grade or “C” or better in each course, at their own expense, at Valdosta State University, and be in good academic standing.

Students terminated from aid for failure to exit Learning Support within 30 semester hours may apply for a reinstatement of aid when they have exited Learning Support.

Appeals

Students wishing to appeal may do so by filling out a Satisfactory Progress Petition and presenting it to the Financial Aid Office, along with any supporting documentation. The Financial Aid Office staff may take into consideration illness, death in the immediate family, or any other extenuating circumstances. Students will be notified, in writing, of the decision. Students wishing to appeal the decision of the Financial Aid Office may do so by writing to the Student Financial Aid Committee.

Financial Obligations Resulting from Academic Load Changes

Financial aid recipients who have loans and reduce their academic load to below half-time will have a financial obligation to the University. The undergraduate half-time load is six hours; the graduate half-time load is five hours. Students receiving a Pell Grant who drop classes to reduce their academic load may also have a reduction in their Pell Grant and thus incur a financial obligation to the University.

Students who add classes through the appeal process after the announced Drop/Add dates may incur a financial obligation, which is due upon receipt of the approval of the added classes. Classes added and not paid for are subject to cancellation.

All these financial obligations are due within five working days after the processing of the load changes and are payable at the Bursary.