



## **TUITION, FEES, AND COSTS**

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Valdosta State University is a unit of the University System of Georgia and receives a major portion of its operating funding through appropriations from the State of Georgia. This support enables the University to offer high quality educational programs at a minimal cost to its students.

Valdosta State University's academic year consists of two terms: Fall and Spring, as well as a series of Summer Sessions.

The University's tuition is set by the University System of Georgia Board of Regents each spring and is effective the following fall term. Mandatory Fees and Other Fees are proposed annually by the University, supported by a committee, half of whom are students, and ultimately approved by the Board of Regents. However, the University and the University System reserve the right to change fees at the beginning of any term.

### **FEESCHEDULE**

All charges are based on approved fees and are subject to change according to the policy of the Board of Regents.

**Fee schedules can be found on the Web at**

**<<http://www.valdosta.edu/finadmin/financial/feeschedules.shtml>>**

All new students who attend orientation programs will be charged \$40 to cover the related costs. All transfer students who attend an orientation program will be charged \$20 to cover the related costs.

VSU assesses mandatory fees each semester to students who are registered for 4 or more credit hours on the main campus. Valdosta State University's mandatory fees for these students include health fee, student activity fee, athletic fee, transportation fee, parking facility fee, and health facility fee.

All students are charged the following mandatory fees each semester regardless of campus or registered credit hours: technology fee, access card fee and a Board of Regents Institutional fee.

**All fees are tentative and subject to change according to Board of Regents policy.**

### **Off-Campus Courses**

Off-campus and on-campus fees are the same. However, health, health facility, student activity, athletic, transportation, parking facility, and access card fees are assessed only for on-campus courses.

**Audit (non-credit) Fees**

Fees for attending class on an audit or non-credit basis are calculated on the same schedule as regular academic fees.

**Other Fees and Charges\***

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Late Registration Fee: Failure to register by end of regular registration .....	\$75
Returned Check Fee: For each check .....	\$25
or 5% of the face amount of the check (whichever is greater)	
If the check is for tuition fees, an extra \$75 fee will be charged.	
Excess check stop payment and reissue request processing fee .....	\$10
Music Lessons, including use of instrument for practice, per term:	
private lessons .....	\$50
group lessons .....	\$35
Art Studio Materials fee .....	\$30
Science Laboratory fee (per laboratory) .....	\$30
E-core fee (per credit hour) .....	\$189
E-tuition (per credit hour)	
undergraduate .....	\$189
graduate .....	\$225
Orientation Fee: charged undergraduates...	
who attend fall, spring, or summer orientation program .....	\$40
charged transfers who attend spring or summer orientation .....	\$20
fall orientation program guest fee (each) (Limit 2) .....	\$20
Post Office Box per semester .....	\$10
Key Replacement Charge .....	\$50
Honors Program Course fee .....	\$20
Student Teaching fee .....	\$100
KPE Fitness Center Fee .....	\$5
Mandatory Insurance, Annual (Nursing Majors, International Students) ....	\$1030
Electronic transmission (FAX) of unofficial transcripts or certification	
forms/letters, per copy (Official transcripts cannot be FAXed.) .....	\$10
Transcript Fees, 1-5 copies .....	no charge
6th and subsequent copies (each) .....	\$2
Priority Fee for Certification Forms/Letters/Transcripts, per copy .....	\$5
Graduation Fee: Bachelor's or Graduate Degree .....	\$25
(Students who apply for graduation and who do not meet degree require-	
ments must pay appropriate graduation fees again upon re-application.)	
Parking Fee--Annual .....	\$50

## **PAYMENT OF FEES AT REGISTRATION**

Registration is complete only when tuition and fees are paid by the established deadline.

Students are responsible for determining account balances and securing payment by the established fee payment deadline. The University's web site is the most up-to-date reference for registration and fee payment deadline dates, but notices are also sent to University e-mail accounts. The VSU e-mail is an official means of communication with students.

However, in the event that an account balance is not paid or scheduled to be paid, the University mails an invoice to students with account balances 2-3 weeks before each fee payment deadline. Generally, the invoice will reflect the amount owed, which is based on the courses selected, living arrangements on campus, the meal plan selected, and other student choices.

Financial Aid may be used to pay for tuition and room and board in accordance with federal regulations. However, if there is any other charges, a student must give the University consent to pay other charges with federal financial aid. This authorization is maintained in the Banner student system. A written statement is required to rescind the authorization and should be delivered to the Financial Aid Office in the University Center.

VSU accepts the following payment forms - all of them may be used to secure registration, but in all cases, full payment is required: cash, personal check, ACH direct payment (online webcheck), money order, traveler's check, online credit card (MasterCard, Discover, or American Express), university short-term loans (separate qualifications required), completed and fully authorized financial aid (meaning all promissory notes have been signed for loans). **Credit card payments are accepted only online through the Banner student information system.**

VSU does not accept the following payment forms: third party checks, credit card checks, starter checks, counter checks, or partial payments.

If full payment is not made by the fee payment deadlines, VSU reserves the right to take the following actions and will notify students of such action: cancel registration in progress, hold student records, prevent future registration, and pursue collection of debt.

Students who register but do not attend VSU for a given term must withdraw from courses paid for by financial aid in order to avoid unsatisfactory grades or financial accountability. A withdrawal from one class does not mean a complete withdrawal from the University.

Please refer to the following section for the University's Refund Policy.

**Complete payment instructions are located on the Web at**

**< [www.valdosta.edu/finadmin.financial/student/html](http://www.valdosta.edu/finadmin.financial/student/html) >.**

Because fees for fall 2010 were not available at press time, estimations are provided for readers' planning purposes.

The following schedule is an estimation of the cost **per term** for a full-time student beginning in fall 2009:

	<b>In-state*</b>	<b>Out-of-state*</b>
Tuition and Student Fees 12 hrs.+	\$2,853	\$8,841
Dormitory, Double Occupancy Room	1,625	1,625
Cafeteria 21 meals/week	1,615	1,615
Estimated cost of books and supplies	600	600
Estimated Total	\$6,693	\$12,681

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### **REFUND OF FEES**

Students officially withdrawing from the University after paying fees for the term will be issued a 100% refund for tuition, mandatory fees, campus housing, and board meal plans, provided the official withdrawal occurs **NO LATER THAN** the official drop/add day for refunds. Students officially withdrawing from **ALL** classes **AFTER** the official drop/add day will receive a refund based upon the following official refund policy:

The refund amount shall be based on a pro rata percentage determined by dividing the number of calendar days in the semester that the student completed by the total calendar days in the semester. The total of calendar days in a semester includes weekends but excludes scheduled breaks of five or more days and days that a student was on an approved leave of absence. The unearned portion shall be refunded up to the time that the amount earned equals 60%.

Students who withdraw when the calculated percentage of completion is greater than 60% are not entitled to a refund of any portion of institutional charges. A refund of all non-resident fees, matriculation fees, and other mandatory fees shall be made in the event of the death of a student at any time during the academic session.

Housing fees, post office box fees, and music fees are non-refundable fees. Refunds of elective charges upon withdrawing from the institution during a term will be made on a prorated basis determined by the date of withdrawal. Flex charges and à la carte meal plans are refundable only to the extent they are unspent

It is the student's responsibility to withdraw officially in accordance with university regulations, which are set out in this *Catalog*. Students receiving funds and financial aid monies will have their refunds restored to the following programs in this precise order: outstanding balances on non-subsidized loans, subsidized loans, PLUS loans, Pell, SEOG, other Title IV student assistant programs, HOPE, private scholarships, and finally to the student.

No other refunds or reductions are allowed unless such reductions are necessitated by schedule changes initiated by the University. Students suspended or expelled for disciplinary reasons are not entitled to a refund of any deposits, tuition, or fees paid. Additionally, students who are asked to vacate their residence hall rooms as a result of disciplinary actions are not eligible for refunds.

Additional information is located on the web:

Registration dates and course schedules: < <http://www.valdosta.edu/it/eas/sis/> >

Fee Schedules: <<http://www.valdosta.edu/finadmin/financial/feeschedules.shtml>>

Refund policies: <<http://www.valdosta.edu/finadmin/financial/student.shtml>>

(Also found at the Student Financial Services Office located in the University Bursary)

## **THE 62+ PROGRAM FOR GEORGIANS 62 AND OLDER**

Georgians 62 years of age and older are eligible to resume, continue, or even begin their college education without paying most of the normal fees or tuition. The program, as directed by Amendment 23 to the Georgia Constitution and approved by the Board of Regents, is designed to allow eligible applicants to register for college-level courses for credit or audit (same requirements as for credit), on a “space available” basis subject to the following requirements:

- Must apply, meet all applicable admission requirements for program of study, and be accepted
- Must be 62 years of age or older at the time of registration, (proof of age is required)
- Must be classified as a Georgia resident in accordance with the Regents’ Requirements for Resident Status

To receive the waiver of tuition and fees, applicants eligible for this program are required to register during late registration on a space available basis.

For undergraduate application information and deadlines, contact the Admissions Office located at 1413 N. Patterson Street. Graduate application information and deadlines are available at the Graduate School in the Regional Center for Continuing Education, Suite 234, 903 North Patterson Street.

## **RULES GOVERNING THE CLASSIFICATION OF STUDENTS AS IN-STATE RESIDENTS AND NON-RESIDENTS (OUT-OF-STATE)**

### **A. United States Citizens**

1. An independent student who has established and maintained a domicile in the State of Georgia for a period of at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term shall be classified as “in-state” for tuition purposes.  
It is presumed that no student shall have gained or acquired in-state classification while attending any postsecondary educational institution in this state without clear evidence of having established domicile in Georgia for purposes other than attending a postsecondary educational institution in this state.
2. A dependent student shall be classified as “in-state” for tuition purposes if either i) the dependent student’s parent has established and maintained domicile in the State of Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term and the student has graduated from a Georgia high school or ii) the dependent student’s parent has established and maintained domicile in the State of Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term and the parent claimed the student as a dependent on the parent’s most recent federal income tax return.
3. A dependent student shall be classified as “in-state” for tuition purposes if a U. S. court-appointed legal guardian has established and maintained domicile in the State of Georgia for

at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term, provided that appointment was not made to avoid payment of out-of-state tuition and the U.S. court-appointed legal guardian can provide clear evidence of having established and maintained domicile in the State of Georgia for a period of at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term.

4. If an independent student classified as “in-state” relocates temporarily but returns to the State of Georgia within 12 months, the student shall be entitled to retain in-state tuition classification.
5. If the parent or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian of a dependent student currently classified as “in-state” for tuition purposes establishes domicile outside of Georgia after having established and maintained domicile in the State of Georgia, the student may retain in-state tuition classification as long as the student remains continuously enrolled in a public postsecondary educational institution in the state, regardless of the domicile of the parent or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian.

#### **B. Noncitizens**

Noncitizens initially shall not be classified as “in-state” for tuition purposes unless there is evidence to warrant consideration of in-state classification. Lawful permanent residents, refugees, asylees, or other eligible noncitizens as defined by federal Title IV regulations may be extended the same consideration as citizens of the United States in determining whether they qualify for in-state classification. International students who reside in the United States under nonimmigrant status conditioned at least in part upon intent not to abandon a foreign domicile are not eligible for in-state classification.

A glossary defining the terms in the tuition classification policy can be found in the University System of Georgia Board of Regents Tuition Classification

#### **Out-Of-State Tuition Waivers**

- a. Academic Common Market. Students selected to participate in a program offered through the Academic Common Market.
- b. International and Superior Out-of-State Students. International students and superior out-of-state students selected by the institutional president or an authorized representative, provided that the number of such waivers in effect does not exceed 2% of the equivalent full-time students enrolled at the institution in the fall term immediately preceding the term for which the out-of-state tuition is to be waived.
- c. University System Employees and Dependents. Full-time employees of the University System, their spouses, and their dependent children.
- d. Medical/Dental Students and Interns. Medical and dental residents and medical and dental interns at the Medical College of Georgia (BR Minutes, 1986-87, p. 340).
- e. Full-Time School Employees. Full-time employees in the public schools of Georgia or of the Department of Technical and Adult Education, their spouses, and their dependent children. Teachers employed full-time on military bases in Georgia shall also qualify for this waiver (BR Minutes, 1988-89, p. 43).
- f. Career Consular Officials. Career consular officers, their spouses, and their dependent children who are citizens of the foreign nation that their consular office represents and who are stationed and living in Georgia under orders of their respective governments.
- g. Military Personnel. Military personnel, their spouses, and their dependent children stationed in or assigned to Georgia and on active duty. The waiver can be retained by the military personnel, their spouses, and their dependent children if the military sponsor is reassigned outside of Georgia, as long as the student(s) remain(s) continuously enrolled and the military sponsor remains on active military status (BR Minutes, February 2004).

- h. Border County Residents. Residents of an out-of-state county bordering a Georgia county in which the reporting institution or a Board-approved external center of the University System is located.
- i. National Guard Members. Full-time members of the Georgia National Guard, their spouses, and their dependent children. (BR Minutes, April, 1998, pp. 16-17).
- j. Students enrolled in University System institutions as part of Competitive Economic Development Projects. Students who are certified by the Commissioner of the Georgia Department of Economic Development as being part of a competitive economic development project.
- k. Students in Georgia-Based Corporations. Students who are employees of Georgia-based corporations or organizations that have contracted with the Board of Regents through University System institutions to provide out-of-state tuition differential waivers.
- l. Students in Pilot Programs. Students enrolled in special pilot programs approved by the Chancellor. The Chancellor shall evaluate institutional requests for such programs in light of good public policy and the best interests of students. If a pilot program is successful, the tuition program shall be presented to the Board for consideration.
- m. Students in ICAPP® Advantage programs. Any student participating in an ICAPP® Advantage program.
- n. Direct Exchange Program Students. Any international student who enrolls in a University System institution as a participant in a direct exchange program that provides reciprocal benefits to University System students.
- o. Economic Advantage. As of the first day of classes for the term, an economic advantage waiver may be granted to a dependent or independent student who can provide clear evidence that the student or the student's parent, spouse, or U.S. court-appointed guardian has relocated to the State of Georgia to accept full-time, self-sustaining employment and has established domicile in the State of Georgia. Relocation to the state must be for reasons other than enrolling in an institution of higher education. This waiver will expire 12 months from the date the waiver was granted.  
 As of the first day of classes for the term, an economic advantage waiver may be granted to a student possessing a valid employment-related visa status who can provide clear evidence of having relocated to the State of Georgia to accept full-time, self-sustaining employment. Relocation to the state must be for reasons other than enrolling in an institution of higher education. These individuals would be required to show clear evidence of having taken all legally permissible steps toward establishing legal permanent residence in the United States and the establishment of legal domicile in the State of Georgia. Students currently receiving a waiver who are dependents of a parent or spouse possessing a valid employment-sponsored visa may continue to receive the waiver as long as they can demonstrate continued efforts to pursue an adjustment of status to U.S. legal permanent resident.
- p. Recently Separated Military Service Personnel. Members of a uniformed military service of the United States who, within 12 months of separation from such service, enroll in an academic program and demonstrate an intent to become a permanent resident of Georgia. This waiver may be granted for not more than one year.
- q. Nonresident Student. As of the first day of classes for the term, a nonresident student whose parent, spouse, or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian has maintained domicile in Georgia for at least 12 consecutive months so long as the student can provide clear evidence showing the relationship to the parent, spouse, or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian has existed for at least 12 consecutive months immediately preceding the first day of classes for the term. If the parent, spouse, or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian of a continuously enrolled nonresident student establishes domicile in another state after having maintained domicile in the State of Georgia for the required period, the nonresident student may continue to receive this waiver as long as the student remains continuously enrolled in a public postsecondary educational institution in the state, regardless of the domicile of the parent or U.S. court-appointed legal guardian.

**Please Note:** In order to avoid delay and inconvenience upon arrival for registration, any question concerning residence status should be clarified immediately upon receipt of acceptance of admission or not later than one month prior to the registration date. Questions for clarification should be addressed to Resident Committee, Office of Admissions, Valdosta State University, Valdosta, Georgia 31698.

#### **Student Responsibilities**

- A. **Student Responsibility to Register Under Proper Classification:** The responsibility of registering under the proper residence classification is that of the students. If there is any question of the right to classification as a legal resident of Georgia, it is the student's obligation, prior to or at the time of their registration, to raise the question with the administrative officials of the institution in which he or she is registering and have the classification officially determined. The burden always rests with the student to submit information and documents necessary to support the contention of qualification for in-state residency under Regents' regulations.
- B. **Notification Upon Becoming a Non-Resident:** Students who are classified as residents (in-state) must notify the proper administrative officials of their institution immediately of any change (out-of-state) in their residency status.

#### **Reclassification of Non-Resident Students**

Those non-resident (out-of-state) students who believe they have met the resident requirements as previously set forth may complete a Petition for Residence Status, which is available in the Registrar's Office and must be completed and supported by the required documentation before an initial review of status can be conducted.

The initial review is conducted by a member of the Registrar's staff, who will rule on the basis of oral evidence and other documentation supporting the petition for in-state resident status. The results of the initial review, if unfavorable, may be appealed to the Residence Status Review Committee and ultimately to the president, if such action is required.

Such petitions and appeals must be completed no later than 60 days following registration for the academic term for which residence status is to be effected. If the petition is granted, reclassification will not be retroactive to prior terms.

Should it be determined that the student has misrepresented or omitted material facts which results in classification or re-classification as a resident student, retroactive charges for out-of-state tuition will be made and must be paid prior to the close of the academic term in which they are levied.

#### **CHECK CASHING SERVICE**

All checks and money orders must be payable through a United States bank. To accommodate students, the University will cash one personal check per day, per student, for \$50.00 or less at the Bursary. Bursary hours are Monday-Thursday, 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. Checks will not be cashed if the student has a "Hold" on his or her student account. Checks drawn for cash only must be made payable to "VSU-CASH." The University will not accept two-party checks for cashing. Parents who send their son or daughter spending money by check should make their check payable to VSU, with the student's name on the "for" section of the check.

Checks issued to the University in payment of fees, purchases of books, etc., or to be cashed for personal convenience must be paid upon presentation to the bank on which they are drawn. Checks returned to the University for insufficient funds, account closed, stopped payment, or for any other reason will be handled in accordance with the Collections Policy, below.



Additionally, the University can suspend the student from class and from any facilities of the University for a returned check of any reason. Suspension from class will not relieve the student from the obligation for payment of the returned check and fees.

## **COLLECTIONS**

The University recognizes that circumstances may arise to create a balance due to the University. In effort to protect the financial interests of the institution and the State of Georgia, VSU follows the *Business Procedures Manual* of the Board of Regents, chapter 10.0, regarding collection, due diligence procedures, and write-off.

Financial holds are placed on student accounts for balances due. These holds will not allow students to register, graduate, or receive official VSU documents until outstanding balances are paid. Students can check their account status and hold type by visiting the Banner Registration Website.

**Generally, student account balances and returned checks (NSF) that are past due 180 days will be turned over to the University's Collection Agency.**

## **CANCELLATION OF STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR CAUSE**

The University reserves the right to cancel the registration of any student who fails to meet his or her financial responsibility, according to the rules and regulations of the University. The rules and regulations provide that:

1. All fees are due and payable upon completion of registration. Students should not report for registration without having sufficient funds available to pay their fees. The payment instructions are located at < [www.valdosta.edu/finadmin.financial/student/html](http://www.valdosta.edu/finadmin.financial/student/html) >.
2. Any check issued to the University in payment of fees, or to be cashed for personal convenience, must be paid upon presentation to the bank on which it is drawn. A student who issues a check on a bank without having sufficient funds on deposit in that bank has violated the statutes of the State of Georgia and may be prosecuted.
3. All fines for violations of the rules related to parking and traffic, and charges related to the library and other facilities such as laboratory breakage, etc., must be paid promptly. Those students having outstanding obligations will not be allowed to enroll in subsequent terms.
4. Misuse of an I.D. card may result in suspension from classes of all involved students.
5. Students who have secured short term loans must have this obligation paid in full according to the terms agreed upon with the Loan Officer to avoid suspension or possible cancellation of the term's registration.
6. Students who misrepresent the facts pertaining to their qualifications to live off-campus may be suspended from classes. In each instance, students will be given proper notice to comply with the housing regulations before action is taken to effect cancellation of their registration.
7. The University reserves and intends to exercise the right to withhold copies of education records and/or to cancel enrollment of students who owe the University money.



## **DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY**

Scott Doner, Director

Oak Street Parking Deck, Level 1, South Side

The Department of Public Safety is responsible for the protection of life and property for the Valdosta State University community. The department, consisting of both Police Services and Environmental Health and Safety, is located in Pine Hall and is open 24 hours a day. The emergency telephone number is 229-259-5555. For information, call 229-333-7816. For additional information about Public Safety: <[www.valdosta.edu/dps](http://www.valdosta.edu/dps)>.

### **Annual Security Report - Clery Act**

The annual security report includes statistics for the previous three years concerning reported crimes that occurred on campus, in certain off-campus buildings or property owned or controlled by the university, and on public property within or immediately adjacent to and accessible from the campus. The report also includes institutional policies concerning alcohol and drug use, crime prevention, the reporting of crimes, sexual assault, and other matters. A copy of the report is available in the Department of Public Safety in Pine Hall and on the Internet: <[www.valdosta.edu/dps](http://www.valdosta.edu/dps)>.



## **AUXILIARY SERVICES**

Mr. Rob Kellner, Director  
Oak Street Parking Deck, Level 2

As a part of the Division of Finance and Administration, the Auxiliary Services Division is responsible for providing support services to students, faculty, and staff members of the University. The Division includes University Stores, Dining Services, 1Card Services, Parking and Transportation, Vending, Health Services, and Housing and Residence Life (financial management). Administrative offices are located in the Oak Street Parking Deck, on the second level. Telephone 229-333-5706; fax 229-333-7419.

For information about 1Card Services, the Bookstore, Dining Services, Health Services, Parking and Transportation, or Housing and Residence Life, visit our web pages:

< [http:// services.valdosta.edu](http://services.valdosta.edu) >.

Valdosta State University is defined by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia as a residential institution, and the University must provide on-campus housing and dining service. All undergraduate students who live in residence halls are required to participate in the meal program. The policy is a part of the total "Living-Learning" concept of the University and is supported by an amendment to the Georgia Eighteen-Year-Old Bill, which reads, "Nothing in this Act shall be construed to limit the powers of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia to adopt and enforce rules and regulations for the government, control, and management of the University System; nor shall this Act be construed so as to limit the authority of any institution in the University System of Georgia to adopt and enforce rules and regulations governing housing, conduct, discipline, and other related activities of the student body." Following Regents' policy, the Auxiliary Services Division is totally self-supporting and receives no state allocations of funds.

### **HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE**

#### **Housing Application and Contract**

The Housing Application and Contract forms are available on-line at <<http://housing.valdosta.edu>>. Once admitted, new students will receive a postcard invitation to apply for housing. All students applying for campus housing will be required to sign a contract with the Housing Office for the academic year. Apartment residents must sign a 12-month contract. All students who plan to live in campus housing must pay an application fee of \$25 and a \$300 deposit when they submit their Housing Application and Contract.

The deposit is a one-time fee that will be refunded once the student fulfills the requirements set forth by the housing contract or upon graduation from the University. The housing contract outlines conditions under which refunds may be made. Occupancy of a traditional-style and suite-style residence hall room is terminated at the end of

each spring semester (9 months). Apartment contracts terminate at the end of summer term (12 months). Students currently enrolled should obtain an application for housing at the annual Room Selection Process held in March.

Please read the contract carefully, as it constitutes a fully binding legal agreement with the University. Requests for release from the housing contract prior to the conclusion of the academic year will be considered after the student resident completes a Request for Release from Contract, available in the Office of Housing and Residence Life.

### **Freshman Residency Program**

Valdosta State University administers a Freshman Residency Program, which requires that all freshmen live on campus. To obtain an exemption from this requirement, a student must apply for exemption and meet one of the following criteria: (1) age 19 by September 1 of the current academic year; (2) married; (3) be a single parent; or (4) residing with parent(s), grandparent(s), or legal guardian within a 50-mile radius of Valdosta. Exemption forms are available online: <<http://housing.valdosta.edu>> or at the Office of Housing and Residence Life, located Hopper Hall, telephone 229-333-5920.

### **Residence Hall Fees**

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Traditional residence halls offer double-occupancy rooms opening onto conventional hallways with community bathrooms. The rate of \$1680 per semester is projected for the 2010-2011 year, which includes the Housing Activity Fee (\$20) and Post Office Box Fee (\$10), is in effect for un-renovated part of Langdale Hall. The rate of \$1770 is projected for Brown, renovated part of Langdale, Lowndes, Reade, and Patterson Halls. This rate is based on dual occupancy.

Georgia Hall and Hopper Hall, both suite-style facilities, offer both private and semi-private rooms. The private rate is projected at \$2225, and the semi-private rate is projected at \$1990. The University reserves the right to close any of its residence halls in any given semester or to reassign students to rooms at any time.

### **Apartments**

Converse Hall is run as a residence hall but has apartment-like amenities. Each unit can accommodate two to four persons. The 2010 - 2011 rate is projected at \$1040 - \$1215 per semester. Centennial Hall apartments are available to upperclassmen. Students should note that the number of class hours earned and GPA will establish priority for apartment assignments. Students interested in the apartments must complete an application and apartment contract available online at <<http://housing.valdosta.edu>> or in the Office of Housing and Residence Life, located on the 1st floor of Powell Hall East, telephone 229-333-5920. Prices include Housing Activity Fee (\$20) and Post Office Box fee (\$10).

Centennial two-bedroom (per person) projected .....	\$2355
Centennial four -bedroom (per person) projected .....	\$2205

Housing charges are assessed on a semester basis and must be paid in full during the registration process at the beginning of each semester. Rates include all utilities. Rates for future academic years will be posted at <<http://housing.valdosta.edu>> and available on campus once the rates have been established. All charges are based on approved fees and are subject to change according to policies of the Board of Regents.

## **DINING SERVICES**

Valdosta State University and Sodexo Campus Services firmly believe that today's hard-working student should be rewarded with a dining service that makes eating on campus palate-pleasing, healthy and entertaining. With eleven different dining locations in eight different buildings and two on-campus convenient stores, there's always a place to grab a bite to eat no matter where you are on campus. A VSU meal plan gives you the freedom to make your own dining decisions, with several plans to choose from, depending on your specific eating habits and lifestyle.

### **Resident Meal Plans**

The following meal plans were \$1,615 in 2009-10 and may rise slightly in 2010-11. Students living on campus are asked to choose from the following plans at registration. If you do not choose a plan, the Blazer Plus plan will be chosen for you.

- Blazer Plus: Unlimited meals at Palms or Hopper + \$125 Blazer Bucks
- 14 Meals per week at Palms or Hopper + \$225 Blazer Bucks
- 10 Meals per week at Palms or Hopper + \$370 Blazer Bucks
- \$850 Declining Balance (only available to residents ranked sophomores or above)
- \$450 Declining Balance (students residing in Centennial or Converse only)

### **Commuter and Staff Meal Plan Options**

- 75 Meals per semester at Palms or Hopper + \$75 Blazer Bucks
- 50 Meals per semester at Palms or Hopper + \$50 Blazer Bucks
- 25 Meals per semester at Palms or Hopper + \$25 Blazer Bucks

Meals must be used at one of the resident dining facilities, Palms or Hopper, both of which are all-you-care-to-eat facilities. For a complete list of meal plan prices or a map of dining locations, visit our website at <<http://services.valdosta.edu/dining/>>.

### **How to obtain a meal plan**

You can register for your meal plan online using your Banner account during class registration or visit the Meal Plan Office, located at VSU 1Card Services. Any student living in a residence hall who does not register for a meal plan will automatically be assigned The Blazer Plus/Unlimited plan. The Meal Plan Office is located at VSU 1Card Services, 1204 N. Patterson St. Call (229) 333-5988 or visit our website at <<http://services.valdosta.edu/dining/>>.

## **Blazer Bucks**

Blazer Bucks are “dining dollars” that are reserved for purchases at dining locations. They are designed to give you the flexibility to dine at any of our eateries or to make a purchase at our two on-campus convenient stores, without carrying cash. Each time you make a purchase, the amount is automatically deducted from your VSU ICard. Any unused Blazer Bucks will be forfeited at the end of the semester. If you run out of Blazer Bucks, we recommend you load money on your Flex Account.

## **CONVENIENCE STORES**

There are two convenience stores located on campus, Langdale Market and Sustella Street Market. Langdale Market is located on the first floor of Langdale Hall (west side) and Sustella Street Market is located on the first floor of Centennial Hall East. They provide a variety of snacks, grocery items, health and beauty items, and drinks.

## **UNIVERSITY STORES**

The VSU Bookstore in the Student Union offers all required textbooks in addition to required supplies for course. As the official campus store, the bookstore sells a multitude of VSU-imprinted clothing and gifts as well as a growing number of other types of gifts. For students attending the VSU campus at Kings Bay Naval Submarine Base, there is a small store on that campus offering required course material and a few merchandise items.

The Tech Shop, an Authorized Apple Campus Store, also in the Student Union, carries the latest products from Apple, with demonstration units so you can feel it before you buy it! Also at the Tech Shop students are able to buy other technology products, including academically priced software, computer accessories, gaming consoles, and computer games and accessories. The VSU campus is wireless, so the Tech Shop will configure your computer to work on any wireless environment. The store also offers services such as virus removal, system reformat, and installation of software.

For more information on the Bookstore, please visit on-line at <[www.thevsubookstore.com](http://www.thevsubookstore.com)>. For more information on the Tech Shop, please visit on-line at <[www.vsutechshop.com](http://www.vsutechshop.com)>.

## **HEALTH SERVICES**

The Farber Health Center, located on Georgia Avenue, at the end of the Pedestrian Mall, provides routine health care, along with some emergency care, for all students who have satisfied the health fee requirement. Health care is provided by a physician, nurse practitioners, a physician assistant, registered and licensed practical nurses, a pharmacist, a medical technologist, and office staff. All students living in campus housing are required to pay the health fee, regardless of the number of hours in which they are enrolled. There is also a new facility fee that is paid by all students.

All new students are required to provide evidence of inoculation for mumps, measles, and rubella. The University Health Service recommends additional inoculations for diphtheria, tetanus, polio, influenza, meningitis, and chicken pox. Various health screenings are provided throughout the year.

## **PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION**

All motorized vehicles parked on campus must properly display a current parking permit at all times. Parking on campus is by permit only and is a privilege that may be withdrawn for cause at any time. All campus community members (students, faculty, staff, and visitors) are responsible for knowing and obeying parking regulations. Moreover, campus citizens are responsible for their guests and should ensure that they as well are aware of regulations. A parking regulations brochure (available to students, faculty, staff, and visitors) may be obtained at the Parking and Transportation Department.

Details about parking lots and instructions are also available on our web pages. Campus parking and traffic regulations are enforced under the authority of Georgia Code, Section 20-3-21. Parking policies are in effect and uniformly enforced at all times. Citations are issued for infractions of parking policies. Fines may be paid at the Departmental Office, located in Sustella Avenue Parking Deck (telephone: 229-293-PARK).

VSU operates a shuttle bus service. A Blazer Express Shuttle Guide, available at the Parking and Transportation Department, indicates stops, routes, and operating hours. Maps may also be found at each bus stop and on our web page <[www.vsuparking.com](http://www.vsuparking.com)>.

## **VSU 1Card SERVICES**

The VSU 1Card is the official Valdosta State University identification card and on-campus debit card. It allows access to your assigned plans and privileges, after payment has been made. The card is automatically assigned a FLEX Account, which allows you to deposit funds 24 hours a day, online via credit card. No deposits may be made via phone or fax. Excess funds from financial aid can be applied to your FLEX account via the Banner Registration page, after all of your other fees are paid.

If you designate financial aid for FLEX and you still owe the university, you will not be able to use the FLEX/ 1 Card to make purchases.

A FLEX Account is non-transferable and may be used only by the cardholder. To obtain a VSU 1Card, all students must visit the VSU 1Card Office, be registered, provide government-issued photo identification (such as driver's license, passport, military ID), and have a photograph made. Replacement cards are \$15, and photo identification must be submitted prior to a replacement card's being produced. Please visit our website at <[www.vsu1card.com](http://www.vsu1card.com)> for more information regarding the VSU 1Card.



## **STUDENT AFFAIRS**

Mr. Russell F. Mast  
Interim Vice President for Student Affairs  
and Dean of Students

The Division of Student Affairs is charged with responsibility for student life outside the classroom and includes the following departmental areas: Dean of Students, Cooperative Education, Counseling Center, Alcohol and Other Drug Education, Student Conduct, Financial Aid, Housing and Residence Life, Health Promotions, Access Office for Students with Disabilities, Orientation and Student Leadership, Career Services, Student Life (Student Union, Greek Life, Homecoming, Parents' Weekend and Student Organizations, Campus Recreation (Student Recreation Center, Ropes Challenge Course, IM Fields and Outdoor Rental Center), Testing, Volunteer Services and Parent Programs, and Student Publications. It is the division's philosophy that students' non-academic experiences are important to both their formal education and personal development.

The Vice President for Student Affairs coordinates the activities within the Division of Student Affairs. The Vice President's office is available to serve the needs of students as well as parents, alumni, and faculty and staff with student concerns. The Vice President for Student Affairs Office can be reached at 229-333-5359. Valdosta State University is committed to the idea that total education involves more than academic pursuit. More information is available at <[www.valdosta.edu/studentaffairs/](http://www.valdosta.edu/studentaffairs/)>.

### **OFFICE OF THE DEAN OF STUDENTS**

The Office of the Dean of Students is dedicated to student development both inside and outside the classroom. Its goal is to provide quality programs, facilities, and services that will enhance the educational and personal experiences of VSU students. The Office of the Dean of Students is responsible for the supervision of the following departments, programs, and services: Campus Recreation (Student Recreation Center, IM Fields, Ropes Course and Outdoor Rental Center), Student Conduct, Orientation and Leadership Development, Student Life (Student Union, Homecoming, Greek Life, Campus Activities Board, and student organizations), Testing Office, Cooperative Education, Student Government Association, school mascot (Blaze), medical and hardship withdrawals for students, Who's Who, and all Student Activity Fee Funded Budgets. Valdosta State has over 180 registered student organizations, ranging from social to religious in nature. The Office of the Dean of Students is located on the third floor of the Student Union. Telephone 229-333-5941.



## **STUDENT LIFE**

The Office of Student Life is located in the University Union, offering a wide variety of extracurricular programs and services in which students are urged to participate. Telephone 229-333-5674.

University Union houses conference rooms, Campus Mail Service, Union Station, and the Loop Pizza Grill. Also located in the Union are offices for the Dean of Students, Greek Life, Volunteer Services, Orientation and Student Leadership Development, Student Conduct, the Student Government Association (SGA), and the Campus Activities Board (CAB). The SGA is the student voice and addresses issues and concerns of the student population. The CAB is responsible for providing educational and social programs for the students.

### **Volunteer Services**

The Office of Volunteer Services provides numerous volunteer opportunities. The primary mission of the Volunteer Services program is to foster an active culture at Valdosta State University by promoting and facilitating opportunities for building partnerships between VSU and the community through service, while encouraging a sense of civic responsibility among students through critical engagement and participation in the Valdosta community.

### **Clubs and Organizations**

There is a diversity of clubs and student organizations at the University, including 10 national sororities, 12 national fraternities, various service organizations, honor societies, and department clubs. All students are members of the Student Government Association (SGA). The purpose of this organization is to work for the best interests of the students; cooperate with the VSU administration, faculty, and staff in all matters of common interest to the University; approve and coordinate campus student organizations, and provide a means of communication between the students and all areas of their university. Representatives are elected in annual campus elections and meet weekly.

Organizations such as Marching Band (Blazin' Brigade), Concert Choir, Jazz Ensemble, Spotlights, and Concert Band are listed under "College of the Arts."

### **Campus Ministry Organizations**

The following registered campus organizations form the core of VSU's campus ministry community: Baptist Collegiate Ministries, Campus Outreach, Episcopal Campus Ministries, Catholic Student Center, Christian Student Center, Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Hillel, Latter Day Saint Student Association (LDSSA), Presbyterian Student Center, VSU Blazer Victory Ministry, VSU Mass Choir, Wesley Foundation (Methodist), and Xchange Ministries.

### **Student Publications**

The University also provides opportunities for experience in journalism through *The Spectator*, the campus newspaper, and other student publications, which provide a forum for presenting current issues and also generate spirit within the student body.

## CAMPUS RECREATION

The Department of Campus Recreation offers a variety of services, such as: aquatics, intramural sports, club sports, informal recreational, outdoor programs, fitness consulting, and group fitness classes. All are based in the Student Recreation Center (SRC), located at 1300 Sustella Avenue. These activities are open to all students who register for four or more academic hours or who have a least one hour and have paid the student fees.

The SRC facility is top-notch and state-of-the-art. The facility includes three multipurpose basketball courts, an indoor jogging and walking track, a 9,000-square-foot weight room featuring free weights and cardiovascular equipment, an indoor pool, three racquetball courts, a large multipurpose aerobics room, and a 27-foot custom-built climbing wall.

The Intramural Sports program is designed to provide all students, faculty, and staff the opportunity to participate in organized recreational competitions. Structured leagues and tournaments are offered in a diverse array of sporting activities, such as flag football, softball, basketball, soccer, volleyball, tennis, racquetball, and ultimate frisbee. The Intramural Sports program offers over 40 different activities during the entire academic year.

The Club Sports Program is constantly growing to meet the needs of a diverse campus population. The Valdosta State University Club Sports Program is designed to promote and develop the interests and skills of individuals in different sports and recreational activities. VSU currently has men's and women's soccer, ultimate Frisbee, outdoor adventure, paintball, tennis, and triathlon club teams. Several other clubs will be organized in the near future. If there is any activity that we don't offer and you have the interest in starting, please come by and let's work on it.

The mission of Outdoor Programs is to provide access to outdoor activities that will foster the development of friendships in the campus community, to educate, and to promote outdoor recreation. There are four different areas in Outdoor Programs: ropes course, climbing wall, outdoor trips, and outdoor rental center. It provides a venue for VSU groups to work on their team development skills. It also offers another way for students to experience the outdoors while still being on campus. The 27-foot climbing wall is located inside the student recreation center and makes you feel as if you were climbing a real mountain. We offer belay certification and beginning and advanced climbing classes. The Outdoor Trip Program, working in partnership with the Outdoor Adventure Club, travels to places close to VSU. Trips have included rock climbing, white-water rafting, canoeing, mountain biking, Nordic skiing, bouldering, back packing, and skydiving. The Outdoor Rental Center provides students with outdoor equipment for personal use.

The mission of the Department of Campus Recreation is to provide students, faculty, staff the opportunity to enjoy lifelong activities while enhancing their well being by promoting fitness and wellness as a positive outlet to relieve stress. For more information, see <[www.valdosta.edu/recreation](http://www.valdosta.edu/recreation)> or call 229-333-5898.

## **ACCESS OFFICE FOR STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES**

The primary objective of the Access Office is to assure that campus programs and activities are accessible to students with disabilities. The Access Office is responsible for coordination of accommodations when necessary to break down barriers in the environment. Some examples of services available to eliminate barriers include classroom and testing accommodations, materials in alternate formats, and access to adaptive technology. The Access Office is located in Farber Hall. For more information, call 229-245-2498 (V), 229-375-5871(VP), 229-219-1348 (TTY), e-mail <access@valdosta.edu>, or visit the website at <www.valdosta.edu/access>.

## **CAREER SERVICES**

Valdosta State University understands the special needs that university students have in determining their career goals. The Career Services Office is available to assist VSU students in choosing their major programs of study and career objectives and in obtaining satisfactory employment upon graduation.

Individual career counseling is available for students who wish to explore how their abilities, values, and interests match particular career fields. Also, group workshops and seminars on career-related topics are offered each semester.

Students may utilize the varied resources that are in the Career Library: printed career materials, audio and video tape descriptions of occupational opportunities, and computer-assisted career exploration programs.

Various career-oriented workshops are offered each semester. Job vacancy listings of interest to seniors and graduate students are posted. On-campus interviews are scheduled with employers interested in interviewing students and alumni for professional employment. Seniors are encouraged to register with the office the first semester of their senior year so that the office can best assist in their employment search.

The Career Services Office is located on the second floor of Powell Hall-West. Telephone 229-333-5942 or 229-333-5414. <www.valdosta.edu/career>.

## **COOPERATIVE EDUCATION**

Valdosta State University offers students the opportunity to integrate their classroom instruction with practical work experience as part of their academic program. The Cooperative Education Office works with local, state, and national agencies and employers to give students an opportunity to complement their academic and vocational interests and to gain valuable experience in their chosen fields prior to graduation while also earning an income for their educational expenses. Students also develop professional work habits and can make valuable career contacts.

The co-op program is offered as an option for students. In order to be eligible, students must have completed a minimum of 30 semester hours and be in good academic standing. A minimum GPA of 2.0 is required. Students may work one of four ways: a full-time basis during alternate semesters, one or two full-time semester-long internships, a part-time (parallel) basis in on-going semesters, or during a one- or two-semester part-time internship. Opportunities exist to earn academic credit as part of the co-op program.

Interested students are encouraged to apply as early as possible in their university career to enhance the prospects of placement in the best possible position. Telephone 229-333-7172. The Web site is <<http://valdosta.edu/coop>>. E-mail <[coop@valdosta.edu](mailto:coop@valdosta.edu)>.

## **COUNSELING CENTER**

In an effort to enhance personal growth and development, the Counseling Center offers a variety of services to all students, staff, and faculty at VSU free of charge. Professionally trained counselors are available to assist with personal, social, or educational concerns. The Counseling Center offers an atmosphere in which individuals may discuss their problems with the assurance that all counseling information will remain confidential.

Individual counseling is available for those who wish to discuss and explore their thoughts, feelings, behaviors, and lifestyles. In addition, group counseling provides an opportunity for individuals to grow in their communication, social, and interpersonal skills with others who have similar goals and interests. The Center also provides consultation to staff and faculty in addition to offering outreach programs to various target groups on campus, in residence halls, and in the community.

The Counseling Center is accredited by the International Association of Counseling Services, Inc. It is located in Powell Hall East, and appointments may be made in person or by calling 229-333-5940. When necessary, referrals will be made on campus or in the community so that all available resources are utilized.

## **OFFICE OF ALCOHOL AND OTHER DRUG EDUCATION**

The Office of Alcohol and Other Drug (AOD) Education is dedicated to taking a proactive approach in addressing the issue of substance use and abuse in the VSU community and its potential impact on academic, professional, and social development.

We provide assessments and accurate up-to-date information in the areas of prevention, education, and referral. We encourage student involvement through Peer Education (KARMA, a for-credit class) and substance-free social programming (Natural High). Educational opportunities include presentations to classes and organizations as well as “Alcohol 101 Plus” and “Prime for Life: On Campus Talking About Alcohol.” Certification is available to students through Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS). Videos and print resources are also available through our office.

AOD sponsors and participates in several campus awareness campaigns, including the National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week and Safe Spring Break Fair.

Our services are available to students, faculty, and staff. We are located in Powell Hall East, 2nd floor and may be contacted by phone at 229-259-5111 or e-mail at <[mfwillia@valdosta.edu](mailto:mfwillia@valdosta.edu)>. Our web site is <[www.valdosta.edu/aode/](http://www.valdosta.edu/aode/)>.

## **KARMA (Knowledge, Awareness, Respect, Maturity, and Achievement)**

**The Peer Education Program.** Students are trained as Peer Educators to give presentations in classes, residence halls, Greek organizations, and other campus groups, as requested. Topics of discussion include alcohol abuse, drug use, how to help a friend with an alcohol or other drug problem, self-esteem, eating disorders, sexual assault, HIV/AIDS, and date rape drugs.

**Natural High.** Natural High provides activities for students on weekdays and at times of high stress. All activities are alcohol-free and provide students with a safe environment in which to have fun. Activities include dances, karaoke, movie nights, bingo, and others as decided by the students on the advisory council. All Natural High events are open to all students.

**National Collegiate Alcohol Awareness Week.** The Office of AOD Education provides a week long event educating students on issues related to alcohol. Throughout the week, students have opportunities to attend lectures, workshops, and other events designed to instruct about the risks associated with high risk drinking behavior. The week culminates with an Alcohol Awareness Fair that draws hundreds of students and community members.

## **EVENT SERVICES**

Event Services is located in the north end of the University Center. The primary mission of Event Services is to provide quality facilities and services to meet the needs of the diverse population of the campus community, specifically, VSU departments and registered student organizations. Our secondary mission is to accommodate non-university organizations that provide educational programs or public service events in a manner consistent with the educational goals and mission of the University. The office is also responsible for providing specific guidelines for facilities use, for collaborating with other campus departments on the development of policies regarding campus events, and for making this information available to the public.

Valdosta State University's growing population has led to an increase in campus special events and programs. Because of the higher volume of facility usage, organizations are encouraged to request facility needs at least two weeks in advance. Event Services not only reserves facilities but also coordinates catering, audio-visual, furniture set-up, and other programming needs for events. Our facilities accommodate a wide variety of event types and sizes, including small meetings and conferences. In addition, outdoor venues, gyms, sporting fields, and pools are available. Also super cooker grills, tents, and tablecloths can be reserved through our office. For more information call 229-333-5998 or visit our website at <[www.valdosta.edu/eventservices](http://www.valdosta.edu/eventservices)>.

## **UNIVERSITY CENTER**

University Center-North is a conference facility open daily year-round. This facility provides registered student organizations, VSU departments, and the Valdosta community with state-of-the-art conference space, including several banquet rooms, conference rooms, a large multi-purpose room, and a theatre.

Building managers and event assistants at the Information Desk located in the main lobby oversee events in the building. Open seating lounges and a computer area off the main lobby provide our guests with a relaxed atmosphere in which to conduct business. For added convenience, the University Center-North also has a 150-seat food court with several dining options, including Chic-Fil-A, Sub Connection, and Sky Ranch Grill. Located on the exterior of the building is a 24-hour full-service automated teller machine. For information on scheduling, call Event Services at 229-333-5998 or visit see <[www.valdosta.edu/eventservices](http://www.valdosta.edu/eventservices)>. The Information Desk phone is 229-259-2510.

## **OFFICE OF TESTING**

Numerous standardized tests are administered by the Office of Testing to assist students with their testing requirements. The Valdosta State University Office of Testing is responsible for administering many tests: to entering students for the purpose of admission and placement, to undergraduate students for proficiency, to teacher education majors for certification, and to graduate students for admission to specialized programs. Testing programs designed for students to earn college credit hours by examinations are also available. As a designated national test center, the Testing Office administers testing programs for the Educational Testing Service, The Psychological Corporation, the Law School Admissions Council, The American College Testing Program, the State of Georgia, professional certification agencies, and the University System of Georgia, as well as for other educational and governmental agencies.

The yearly testing calendar offers 27 testing programs with many general and specialized components. Beyond the regular group testing dates, individual test administrations are also given on a weekly or monthly basis.

Prospective registrants should check with the appropriate offices at VSU to determine the required tests needed for admission to a specific discipline and the deadline for test score submission.

The Office of Testing is located in Powell Hall-West, First Floor, Room 1120. You may contact us by telephone (229-245-3878) or at <[www.valdosta.edu/testing](http://www.valdosta.edu/testing)>.

Some tests available to entering students are the CLEP, Defense Activity for Non-Traditional Education Support, eCore testing, the Independent Study Program (ISE) and the Major Field Test for biology and chemistry majors. Some tests required for graduate admissions include the Graduate Record Examinations, the Miller Analogies Test, the Law School Admission Test, the Pharmacy College Admission Test, and the Graduate Management Admission Test. The Test of English as a Foreign Language, the Scholastic Assessment (SAT I & II), American College Testing Program, and Computer-Adaptive Placement Assessment and Support System are administered. Other tests for undergraduate include the Regents' Testing Program, the Professional Assessments for Beginning Teachers Series, the College Level Examination Program institutional basis.

Assessment and certification examinations are also administered for other educational and governmental institutions.

The Office of Testing is located in Powell Hall-East, First Floor. You may contact us at 229-245-3878 or at <[www.valdosta.edu/testing](http://www.valdosta.edu/testing)>.

## **VETERANS AFFAIRS**

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

## **STUDENT CONDUCT OFFICE**

The primary responsibility of the Student Conduct Office (SCO) is to oversee and conduct the student disciplinary process on campus. SCO deals mostly with individual violators but is also called on to assist with groups that violate the Code of Conduct. SCO is located in Room 3106 of the University Union in the Office of the Dean of Students. SCO assists students, staff, and faculty in the determination of the appropriate response needed relative to alleged violations of the Student Handbook's Code of Conduct. For more information, please call 229-333-5941 or visit SCO's webpage at <<http://www.valdosta.edu/judicial/>>.

## **HEALTH PROMOTIONS**

The Office of Health Promotions is located in Centennial Hall 135B. The mission of the office is to empower Valdosta State University students to make healthier lifestyle choices through prevention education. The goal is to provide wellness education through interactive formats and to assist students in connecting with various resources throughout the VSU community. For more information call 229-245-3896.

## **HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE**

The mission of the Office of Housing and Residence Life is to provide affordable quality housing in a safe and secure environment. Our caring and competent staff members are committed to serving students by creating a holistic living and learning community that fosters education, diversity, civic engagement, recreation, and personal growth through programming and leadership opportunities.

Valdosta State University houses approximately 2,950 students on campus in five traditional residence halls, two suite-style halls, and two apartment communities. Traditional residence halls offer double-occupancy rooms and community bathrooms opening onto conventional hallways. Brown, Georgia, Langdale, Lowndes, Patterson, and Reade are the traditional residence halls. The new Georgia Hall and Hopper Hall, suite-style facilities, offer both private and semi-private rooms. The two apartment-style residence halls are Centennial Hall, available for upper-class students, and Converse Hall, available for freshman-year students.

National research shows that freshmen who live in the residence halls tend to experience greater academic and personal success during their college career. Our experience at Valdosta State University has been consistent with these findings. For this reason, VSU has a program for all incoming freshmen to live in the residence halls. After their first year students may choose to live in Centennial Hall or the private (2 person) suites of Georgia and Hopper Halls, if space is available. Our Housing staff strives to pair students together, according to their preferences marked on the housing applications. Students also have the option of rooming with a friend who will also be attending VSU. All students have to do is to mutually request each other by placing their requested roommate name(s) on their housing application. The Housing office does their best to accommodate all requests.

Where you choose to live during your college years is paramount in defining your college experience. Housing and Residence Life provides a distinctive and dynamic

living and learning environment. Campus living is convenient, with all residence halls being just a short walk from classes, labs, the library, entertainment, and dining. But, living on campus is about so much more than just proximity. It is about lifelong friendships, opportunities for involvement and employment, 24-hour staff support, and leadership development. We encourage you to explore all the benefits of campus living.

### **The Role of the Residence Hall Staff**

The Complex Director, Residence Hall Director, and Resident Assistants in your residence hall have been chosen for their ability to facilitate learning and growth. Their primary duties are to encourage and stimulate meaningful activity; to assist residents in working out the problems that occur in group living; to provide information about campus services, activities, and residence hall and university procedures; to perform certain managerial tasks such as check-in, check-out, and property inventory; and to serve as an interested person when someone wishes to discuss matters of personal concern. The Complex Director and Residence Hall Director supervise the Resident Assistants and oversee the activities within the residence hall. This staff member is present to assist you with your needs in the residence hall.

### **Housing Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**

Specially equipped facilities for students with disabilities are available. Students requesting modified housing because of a disability must register with the Access Office for Students with Disabilities in Farber Hall, telephone 229-245-2498. The Access Office for Students with Disabilities will notify Housing and Residence Life of any reasonable accommodations required to meet a resident's housing needs.

### **Residence Hall or Apartment Contract**

The application and contract contain items and conditions of occupancy for which you are legally responsible. Please see those documents for further details. Students are given a key to their room. There is a \$50 replacement charge for a lost key. The university recommends that all students keep their room locked. Residence Halls are locked 24 hours a day, and guests must be admitted by the resident they are visiting.

Housing applications cannot be made until a student has been formally accepted by Valdosta State University. An application fee is required of all students at the time they apply for campus housing. All students are also required to pay a deposit of \$300 by the deadlines established in the Housing Contract to reserve a room in the residence halls. The housing contract outlines conditions under which refunds may be made. All students applying for campus housing will be required to contract for housing for the academic year.

Apartments are available on a limited basis to students who meet the specific requirements. Two- and four-bedroom apartments are available. All utilities are provided. Valdosta State University maintains a list of available off-campus housing in the Office of Housing and Residence Life, located in Powell Hall East. Telephone 229-333-5920. For additional information on Housing and Residence Life at Valdosta State, see the Web page at < <http://housing.valdosta.edu> >.



## **Student Conduct Code**

All rules listed under Student Code of Conduct in the Student Handbook apply to residence hall living. All resident students must also abide by the Community Living Guidelines found on the Housing website and in the Student Success Planner.

The University reserves the right to remove any student from housing who is delinquent in the payment of bills to the University, has demonstrated an unwillingness to abide by the University Code of Conduct and Community Living Guidelines, violates any section of the Housing contract or published Residence Life rules and regulations, or exhibits behavior that is incompatible with the maintenance of order and propriety in the residence halls.

## **Building Security**

The Residence halls are locked 24-hours a day, beginning the first day of class each semester. You may gain admission to your residence hall by using your VSU identification card. For your own protection, nonresidents are not allowed in the halls unless they are guests of residents or are on official business. Students should be aware of this non-trespass policy and should assist the residence hall staff in maintaining the privacy and security of the halls. In order for guests to contact residents, they may call residents from the courtesy phones located outside each residence hall.

The University can assume no responsibility for missing or stolen articles. Parents' insurance policies may cover resident belongings while students are at college. Check with your insurance provider for more information. Students should leave family heirlooms and valuables at home and keep their room locked when they are not present.

The Office of Housing and Residence Life is located on the first floor of Powell Hall East. For more information on Housing and Residence Life, please visit the website at <<http://housing.valdosta.edu>> telephone 229-333-5920 or via email at <[housing@valdosta.edu](mailto:housing@valdosta.edu)>.

## **REGULATIONS**

### **General Expectations**

Inasmuch as Valdosta State University is an institution committed to the quest for knowledge, truth, and wisdom, all students are expected:

- ◆ to examine critically and otherwise to evaluate themselves, their knowledge, and their society;
- ◆ to commit themselves to genuine enlightenment rather than to inflexible adherence to limited knowledge;
- ◆ to respect the regulation and order of the university community, which must exist for real learning to take place;
- ◆ to respect and obey the laws of the State of Georgia and the United States;
- ◆ to respect and obey the Code of Conduct as set forth by the Student Government Association in the University Handbook;

- ◆ to assume full responsibility for their individual and collective actions;
- ◆ to participate seriously and purposefully in campus life as both student and person;
- ◆ to make mistakes because they are “students,” but to profit from these mistakes by maturing eventually into fully-participating, responsible, educated leaders in whatever careers they select.

## **DRUGS**

Valdosta State University, as a regional university within the University System of Georgia and recipient of federal funds, supports and complies with the Drug Free Work Place Act of 1988 and the Drug Free Schools and Communities Act of 1989, and the Drug Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990.

Faculty, staff, and students of Valdosta State University are advised that the unlawful manufacture, distribution, dispensation, possession, or use of illicit drugs and alcohol is prohibited, and violations of this policy will result in appropriate disciplinary action, to include suspension or termination.

Faculty, staff, and students are expected to adhere to the policies of the institution, observe the basic rules of good conduct, and observe all local, state, and federal regulations relative to illegal drugs and alcohol. Violations of such regulations, including misdemeanor or felony convictions during the course of one’s employment or enrollment, will result in appropriate disciplinary action. This policy is subject to modifications, and said changes will be publicized. Questions regarding this matter may be directed to the Office of Personnel or the Office of the Vice President for Student Affairs.

## **STUDENT DISSENT**

Valdosta State University will not permit any demonstrations or protests that would disrupt any academic or regularly scheduled non-academic pursuits. Dissent which is voiced in a constructive way and is manifested in an orderly and peaceful manner is acceptable. Threats, demands, and coercion are not acceptable. All students affiliated with Valdosta State University are expected to abide by the Student Code of Conduct.

## **BOARD OF REGENTS STATEMENT ON DISRUPTIVE BEHAVIOR**

The following is the policy of the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia regarding disruptive behavior in any institution of the University System:

The Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia reaffirms its policies to support fully freedom of expression by each member of the academic community and to preserve and protect the rights and freedom of its faculty members and students to engage in debate, discussion, peaceful and nondisruptive protest and dissent. The following statement relates specifically to the problem described below. It does not change or in any way infringe upon the Board’s existing policies and practices in support of freedom of expression and action. Rather, it is considered necessary to combat the ultimate effect of irresponsible disruptive and obstructive actions by students and faculty which tend to destroy academic freedom and the institutional structures through which it operates.

In recent years, a new and serious problem has appeared on many college and university campuses in the nation. Some students, faculty members, and others have on

occasion engaged in demonstrations, sit-ins, and other activities that have clearly and deliberately interfered with the regular and orderly operation of the institution concerned. Typically, these actions have been the physical occupation of a building or campus area for a protracted period of time or the use or display of verbal or written obscenities involving indecent or disorderly conduct.

These actions have gone beyond all heretofore recognized bounds of meetings for discussion, persuasion, or even protest, in that: (1) acquiescence to demands of the demonstrators is the condition for dispersal, and (2) the reasonable and written directions of institutional officials to disperse have been ignored. Such activities thus have become clearly recognizable as an action of force, operating outside all established channels on the campus, including that of intellectual debate and persuasion which are at the very heart of education.

The Board reaffirms its belief that all segments of the academic community are under a strong obligation and have a mutual responsibility to protect the campus community from disorderly, disruptive, or obstructive actions which interfere with academic pursuits of teaching, learning and other campus activities.

The Board of Regents understands that this policy is consistent with resolutions adopted by the American Association of University Professors in April, 1968, by the Association of American Colleges in January, 1968, and by the Executive Committee of the Association for Higher Education in March, 1968, condemning actions taken to disrupt the operations of institutions of higher education.

The Board of Regents is deeply concerned by this new problem. Under the Constitution of the State of Georgia, under all applicable court rulings, and in keeping with the tradition of higher education in the United States, the Board is ultimately responsible for the orderly operation of the several institutions of the University System and the preservation of academic freedom in these institutions. The Board cannot and will not divest itself of this responsibility. Of equal or greater importance, such action of force as has been described above destroys the very essence of higher education. This essence is found in the unhampered freedom to study, investigate, write, speak, and debate on any aspect or issue of life. This freedom, which reaches its full flowering on college and university campuses, is an essential part of American democracy, comparable to the jury system or the electoral process.

For these reasons and in order to respond directly and specifically to this new problem, the Board of Regents stipulates that any student, faculty member, administrator, or employee, acting individually or in concert with others, who clearly obstructs or disrupts, or attempts to obstruct or disrupt any teaching, research, administrative, disciplinary or public service activity, or any other activity authorized to be discharged or held on any campus of the University System of Georgia is considered by the Board to have committed an act of gross irresponsibility and shall be subject to disciplinary procedures, possibly resulting in dismissal or termination of employment.

**Notification of Rights under the Family Educational Rights  
and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA)  
for Post-Secondary Institutions Dealing with Student Educational Records**

In accordance with the policy of the Board of Regents of the State of Georgia and under the provisions of The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974 (FERPA), Valdosta State University maintains various educational records for each matriculating student. VSU affords students certain rights with respect to these educational records, and these rights include:

1. The right to inspect and review the student's educational records within 45 days of the day the University receives a request for access. Students should submit to the registrar, the dean of the appropriate college, the head of the appropriate academic department, or other appropriate official, written requests that identify the record(s) they wish to inspect. The University official will make arrangements for access and notify the student of the time and place where the records may be inspected. If the records are not maintained by the University official to whom the request was submitted, that official shall advise the student of the correct official to whom the request should be addressed. VSU's official contact person for such record requests is the Custodian of Official Records in the Office of the Vice President for Academic Affairs. There will be a nominal fee for the retrieval and reproduction of any record requests.
2. The right to request the amendment of the student's educational records that the student believes are inaccurate. Students may ask the University to amend a record that they believe is inaccurate. They should write the University official responsible for the record, clearly identify the part of the record they want changed, and specify why it is inaccurate. If the university decides not to amend the record as requested by the student, the University will notify the student of the decision and advise the student of his or her right to a hearing regarding the request for amendment. Additional information regarding the hearing procedures will be provided to the student when notified of the right to a hearing.
3. The right to consent to disclosures of personally identifiable information contained in the student's educational records, except to the extent that FERPA authorizes disclosure without consent. One exception, which permits disclosure without consent, is disclosure to school officials with legitimate educational interests. A school official is a person employed by the University in an administrative, supervisory, academic or research, or support staff position (including law enforcement unit personnel and health staff); a person or company with whom the University has contracted (such as an attorney, auditor or collection agent); a person serving on the Board of Trustees; or a student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his or her tasks.

A school official has a legitimate educational interest if the official needs to review an education record in order to fulfill his or her professional responsibility.

Upon request, the University may disclose education records without consent to officials of another school in which a student seeks or intends to enroll.

Directory information: Valdosta State University publishes student information in the form of directories, programs, etc. Students who desire that directory information not be released without consent should notify the Office of the Registrar. The following is considered directory information unless notification is received to the contrary:

Student's name, address (local and home), telephone listing, date and place of birth, major field of study, participation in officially recognized activities and sports, weight and height of members of athletic teams, dates of attendance, degrees and

awards received, class schedule, photograph, full- or part-time status, e-mail address, and the most recent previous educational agency or institution attended by the student.

Educational records may be furnished to a requesting party in compliance with a judicial order or pursuant to any lawfully issued subpoena.

4. The right to file a complaint with the U.S. Department of Education concerning alleged failure by Valdosta State University to comply with the requirements of FERPA. The name and address of the Office that administers FERPA is: Family Policy Compliance Office, U.S. Department of Education, 400 Maryland Avenue, SW, Washington, DC 20202-4605, (202) 260-3887.

The following are exceptions within FERPA, and students should take note of them:

- a. Students do NOT have access to the financial records of parents of students.
- b. Students do NOT have access to letters of recommendation placed in records prior to January 1, 1975.
- c. Personal records of instructional, supervisory, and administrative personnel are NOT open for review and inspection by students.
- d. The professional records of the institution's medical staff are not open for review and inspection by students. However, physicians or other appropriate professionals of the student's choice can review these records.



## STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Douglas R. Tanner  
Director of Financial Aid  
4121 University Center

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.

This material was prepared in advance of the 2010-2011 academic year and is subject to changes in state or federal laws or regulations.

### 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, located in Langdale Hall West, or visit the Web site at <[www.valdosta.edu/finadmin/human\\_resources/studemp/](http://www.valdosta.edu/finadmin/human_resources/studemp/)>.

**Other Employment.** The Job Location and Development Program, administered through the Career Services, Powell Hall West, 2nd Floor, assists students in obtaining part-time employment off-campus. Web site: <[www.valdosta.edu/career/](http://www.valdosta.edu/career/)>.

## **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/](http://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](mailto: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 and at the end of each spring semester. 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 30th, 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. The HOPE scholarship is limited to 127 paid hours. Paid hours include all hours paid for by the Accel program, HOPE grant program since summer 2003, and the HOPE Scholarship Program.

Full-time enrollment is not a requirement.

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/](http://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. Various criteria are considered, such as SAT or ACT scores and high school 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.**

**Application forms are available at < [www.valdosta.edu/finaid](http://www.valdosta.edu/finaid) >. Students without access to the Web should contact the Office of Financial Aid at 229-333-5935.**

#### **COLLEGE OF THE ARTS**

**Lee M. Bennett Art Scholarship.** This endowed scholarship was created in memory of retired VSU Art Professor Lee M. Bennett, who taught art history, drawing, painting, ceramics, printmaking, and graphics. VSU students majoring in art meeting specific criteria are eligible to apply for this scholarship. The Lee M. Bennett Art Scholarship is renewable. Apply to the Department of Art.

**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.

**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, on the basis of musical ability and potential. Recipients are selected by the Department of Music on the basis of audition.

**LaForrest S. Eberhardt ('28) Scholarship.** Created by the estate of Lieutenant Colonel LaForrest S. Eberhardt, U. S. Navy, Retired, this endowed scholarship assists VSU theatre majors of outstanding ability. Recipients are chosen on the basis of a combination of academic achievement and audition or portfolio presentation. The scholarship is renewable. Apply to the Department of Communication Arts.

**Tammy Lee Fortner Scholarship.** This scholarship, awarded to art majors, honors Tammy Lee Fortner, who graduated from VSC in 1983 with a degree in fine arts. Her parents, Lloyd L. and Tamlin B. Fortner, desired to honor her with a living memorial that would be used for educational purposes. This endowed scholarship is renewable and is awarded on the basis of need and academic merit. Apply to the Department of Art.

**Myrtis A. Howell Music Scholarship.** Established by Leonard R. Howell, Jr., and Myrtis A. Howell, this scholarship funds a scholarship each year to one undergraduate and one graduate student majoring in voice or piano. The undergraduate award recipient must have completed one year at VSU; is chosen on the basis of academic achievement, musical ability and potential, and degree of participation in the Music Department's programs and activities; and must have high moral character. Apply to the Music Department.

**Kay M. Jennett Music and Theatre Scholarship.** This scholarship honors Kay Jennett, an arts enthusiast, and supports the College of the Arts, specifically the Music Department and the Theatre Program and their student-performers. Each year scholarship funds will be divided equally between the two departments, and the Department Head for the Music Department and the Area Head for the Theatre Program shall determine the number of recipients within their departments. First preferences for awardees are as follows: (1) The student shall be an instrumental music major in the Music Department to receive a scholarship from the Music Department or a major in Theatre Arts to receive a scholarship from the Theatre Program; (2) The student shall maintain a minimum of 2.5 GPA. State residency shall not be a determining factor in the selection process. Scholarships are renewable. Recipients may apply for renewal and may be awarded a scholarship continuation at the discretion of the appropriate Department or Area Head, provided the applicant continues to meet the requirements. For application and deadline information, contact the College of the Arts.

**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 12 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.** Refer to the awarding criteria listed in College of Arts and Sciences section.

**Robin Robinson Scholarship.** This scholarship honors the memory of Robin Robinson, (VSC Class of 1982, B.F.A., Theatre) a strong actor with a lovely voice, late son of Maj. And Mrs. Aubrey M. (Robbie) Robinson, Jr. This award supports the College of the Arts, specifically Musical Theatre, and student-performers. Awards will be made annually to male musical theatre student(s). VSU theatre faculty will determine recipient(s) on the basis of an audition. The student(s) shall maintain a minimum 2.5 GPA. Georgia residency shall not be a determining factor in the selection process. Recipients of the scholarship may apply for renewal and may be awarded a scholarship continuation at

the discretion of VSU theatre faculty, provided the applicant continues to meet the requirements. For application and deadline information, contact the College of the Arts.

**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.

**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.

**Annette Howell Turner Center for the Arts Scholarship.** The Lowndes-Valdosta Arts Commission, Inc., began this scholarship to award outstanding art students. Art majors must have completed at least 45 credit hours of study and no more than 90 credit hours of study toward their art major at VSU; pursue at least 12 credit hours per semester and be enrolled in a minimum of one major curriculum class per semester; maintain a 2.7 overall GPA; maintain a 3.0 GPA in major course work; and submit a current grade transcript, a completed application form, a brief essay, and at least two letters of recommendation. Other criteria may apply. Further information and applications are available from the Department of Art.

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

## 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.

**William M. Gabard History Scholarship.** This scholarship honors Dr. William Montgomery Gabard, a member of VSU's faculty from 1948 to 1988. During his years at VSU he was a gifted and inspiring teacher, served for many years as Head of the Department of History, founded the International Studies Program in 1974, and directed that program until his retirement. Students must be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate or graduate degree program in history, have a minimum 3.2 GPA in all history courses taken, and a minimum overall GPA of 3.0. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Mack Varnedoe Greer, Sr., M. D., Scholarship.** Begun by Betty E. Greer to honor her husband, the purpose of this award is to award a pre-med student who is a rising senior with a GPA of at least 3.5 and of outstanding character. The sum of \$500.00 is to be awarded annually. The award may be used for books, fee, tuition, housing, or any other university-related expense. The recipient will be chosen by faculty who advise students

in the pre-med program in consultation with the Foundation Scholarship Committee. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

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

**Andy Koppy Memorial Scholarship.** This annual endowed scholarship was created to honor the memory of Andy Koppy 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.

**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.

**Ola Lee Means Scholarship.** This non-renewable endowed scholarship is offered to outstanding students majoring in a degree program in either the English Department or in a degree program in the College of the Arts. In even-numbered years, the award will be made to a student whose degree is based in the English Department. In odd-numbered years, the scholarship is awarded to a student majoring in a program of study in the College of the Arts. Recipients are selected by the appropriate college or department. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Virginia Anderson Moseman Scholarship.** This scholarship honors Virginia Anderson Moseman and is awarded annually to students who maintain a 3.0 grade point average and are majoring in modern and classical languages at VSU. Awards may be renewed provided the students continue to meet the criteria. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Marsha Paulk Scholarship.** Established by Ray Bowden and Pamela P. Bowden in memory of Pamela Bowden's sister, a former student at VSU. One or more scholarships will be awarded annually to student(s) majoring in biology and pursuing the career goal of becoming physician's assistants. This scholarship is renewable as long as recipient(s) continues to meet the requirements. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Dale H. Peebles Scholarship.** This scholarship honors Dale H. Peebles, former VSU history professor. Recipients must be enrolled full-time in an undergraduate or graduate degree program in history, excelling academically and showing promise of continued success in the discipline. The scholarship is for the sole purpose of defraying expenses

associated with University tuition and fees and shall be for one semester and may be renewed, provided the recipient maintains a 3.2 GPA minimum in all history courses taken and has a minimum overall GPA of 3.0. Scholarship awards shall end if a recipient ceases to work toward a degree in history or is dismissed or suspended. Undergraduate recipients must have a minimum 3.2 GPA in all history courses taken and have a minimum overall GPA of 3.0. Graduate students must be working toward a Master of Arts or other advanced degree in history and have a minimum 3.5 GPA. A beginning graduate student with no graduate courses of record must be a history major of record, have a 3.2 GPA in all history courses taken and a minimum overall GPA of 3.0. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**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 is made to a student majoring in the field of chemistry. In the odd-numbered years, the award is 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**

**Bank of America Scholarship.** This scholarship is awarded on the basis of recommendations by the Dean of the Harley Langdale, Jr., College of Business Administration. Recipient must be pursuing a degree within the LCOBA and have a minimum SAT score of 1000. The scholarship may be renewed for up to 3 years or until the recipient completes the program of study. Renewal of the scholarship requires a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.00 (on a 4.0 scale) at the completion of each academic year. Preference will be given to applicants meeting all or some of the following conditions: Hold permanent residence within VSU's primary service area; be juniors or seniors majoring within the LCOBA; have expressed an interest in entering banking upon graduation. None of these preferences should be viewed as binding to the award of the scholarship. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Belk-Hudson Management Scholarship.** This scholarship provided by Belk-Hudson of Valdosta is awarded to an outstanding management major. The scholarship is renewable, provided the recipient maintains a 2.8 grade point average and is making satisfactory progress toward completion of the B.B.A. degree. Preference is given to VSU students residing within VSU's primary service area. Recipients are selected by the Harley Langdale, Jr., College of Business Administration. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Beth Burnette Finance Scholarship.** Established by R. Bradford Burnette, Ann Bradley Burnette, and Catherine Burnette Hanson to honor Beth Burnette, this scholarship is awarded on the basis of merit and degree status. Recipient is chosen by the Dean of the Harley Langdale, Jr., College of Business Administration. Student must be a rising junior or senior finance major at VSU, must be officially admitted to the Langdale College of Business, must demonstrate a financial need (must have a FAFSA on file with the Office

of Financial Aid). Preference will be given to applicants at risk of losing the HOPE scholarship or who are working their way through school. Scholarship is renewable for up to 2 years. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Citizens Community Bank Scholarship.** Established by Citizens Community Bank, four \$1,000 scholarships are awarded annually on the basis of recommendations by the Dean of the Harley Langdale, Jr., College of Business Administration. Minimum requirements include an SAT score of 1000 and a high school grade point average of 2.8 on a 4.0 scale. Scholarships are renewable, provided recipients continue to meet ongoing requirements. Preference will be given to recipients residing in Lowndes, Brooks, Cook, Echols, or Lanier counties in Georgia. A current FAFSA should be on file. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**James L. Dewar, Sr. –Park Avenue Bank Scholarship.** This scholarship was created to honor Mr. James L. Dewar, Sr. Students who graduated from a high school in Lowndes County, Georgia, and are majoring in Business Administration are eligible. 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 have a major in the College of Business Administration are eligible. This scholarship is renewable. Recipients are selected by the Langdale College of Business. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**First State Bank and Trust Study Abroad Scholarship.** First State Bank established this scholarship to assist a student pursuing a degree within the LCOBA who is participating in a study abroad program. Recipient must have a minimum GPA of 3.0 after completing the sophomore curriculum and be seeking financial assistance for a study abroad program. Awardee receives approximately \$1,000 and is selected by the faculty of the Harley Langdale, Jr., College of Business Administration. Apply to the Langdale College Study Abroad Scholarship Committee.

**Connie C. Fredenberger Scholarship.** Dr. W. B. Fredenberger established this scholarship to honor the memory of his wife, Connie C. Fredenberger. Awards will be made annually to a non-traditional female management major with demonstrated 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.

**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 Langdale College 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 Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Henderson & Godbee Scholarship Fund.** This scholarship is awarded on the basis of merit and degree status. Recipient must be a rising senior accounting student at VSU and maintain a minimum GPA of 3.5 after completing the junior year curriculum in accounting. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Justin T. Hobdy Accounting Scholarship.** This scholarship was created by Cooley and Debbie Hobdy to honor the memory of their son, Justin T. Hobdy, a former accounting student at the Harley Langdale, Jr. College of Business Administration. Recipient must be a junior accounting major, must have demonstrated financial need, and 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.

**J-M-E Accounting Scholarship.** Recipients must meet the following minimum requirements: a) Student must be a rising junior accounting major at VSU; b) Student must have a minimum GPA of 2.8 after completing the sophomore year curriculum. The scholarship may be renewed for up to 3 years or until the recipient completes the program of study as long as the student maintains a 2.8 cumulative GPA. The GPA will be checked by the Dean at the end of each semester. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Steele Scholarship.** The premier scholarship of the Harley Langdale, Jr., College of Business Administration, this 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 include a 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 B.B.A. degree. Recipients are selected by the Langdale College of Business. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Steele Study Abroad Scholarship.** This Scholarship is awarded to assist students majoring in business who are participating in a study abroad program. Students must have a minimum grade point average of 2.8 or have been admitted to the Langdale College of Business and must be seeking financial assistance for a study abroad program. Recipients are selected by the Langdale College of Business. Apply to the Langdale College Study Abroad Scholarship Committee.

**Max Stephenson Scholarship.** Recipients are selected by the Langdale College of Business. Preference is given to business administration majors, who must be in good academic standing. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**M. W. Turner, Jr., and M. W. Turner, III, Business Scholarship.** Established by Turner Furniture Company, this \$2,000 annual scholarship is to be awarded to a rising junior within the Harley Langdale, Jr., College of Business Administration. Recipient must be officially admitted to the LCOBA, must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0, and



must demonstrate a financial need (must have a FAFSA on file). Students who are working their way through school will be given preference. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

## **DEWAR COLLEGE OF EDUCATION**

**Blanton-Price Scholarship for Instructional Technology.** Catherine Garbutt Blanton and Catherine Blanton Price began this scholarship in order to award outstanding instructional technology students. Scholarship recipients will be chosen by the Instructional Technology faculty at VSU. For application and deadline information, contact the Dewar College of Education.

**Ola M. Brown Minority Scholarship.** Established in honor of Dr. Ola M. Brown, who served as Head of the Department of Early Childhood and Reading for several years, this scholarship is designated for a minority student majoring in education and is available to a student with good academic standing and demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA application on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Selection will be determined by the Dewar College of Education Scholarship Committee. For application and deadline information, contact the Dewar College of Education.

**Deserving Student Scholarship.** The Deserving Student Scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Griffin to honor Mary Alice Griffin's long teaching career at VSU. The Scholarship will be awarded to an outstanding education major. Criteria for application include the following: 1) The recipient must be pursuing a bachelor's degree in education; 2) The recipient must have been admitted into the teacher education program; 3) The recipient must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher; 4) Financial need will be one criterion considered, but this factor alone will not determine the scholarship award. For application and deadline, contact the Dewar 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 Dewar 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. Complete HOPE Scholarship Program regulations and a printable application form are available from Georgia Student Finance Commission at <[www.gsfc.org](http://www.gsfc.org)> or call 770-724-9030 or toll-free at 1-800-505-GSFC, or contact the VSU Office of Financial Aid at 229-333-5935 and request a HOPE Promise Scholarship Application.

**Ralph B. Johnson Scholarship.** This scholarship was established by the late Noellene Johnson Moore, a 1935 graduate of Georgia State Women's College, along with her sisters Louise J. Westbrook, Nettie J. Hult, and Nellie J. Spinks to honor their brother, Ralph B. Johnson, who served as principal of Parker Mathis Elementary for 23 years. Awards will be made annually to students who are pursuing a degree in education for the purpose of teaching or educational counseling in public or private schools. For application and deadline, contact the Dewar 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 FAFSA on file). 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.

**Saralynn Sammons Scholarship.** The Saralynn 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 FAFSA on file). Recommendations for this scholarship are made by the Department of Adult and Career Education Scholarship Committee. Apply to the College of Education.

**Valdosta Junior Service League 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 (must have a FAFSA on file). Selection is made by the College of Education Scholarship and Honors Committee. Contact the Department of Communication Sciences and Disorders for 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. Complete a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Valdosta Kiwanis Club Nursing Scholarship.** This nursing scholarship is sponsored annually by the Valdosta Kiwanis Club. 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.** This scholarship was created by the physicians of Southern Ob-Gyn Associates in memory of Dr. Thomas H. Moseley, Sr., to fund tuition support for nursing students enrolled in the upper division nursing major at VSU's College of Nursing. The Executive Board of the College of Nursing will choose the Moseley Scholar recipient on the basis of academic record, financial need (must have a FAFSA application on file with the Office of Financial Aid), and a professional character consistent with high nursing standards. 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 on the basis of academics and financial need (must have a FAFSA on file). 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). 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.

**The Hugh C. Bailey Family Scholarship.** This endowed scholarship honors Dr. Hugh Bailey, President of Valdosta State University from 1978 to 2001, and is also in memory of his mother, Susie Jenkins Bailey. This scholarship supports academic excellence and achievement in every academic discipline through participation in the University Honors Program. Recipients must be full-time students who have been admitted to the Honors Program, have a GPA of at least 3.6 for all courses completed, (including Honors courses taken at VSU), and must have completed between 45 and 75 semester hours (including at least 10 semester hours in the VSU Honors Program). Also, recipients must exemplify the spirit of inquiry and service that characterizes the Honors Program. Recipients are to be chosen by the faculty and other advisors of the Honors Program. For application and deadline information, contact the University Honors Program.

**Maggie Webb Bridges and Michael Anthony Stoddard Fund.** Ms. Mary B. Stoddard established this endowed scholarship to honor her son, Michael Anthony Stoddard, and her sister, Maggie Webb Bridges. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Paul A. Burnette Memorial Scholarship.** This scholarship was established by J. R. and Phyllis H. Burnette to honor the memory of their son, Paul A. Burnette. Scholarship recipient must be a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon Fraternity, have a 2.5 grade point average at the time of application, and have financial need (must have a FAFSA application on file). Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Colquitt EMC (Electric Membership Corporation) Scholarship.** Colquitt EMC Scholars are chosen on the basis of merit and Colquitt EMC member status and are available to undergraduate and graduate students attending VSU. Recipients must have a minimum 2.5 GPA, provide proof of enrollment at VSU, and reside in the household of a Colquitt EMC member. Application forms are available via <[www.colquitemc.com](http://www.colquitemc.com)> or any Colquitt EMC 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.

**Griffin Corporation Scholarship.** Student must demonstrate financial need by providing the necessary documentation to the Office of Financial Aid at VSU; student must maintain a grade point average of at least 2.5 as an entering freshman and while a student at VSU; scholarship may be renewed for up to 4 years as long as criteria are met.

**Ben Jackson Memorial Scholarship.** This scholarship was established to honor the memory of Ben Jackson, a starting baseball player for the VSU Blazers. Recipients of the scholarship are selected by Harold and Patsy Jackson, parents of Ben Jackson. The scholarship will be awarded to graduates of Thomasville, Thomas County Central, or Brookwood High Schools who demonstrate financial need and who have demonstrated high ethical and moral values. Interested applicants should contact their high school guidance counselor during their senior year, before entering VSU. Preference is given to softball and baseball athletes.

**Lorene Joiner Memorial Scholarship.** This endowed scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Thomas, in memory of Mrs. Thomas's mother, Lorene Joiner. The scholarship is to be awarded to a VSU student who is in good academic standing and has financial need (must have a FAFSA application on file). Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Kentucky Fried Chicken of Valdosta, Inc., Scholarship.** Mr. Owen Harris, President, Kentucky Fried Chicken of Valdosta, Inc., endowed this scholarship to assist Kentucky Fried Chicken of Valdosta, Inc., employees. Recipients must be employed by Kentucky Fried Chicken of Valdosta, Inc., with at least one month prior continuous service. To retain the scholarship, the recipient must maintain a job with KFC of Valdosta, working approximately 20 hours per week or more. Recipient must be enrolled for at least nine (9) semester credit hours and must be making satisfactory progress toward a degree. Qualifying applicants should contact their store manager.

**KFC of Nashville and Waycross Scholarship.** Awards shall be made to students who are attending VSU, are employed at the KFC stores in either Nashville or Waycross, and plan to continue employment at no fewer than 15 hours per week for at least one year. Recipients must maintain a “C” average in all courses attempted. Qualifying applicants are to contact their store manager.

**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. The application form is available at <[www.valdosta.edu/finaid](http://www.valdosta.edu/finaid)> from January 1 to March 1 each year.

**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 VSU Air Force ROTC.

**Dick and Margaret Nisbet Scholarship.** Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Nisbet, Jr., endowed this scholarship to assist future generations of students who might otherwise not be able to attend college without financial assistance. Recipients must be VSU students who have demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA application on file). 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 Berrien, Cook, Lowndes, Thomas, or Brooks Counties. This scholarship is renewable. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Roy L. “Butch” Pierce Scholarship.** This scholarship is awarded each year on the basis of academic excellence and financial need, and it may be renewed. Preference is 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). Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Scruggs Scholarships.** Three scholarships are to be funded annually by the Ferrell Scruggs Foundation, Inc. Scruggs Scholarships are awarded based on both merit and financial need. The recipient must have a cumulative 3.0 GPA on all college work, have an active file with the Office of Financial Aid, and not receive institutional scholarships. Preference may be given to applicants residing in Lowndes, Berrien, Brooks, Cook, Echols, or Lanier Counties in Georgia. One scholarship is for a sophomore enrolled in the Regents’ Engineering Transfer Program. This award may be renewed for an additional

academic year if the student has not completed the necessary course work to transfer into the degree program at the Georgia Institute of Technology. Another scholarship is for a junior or senior majoring in management. The third scholarship is for a junior or senior student majoring in marketing or economics. Scruggs Scholarships may be renewed at the discretion of the academic department representatives.

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

**James D. Walker Scholarship.** This scholarship is awarded to a junior transfer student on the basis of academic excellence and financial need (must have a FAFSA on file). 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. Applicants must have a FAFSA on file. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**VSU Minority Alumni Scholarship.** This scholarship was established by the VSU Minority Alumni Association and is awarded to students in good academic standing and demonstrated financial need (must have a FAFSA on file). 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 on file). 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.

**Coach Gary Colson/Colson's Rebels Basketball Scholarship.** This endowed scholarship was established to award one or more scholarships to a men's basketball player or players, with preference given to upperclassmen who have demonstrated, in addition to athletic ability and academic proficiency, exemplary character, leadership potential and community service involvement. Selection is determined by the men's basketball coach and committee members of Colson's Rebels.

**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 Golf 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 on the basis of recommendations from the golf coach and athletic director.

**Dorothy “Jackie” Studstill Harris/ Kiley Len Hill, Jr. (K. J.) Scholarship Fund.**

This endowed scholarship fund awards one or more scholarships to a sophomore, junior, or senior women's basketball player who is from Georgia and has an overall GPA of at least 2.5 and who throughout her VSU career has demonstrated high ethical and moral values. Selection is determined by committee members and the women's basketball coach.

**Tommy Thomas/Page-Pearson Baseball Endowment.** This scholarship was established by F. Lamar Pearson and Nancy Page Pearson to give back to the VSU intercollegiate baseball program, which has meant so much to them and their families. This scholarship honors family members who were and are baseball enthusiasts and honors Coach Tommy Thomas for his dedicated service as a VSU Blazer baseball coach. The scholarship recipient shall be selected by the athletic director or his or her designee and the head baseball coach or his designee.

**Jessie F. Tuggle Scholarship.** The Jessie 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 that

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. 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. Students who are placed on Academic Suspension will be immediately ineligible for aid. The limitation of total hours attempted and the 67% completion requirements will be checked at the end of each semester. Students who are found to be in violation of the limitation of total hours attempted and the 67% completion requirements will receive a warning letter notifying them that they have one semester to graduate or bring their completion rate up to 67%. The grade point average of students who apply during the academic year, the limitation on the total hours attempted, and the 67% completion requirement will be checked as of the end of the last semester attended.

### **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. 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 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 are in good academic standing. Students who lose eligibility for financial aid for failure to complete the required 67% of their courses can apply for reinstatement of their financial aid once their completion rate increases to the required 67%. Students terminated from aid for failure to exit Learning Support within 30 semester hours may apply for a reinstatement of aid after exiting 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 may 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.