



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

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Valdosta State University, as a unit of the University System of Georgia, receives the major portion of its operating funds 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.

Each year Valdosta State University offers two terms of instruction: fall, and spring, which are collectively called the academic year. Another term is offered in the summer. Charges are in accordance with the regulations and schedules set forth below, the basis of which is the number of hours scheduled. These fees are due and payable as an integral part of the registration process, and students should not commence registration without having money sufficient to pay all fees. For a student to be considered in “financial good standing” at this institution all tuition, fees, library, parking, food service, or other fees must be paid in full. The University reserves and intends to exercise the right to withhold copies of education records, cancel the enrollment of students who owe the University money, or pursue collection for unpaid balances.

The University reserves the right to change without previous notice its fees, charges, rules, and regulations at the beginning of any term. This right will be exercised judiciously.

**MATRICULATION FEE SCHEDULE FOR UNDERGRADUATES**  
**August 1999 - July 2000**

These charges are based on currently approved fees converted to semester hours and are subject to change.

**Students taking 12 or more hours:**

Legal Residents of Georgia	\$1,101.00
Non-Residents	\$3,711.00

**Students taking fewer than 12 hours:**

11 hours	
Legal Residents of Georgia	\$1,028.00
Non-Residents	\$3,426.00
10 hours	
Legal Residents of Georgia	\$ 956.00
Non-Residents	\$3,136.00
9 hours	
Legal Residents of Georgia	\$ 884.00
Non-Residents	\$2,846.00
8 hours	
Legal Residents of Georgia	\$ 812.00
Non-Residents	\$2,556.00
7 hours	
Legal Residents of Georgia	\$ 740.00
Non-Residents	\$2,266.00
6 hours	
Legal Residents of Georgia	\$ 668.00
Non-Residents	\$1,976.00
5 hours	
Legal Residents of Georgia	\$ 360.00
Non-Residents	\$1,450.00
4 hours	
Legal Residents of Georgia	\$ 524.00
Non-Residents	\$1,396.00
Fewer than 4 hours (Calculated Per Hour)	
Legal Residents of Georgia	\$ 72.00
Non-Residents	\$ 290.00

All new students who attend summer orientation program will be charged \$45 to cover the related costs.

Matriculation fees for 4 or more hours include student fees for Health (\$63), Activity (\$78), and Athletics (\$95). In accordance with the policies of the Board of Regents, these student fees are assessed students taking 4 or more hours, except those who enroll in all of their courses at Off-Campus Centers. Fees as stated are tentative

and subject to change based on Board of regents policy.

The fee schedule for Graduate Students is printed in the Graduate Bulletin.

**Off-Campus Courses**

Off-campus and on-campus matriculation fees are the same. Health, Activity, and Athletic student fees, however, 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**

Late Registration or Payment Fee:

Failure to register or pay fees by specified payment date ..... \$25.00

Returned Check Fee:

For **each** check ..... \$20.00

**or** (5 percent of the face amount of the check, whichever is greater)

Key Replacement Charge ..... \$25.00

Music Lessons, including use of instrument for practice, per term:

private lessons ..... \$75.00

group lessons ..... \$53.00

Orientation Fee:

charged undergraduates who attend summer orientation program ..... \$45.00

Post Office Box ..... \$6.00

(semester rental for students not living in campus housing and desiring a box)

Transcript Fees 1-5 copies ..... no charge

6th and subsequent copies (each) ..... \$2.00

Priority Fee for Certification Forms/Letters/Transcripts, per copy ..... \$5.00

Electronic transmission (FAX) of **unofficial** transcripts or certification

forms/letters, per copy (Official transcripts cannot be FAXed.) ..... \$10.00

Graduation Fee: Bachelor’s or Graduate Degree ..... \$25.00

(Students who apply for graduation and who do not meet degree requirements must pay appropriate graduation fees again upon re-application.)

Motor Vehicle Parking Permit Annual Permit ..... \$50.00

**PAYMENT OF FEES AT REGISTRATION**

Tuition and fees are due and payable as an integral part of the registration process and must be paid on or before the date of registration. The amount owed is based on the courses for which students are registered, living accommodations on campus, and meal plan selected and is detailed on the registration schedule. Payment is accepted by check, Master Card or Visa, via the mail, drive-thru teller or 24-hour drop box at the University Bursary. Complete payment for tuition, dorm, apartment, meal plan, “Holds,” vehicle registration, etc. must be made to validate registration. The only way registration for classes, campus housing, and meal plan can be activated is by payment of fees

by the designated day. Otherwise, cancellation of registration is automatic. The University is not permitted to have accounts receivable for student fees. It is the students' responsibility to determine the balance due on their account and render payment by the fee payment deadlines. The telephone system is available 24 hrs per day for this purpose. VSU only mails invoices to students whose financial aid does not cover all fees and account charges. However, fee invoices can also be mailed or picked up at the Bursary by request.

Students who have anticipated financial aid should verify their aid is adequate to cover all charges. If aid is adequate, all classes will be automatically validated. **The student is responsible for dropping any classes to avoid unsatisfactory grades and financial liability.**

**No partial payments can be accepted.**

The entire fee payment instructions with deadline dates are included in the Schedule of Class offerings for each term. It is absolutely essential that each student read and adhere to the instructions and dates as stated in each term's fee payment instructions. The Valdosta State University Homepage at <http://www.valdosta.edu> is an additional resource for updated information.

All registration fees, including dormitory and cafeteria, are due upon registration. The following schedule is an example of the cost per term for a full-time student:

	Resident	Non-Resident
Tuition and Student Fees 12 hrs.+	\$1,101.00	\$3,711.00
Dormitory	895.00	895.00
Cafeteria 20 meals/week	995.00	995.00
Estimated cost of books and supplies	375.00	375.00
Estimated Total	\$3,366.00	\$5,976.00

**PROBLEMS WITH PAYMENTS**

Regardless of any problem with the source of funds (Direct Loans, Pell, VA, HOPE, etc.), it is a student's responsibility to have sufficient money to pay tuition and fees by the scheduled date.

**REFUND OF FEES**

**Board of Regents Refund Policy**

Students officially withdrawing from Valdosta State University after paying fees for the term will be issued a 100% refund for tuition, mandatory fees, campus housing, and 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 schedule and corresponding percentages.

**Formal Withdrawal from All Classes:**

After drop/add day but before the end of  
the first 10% (in time) of period of enrollment ..... 90% refund

After the first 10% (in time) of the period of enrollment but before the end of the first 25% (in time) of period of enrollment.....50% refund  
 After the first 25% (in time) of the period of enrollment but before the end of the first 50% (in time) of period of enrollment.....25% refund  
 fund  
 After the first 50% (in time) of the period of enrollment .....no refund  
*(Board of Regents Policy Manual, 704.04)*

Housing fees, post office box fee, and music fees are non-refundable fees. Refund of elective charges upon withdrawing from the institution during a term will be made on a prorated basis determined by the date of withdrawal.

## REFUNDS FOR FIRST-TIME ENROLLED TITLE IV STUDENTS

First-time enrolled students receiving Title IV funds officially withdrawing from Valdosta State University will be issued a 100% refund for tuition, mandatory fees, campus housing, and meal plans, provided the official withdrawal occurs **no later than** the official drop day for refunds. This classification of students (Title IV) officially withdrawing from ALL classes **after** the official drop day will receive a prorated refund based on the following schedule and corresponding percentages, minus an administrative fee of the lesser of 5% tuition, fees, room and board, and other charges assessed or \$100.00

Amount paid for Academic fees, Athletic fees, Health fees, Food Services, and Residence Hall fees:

First Week	Second Week	Third Week	Fourth Week	Fifth Week	Sixth Week
90%	80%	70%	60%	50%	40%

Amount paid for House fee, P. O. Box fee, Music fee

None	None	None	None	None	None
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Withdrawal dates are published each semester in the Schedule of Classes.

It is the student’s responsibility to withdraw officially in accordance with university regulations which are set out in this Bulletin. 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, PLUS, subsidized, Pell, SEOG, other Title IV student assistant programs, HOPE Grant, private scholarships, and finally to the student.

No refunds for reduction in academic loads or student services 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 or fees paid. Students who are asked to vacate their residence hall rooms as a result of disciplinary actions (but who are allowed to continue attending classes) are not eligible for a refund of that term’s room rent.

Additional information about refunds and refund policies are available, upon students’ request, in the Office of Student Accounts in the University Bursary located at 1200 N. Patterson Street, .

## **THE COMMUNITY COLLEGE PROGRAM FOR GEORGIANS 62 AND OLDER**

Georgians 62 years of age and older are eligible to enroll as undergraduates or graduate students on a “space available” basis without paying most of the normal fees or tuition. For complete eligibility requirements and application information, contact the Admissions Office, located at 1413 N. Patterson Street.

### **Rules Governing the Classification of Students as Residents and Non-Residents**

1. (a) If a person is 18 years of age or older, he or she may register as a resident student only upon showing that he or she has been a legal resident of Georgia for a period of at least twelve months immediately preceding the date of registration.  
(b) No emancipated minor or person 18 years of age or older shall be deemed to have gained or acquired in-state residence status for fee purposes while attending any educational institution in this state, in the absence of a clear demonstration that he or she has in fact established legal residence in this state.
2. If a person is under 18 years of age, he or she may register as a resident student only upon a showing that his or her supporting parent or guardian has been a legal resident of Georgia for a period of at least twelve months immediately preceding the date of registration.
3. A full-time employee of the University System and his or her spouse and dependent children may register on the payment of resident fees even though he or she has not been a legal resident of Georgia for the preceding twelve months.
4. Non-resident graduate students who hold teaching or research assistantships requiring at least one-third time service may register as students in the institution in which they are employed on payment of resident fees.
5. Full-time teachers in the public schools of Georgia and their dependent children may enroll as students in the University System institutions on the payment of resident fees.
6. All aliens shall be classified as non-resident students provided that an alien who is living in this country under a visa permitting permanent residence shall have the same privilege of qualifying for resident status for fee purposes as a United States citizen.
7. The president or his authorized representative may waive out-of-state tuition for international students, provided, however, that the number of such waivers in effect at any time does not exceed one percent 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. Such waivers are granted for one year only and must be renewed annually.
8. If the parents or legal guardian of a minor change his or her legal residence to another state following a period of legal residence in Georgia the minor may continue to take courses for a period of twelve consecutive months on the payment of resident fees. After the expiration of the twelve month period the student may continue registration only upon the payment of fees at the non-resident rate.

9. In the event that a legal resident of Georgia is appointed as a guardian of a non-resident minor, such minor will not be permitted to register as a resident student until the expiration of one year from the date of court appointment, and then only upon proper showing that such appointment was not made to avoid payment of the non-resident fees.
10. Military personnel on active duty and stationed in the state of Georgia, as well as their dependents, shall be assessed tuition at the same rates as a legal resident of the state. Persons severing military service shall be considered non-residents, unless they otherwise qualify for resident status.
11. Permanent legal residents of the Florida counties of Hamilton or Madison, and their dependents shall be assessed tuition at the same rates as a legal resident of the State of Georgia upon the presentation of proof of domicile satisfactory to the institution.

**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, Personnel Department, Ashley Hall, 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 their right to classification as a legal resident of Georgia, it is their obligation, prior to or at the time of their registration, to raise the question with the administrative officials of the institution in which they are registering and have it officially determined. The burden always rests with the students to submit information and documents necessary to support their contention that they qualify for instate residency under Regents' regulation.
- B. **Notification Upon Becoming a Non-Resident:** Students who are classified as residents must notify the proper administrative officials of their institution immediately of any change in their residency status.

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

Those non-resident 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 Personnel Department, Ashley Hall, 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 Business Office staff who will rule on the basis of oral evidence and other documentation supporting the petition for 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 non-resident fees 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 from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 8:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Fridays, inside the University Bursary. The hours of service of the Drive-Through at the University Bursary are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and until 5:00 p.m. on Friday. Checks may also be cashed in the Bookstore during the normal hours of business. 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 Returned by the Bank**

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 State Laws of Georgia.

Briefly, the Georgia Code requires the following procedure: The official notice of a returned check will be sent by certified letter instructing the writer either to bring cash or to send a certified check, money order, or cashier's check in the amount of the returned check, plus the returned check fee to the Cashier in the University Bursary to clear the university record. The returned check fee is \$20.00, or 5% of the face amount of the check, whichever is greater. The returned check fee applies to each returned check. If the returned check is for registration fees, the late registration fee of \$25.00 is also assessed. **The law grants ten (10) days from receipt of the official certified letter to tender payment in full for the returned check(s) and the service charges.**

**Unless the full amount is paid within ten (10) days from date of receipt of this letter, the holder of the check or instrument may turn over the dishonored check or instrument and all other available information relating to this incident to the magistrate for the issuance of a criminal warrant or citation or to the district attorney or solicitor for criminal prosecution.** Immediate action will be taken against a person who issues a check on a closed account or who stops payment on a check.

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.

## **SUSPENSION OF STUDENTS FOR CAUSE**

The University reserves the right to suspend 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 in each term's class offering booklet.
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 will be suspended from classes. In each instance, the student will be given proper notice to comply with the housing regulations before action is taken to effect suspension.
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.



## **AUXILIARY SERVICES**

**Mr. James L. Black, Director**

As a part of the Office of Business and Finance, the Auxiliary Services Division is responsible for providing support services to students, faculty, and staff members of the University. The Division includes the Bookstore, Dining Services, 1 Card Services, Parking and Transportation, Vending, Health Services (financial management) and Residence Life (financial management). Administrative offices are located in Room 129 of Converse Hall (phone 912-333-5706; fax 912-333-7419). For information about 1 Card Services, the Bookstore, Dining Services, Health Services, Parking and Transportation, or Residence Life please visit our web pages: <http://services.valdosta.edu/> Additional information about Health Services and Residence Life may be found at <http://www.valdosta.edu/vsu/dept/stuaff/>

Valdosta State University has been defined by the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia as a residential institution. This means that the University must provide on-campus housing and dining service. All 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.” By Regents’ Policy the Auxiliary Services Division is totally self-supporting and receives no State allocations of funds.

## **HOUSING AND RESIDENCE LIFE**

Valdosta State University administers a Freshman Residency Policy which requires that all Freshmen live on campus. To be exempted from this requirement, a student must apply for exemption and meet one of the following criteria: thirty semester hours of earned academic credit and sophomore status, age nineteen by September 30 of the current academic year, or residing with parent(s), spouse, or legal guardian. Exemption forms are available at the Office of Housing and Residence Life (912-333-5920).

### **Housing Application and Contract**

The Housing Application and Contract are sent to students after their acceptance to the University. Housing applications may be submitted only after the student has been formally accepted by Valdosta State University. All students applying for campus housing will be required to contract for housing for the academic year. All students who plan to live in campus housing must pay an application fee of \$25.00 when they submit their Housing Application and Contract. Additionally, each student must pay a \$300.00 reservation fee by the deadline established in the Housing Contract. This reservation fee is applied to the student's spring semester rent. The housing contract outlines conditions under which refunds may be made. Occupancy of a room is terminated at the end of each spring semester. Students currently enrolled should obtain an application for housing at the Office of Housing and Residence Life, located at 104 Georgia Avenue.

Refer to the housing contract for specific terms and conditions. Please read the contract carefully: it constitutes a fully binding legal agreement with the University. Any resident desiring release from the contract prior to the conclusion of the academic year must complete a *Request for Release from Contract*, available in Office of Housing and Residence Life.

### **Residence Hall Schedule**

The rate of \$895 per semester for 1999-2000, which includes the House Activity Fee and Post Office Box Fee, is in effect for each of the residence halls operated by the University. This rate is based on dual occupancy. The University reserves the right to require students to accept dual occupancy or, if a private room is available and requested, to pay an additional private room fee. It is the University's option to close any of its residence halls in any given semester or to reassign students to rooms at any time. Rates for future academic years will be posted on our web pages and available on campus once the rates have been established.

## Apartments

Converse Hall apartments are available at the following rates (including House Fee [\$17] and Post Office Box Fee [\$6] ) to students who are 19 years of age.

Efficiencies (one person only) .....	\$1,242
One Bedroom (one person only) .....	\$2,127
(two people, \$1,075 each) .....	\$2,150

Rent is assessed on a semester basis and must be paid in full as part of the registration process at the beginning of each semester. Rates include all utilities. Rates for future academic years will be posted on our World-Wide Web pages and available on campus once the rates have been established.

## DINING SERVICES

Dining Services provides a nutritionally balanced, appealing selection of foods to meet the varying dietary needs, desires, and lifestyles of its customers. The Palms Dining Center, located between Hopper Hall and Langdale Hall on the main campus, houses the administrative offices of Dining Services and serves all meal plan holders. All students who live in residence halls are required to purchase a basic meal plan each semester. All students, faculty, and staff may purchase meal plans; individual meals may be purchased at reasonable prices.

Dining Services programs are as follows:

Board Plan A .....	\$995
Breakfast, lunch, and dinner Monday through Saturday; breakfast and lunch on Sunday	
Board Plan B .....	\$975
Any two meals Monday through Saturday; breakfast and lunch on Sunday	
Board Plan C .....	\$1,085
Ten meals a week (7 days), with \$300 credited to a discretionary account.	
A la carte Meal Service (valid at all Dining Services locations)see below	
Available to students officially ranked as sophomores or above; minimum deposits are as follows:	
Sophomores, Juniors, Seniors .....	\$500 minimum
may be increased in \$25 increments up to \$1,000.	
Off-campus .....	\$50 minimum.

Each purchaser of a meal plan will receive a coded meal card, which is validated each semester with the applicable meal plan. A replacement meal card costs \$15.00.

The Blazer Grill (University Union) and The Food Court (University Center) feature daily breakfast and luncheon specials, plus a variety of snack items. The Oasis Snack Bar (Education Center) serves short order items and a full line of snacks. The Night Owl Convenience Store is in Langdale Hall.

## **BOOKSTORE**

The VSU Bookstore (University Union) provides quality products and services to enhance the educational and social experiences of the students, faculty, and staff of the University. In addition to providing all course-related textbooks and materials, the Bookstore offers stationery, limited fraternity and sorority items, imprinted clothing, personal computers, and software. Graduation announcements and class rings are also available through the Bookstore. The Bookstore sponsors a textbook buy-back service during the first three days of class and at the end of the semester during final examinations.

The average semester cost for all course-related textbooks, materials, and supplies is approximately \$375, depending on the student's designated area of study.

## **HEALTH SERVICES**

The Farber Health Center is a 9-bed infirmary located adjacent to Langdale Hall. Staffed by a physician, a physician's assistant, registered nurses, a pharmacist, and a medical technologist, it is open 24 hours a day while the University is in session and provides health care for students who register for six or more credit hours. All students living in campus housing regardless of the number of hours in which they are enrolled are required to pay the Health Fee.

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, and influenza.

## **PARKING AND TRANSPORTATION**

All motor 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 which 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 Office. Detailed information about parking lots and instructions is 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 will be in effect and uniformly enforced at all times. Citations will be issued for infractions of parking policies. Fines may be paid at the Departmental Office at 114 Georgia Avenue (912-293-PARK).

VSU operates a shuttle bus service. A Blazer Express Shuttle Guide, available at the Parking & Transportation Office, indicates stops, routes, and operating hours. Maps may also be found at each bus stop and on our web pages.

### **“VSU 1Card” SERVICES**

The VSU1 card is a multipurpose identification and on-line debit card. It is an important part of every student’s life. It may be used to make purchases at the VSU1 card office, Dining Services, Parking and Transportation, and the VSU Bookstore once a deposit has been made and the FLEX account has been activated. The FLEX account allows access to most types of financial aid for Bookstore purchases. It does not accrue interest and no cash refunds are given. Refund checks are limited to one per semester. The VSU1 card is necessary to access a meal plan, enter your residence hall, be admitted to athletic events, check out library material, obtain services at Student Health, vote in SGA elections, cash or write checks and to use facilities at the student union.

VSU1 cards contain a photograph of the student which is made during orientation or registration. VSU1 cards are issued at the P.E. complex during the registration dates of the student’s first semester **after** payment of current semester fees. A photo ID must be presented to obtain the card. Each subsequent semester, the VSU1 card must be presented at registration for validation by Financial Services Cashiers and Dining Services. Initial VSU1 cards are issued at no cost to the student. Lost cards **must** be replaced and will cost \$15.00

The VSU1 card is the property of the University and must be surrendered to University officials by the student upon request. Students are responsible for controlling their VSU1 and must have it in their possession at all times. The VSU1 cards must be presented, upon request, to any University official. Use of the VSU1 card is restricted to the individual to whom it is issued. Any misuse of the VSU1 card will result in deactivation and account closure.



## STUDENT FINANCIAL AID

Mr. Tommy Moore  
Director of Financial Aid

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. Financial aid is awarded only to eligible students who have been admitted to the University. The financial aid application and financial statement may be submitted at any time after the applicant has applied for admission.

Financial aid applications are accepted as long as resources permit, and priority is given to those submitted by May 1.

This material was prepared in advance of the 1998-1999 academic year and is subject to change because of 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 Federal Need Analysis 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. A Federal Need Analysis is required.

**Student Incentive Grant (SIG).** Gift aid, no repayment required. Available to undergraduate students who show financial need, who have not received a bachelor's degree and who are legal residents of Georgia. A Federal Need Analysis is required. Many states have Incentive Grant Programs available to students attending schools located out of state. If you are not a Georgia resident and wish to apply for a grant through your home state, contact the VSU Financial Aid Office.

**Vocational Rehabilitation Assistance.** Vocational Rehabilitation provides assistance to students with physical limitations. Usually fees are paid for eligible students, but in cases of substantial need, students may be considered for the **Appleby Scholarship**.

Apply through your local office of Vocational Rehabilitation, a division of the Department of Human Resources.

## **OTHER FEDERAL PROGRAMS**

**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.

**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, 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 VSU Office of Veterans Affairs.

**Health Professionals Educational Assistance Programs.** The Veterans Affairs Office also administers a **Scholarship Awards Program**, which provides awards on a competitive basis for undergraduate and graduate students in health care shortage categories (nursing, physical therapy, occupational therapy, and nurse anesthesia). Another program is the **Reserve Member Stipend Awards**, which provides aid for students who are (1) in the last year of an associate degree program in nursing or (2) in either the third or fourth year of a master program in nursing, physical therapy, or occupational therapy. Qualification details and obligation requirements are available from the VSU Office of Veterans Affairs.

## **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 Stafford/Ford Loans and (2) Federal Direct Unsubsidized Stafford/Ford Loans. The Federal Direct 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.



**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 quarter, 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.

## **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 (OFA). 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 the Student Employment Services Office, located in Powell Hall.

## **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 May 1.

### **STATE-WIDE SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

**Board of Regents.** Institutions nominate candidates to the Board of Regents of the University System of Georgia. To be eligible for consideration, students must rank academically in the upper 25% of their college class and demonstrate financial need. Recipients may repay in cash or by working in Georgia. Federal Need Analysis re-

quired. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by requesting a Board of Regents 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.

**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 (\$100 for 6 hours or more; \$50 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 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 30<sup>th</sup> or 60<sup>th</sup> attempted hour are eligible to participate in the Program;

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 30<sup>th</sup>, 60<sup>th</sup>, and 90<sup>th</sup> attempted hour;

If you lose the HOPE Scholarship after your Freshmen year because your grade point average drops below a 3.0, you are eligible to reapply for the HOPE at the 60<sup>th</sup> 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, WP, I, IP, U, S, V;

HOPE regulations for students from public institutions are different for students from private and technical institutions.

Full-time enrollment is not a requirement;

The income cap has been eliminated.

All students who meet the HOPE Scholarship eligibility requirements and wish to apply for the HOPE Scholarship are required to complete the FAFSA, the VSU Institutional Application for Financial Aid and provide any additional documents as requested by the OFA for verification purposes. Be sure to mark “Yes” to the question regarding your desire to be considered for the HOPE Scholarship in the VSU Institutional Application for Financial Aid which is to be returned to the Office of Financial

Aid.

For specific questions, please contact the HOPE Scholarship Coordinator, in the OFA at VSU (912-333-5935), or contact the GSFA at 1-800-546-HOPE.

**Wine and Spirits Wholesalers of Georgia Scholarship.** Funded by the Georgia Distilled Spirits Institute, Inc. Applicants must be undergraduate students who demonstrate superior academic achievement, good citizenship, and financial need. This scholarship is awarded on a rotating basis between the various institutions through out the State of Georgia. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid. Applications are normally available by March 15.

## UNIVERSITY-WIDE SCHOLARSHIPS

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

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

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

**Melvene D. Hardee Scholarships.** Provided from funds donated to the Valdosta State University Foundation by the estate of Dr. Melvене D. Hardee. Dr. Hardee was Professor Emerita of Educational Leadership at Florida State University. Scholarship recipients are selected by the VSU Office of Admissions.

## SCHOLARSHIPS BASED ON MAJOR

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

**College of the Arts**

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

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

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

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

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

**Bernard L. Linger Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship.** This endowed scholarship was created to honor the memory of Bernard L. Linger and is awarded to a sophomore, junior, or senior majoring in music, art, or communication arts. The recipient must have carried a minimum of fifteen (15) credit hours per quarter or semester equivalent during the year prior to application and must have maintained an overall 3.5 GPA. The scholarship value is dependent on income generated on the corpus of the scholarship fund. 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 Office of Financial Aid.

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

**Louise Sawyer Theater Scholarship.** This scholarship fund established in memory of Louise Sawyer is awarded to a student pursuing a degree in theater arts. Recipients 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.

### **College of Arts and Sciences.**

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

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

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

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

### **College of Business Administration**

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

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

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

**John Henry Dorminy Scholarship.** A full tuition scholarship provided from the Dorminy Trust Fund. Incoming Freshmen at VSU who will be majoring in the School of Business Administration are eligible. This scholarship is renewable for up to four

years if the student maintains a cumulative GPA of 3.00 or higher. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Georgia Gulf Sulfur Business-Athlete Scholarship.** This scholarship established by the Georgia Gulf Sulfur Corporation to recognize outstanding performance in the classroom and the field of competition is awarded to an incoming freshman at Valdosta State University, majoring in a School of Business discipline, and participating in one of VSU's intercollegiate athletic teams. A minimum 950 SAT is required, and the scholarship can be renewable up to three additional years if the student maintains a minimum 2.5 GPA, continues to pursue a School of Business degree program, and continues to participate in one of VSU's intercollegiate athletic teams. Applications are due May 1. Apply to the OFA by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

## **College of Education**

**Gail Aberson Scholarship.** This endowed scholarship was created to honor the memory of Gail Aberson, to assist teachers at the graduate level in their professional development/certification as Teacher Support Specialists (Mentors) and science teachers K-12. The award will provide assistance to teachers from member school systems in the Okefenokee RESA. Qualified recipients may contact the School of Education for application information.

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

**Vicky Lynne Foshee Scholarship.** This endowed scholarship was created to honor the memory of Vicky Lynne Foshee, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Donald P. Foshee. The scholarship is to be awarded to a graduate student enrolled in the Industrial/Organizational Psychology Program. It may be renewed by completing at least 10 hours per quarter with a "B" or better GPA. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Eva Carroll Herndon Scholarship.** This scholarship is available through funds provided by Mr. And Mrs. James L. Dewar, Sr., in memory of Mrs. Dewar's mother, Eva Carroll Herndon. Preference is given to those students whose career objective is in the field of education, arts and sciences (pre-med), nursing, or the ministry. To qualify, one must have a "C+" or better GPA and demonstrate financial need (must have a FASFA, Free Application for Student Financial Aid, on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**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-Voca-

tional Education program, who have completed 50 semesters hours, have a minimum GPA of 2.5, and have demonstrated financial need (must have a Free Application for Student Financial Aid, FASFA, on file with the Office of Financial Aid). The scholarship is renewable for one year if the recipient maintains the 2.5 GPA. Selection is made by the Department of Vocational Education Scholarship Committee.

**HOPE TEACHER and HOPE PROMISE Scholarships** are also funded by the Georgia Lottery for Education and are components of the HOPE Scholarship Program.

**HOPE PROMISE Scholarship.** 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 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.

**HOPE TEACHER Scholarship.** This scholarship provides financial assistance to teachers, counselors, and individuals who are seeking advanced degrees in critical fields of study. 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.

If you need additional information about the **HOPE PROMISE** or **HOPE TEACHER** Scholarships, please call the Georgia Student Finance Authority at (404) 414-3085 or toll-free at 1-800-546-HOPE.

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

**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 Speech and Language Pathology, who has completed 50 semester hours, has a minimum 3.0 GPA, and has demonstrated financial need (Applicants must have a Free Application for Student Financial Aid, FASFA, application on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Selection is made by the College of Education Scholarship and Honors Committee.

**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.

## College of Nursing



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

**Eva Carroll Herndon Scholarship.** See awarding criteria listed in School of Education section.

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

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

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

## **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. Students on ROTC scholarship are also eligible to apply for a Stafford Loan through the Air Force Aid Society. For further information contact the Air Force ROTC, VSU.

**Valdosta State University Alumni Scholarship.** Provided by the Valdosta State University Alumni Association. Awarded to one beginning Freshman annually. Contact the Office of Financial Aid, request an Alumni Scholarship Application.

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

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



VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Louise S. Chastain Scholarship.** This fund was established by Mrs. Chastain to offer one or more scholarships to students pursuing the Masters in Social Work. Preference is given to residents of Thomas County, Georgia. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Griffin Corporation Scholarship.** The Griffin Corporation has established this endowed scholarship to assist the dependent child of a Griffin Associate. Incoming freshman, as well as students enrolled at VSU, with a Griffin employed parent, are eligible for this scholarship. This scholarship is renewable if the student maintains a 12 credit hour enrollment at VSU, a 2.0 GPA, is making satisfactory progress toward a degree, and the parent is maintaining employment with the Griffin Corporation. Applications are available through the Griffin Corporation Human Resources Department, and are due April 1.

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

**Lorene Joiner Memorial Scholarship.** This endowed scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. John W. Thomas, in memory of Mrs. Thomas' mother, Lorene Joiner. The scholarship is intended to benefit students with demonstrated financial need (must have a Free Application for Student Financial Aid, FASFA, application on file with the Office of Financial Aid). Apply through the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Harley and Eileen Langdale Employee Dependent Scholarship.** Dependents of Langdale company employees are eligible to apply for this full tuition scholarship. The recipient must maintain a 2.7 overall GPA, with a 3.0 GPA on major course work. The Scholarship is renewable, but must be reapplied for each year. Scholarship applications are available through the Langdale Human Resources/Personnel Office.

**Clare Philips Martin Scholarship.** This scholarship is available to a student currently enrolled at VSU who has completed no less 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 Quarter. The deadline for application is April 1, apply to the Office of Financial Aid, request a Clare Philips Martin Scholarship Application.

**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. The VSU Office of Financial Aid and ROTC Detachment 172 will distribute and receive applications for scholarships.

**Roy L. "Butch" Pierce Scholarship.** Awarded each year based on academic excel-

lence and financial need. May be renewed. Preference given to residents of Seminole County, Georgia, and the surrounding area. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Walter R. and Dorothy S. Salter Scholarship.** This fund provides scholarships for undergraduate students enrolled in a pre-medical program of study. Recipients are selected by the trustee of the estate of Mrs. Salter. Application can be made to the Office of Financial Aid by completing the VSU General Scholarship Application.

**Barbara Pearlman Soshnick Scholarship.** This endowed scholarship was created by the parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Pearlman, to honor the memory of their daughter. This scholarship is awarded by the VSU Office of Financial Aid to a deserving student with demonstrated financial need. Apply to the Office of Financial Aid by completing a VSU General Scholarship Application.

**James D. Walker Scholarship.** Awarded to a junior transfer student. Based on academic excellence and financial need. 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.

## **ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT SCHOLARSHIPS**

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

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

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

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

## **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 Bulletin 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 placed on academic suspension at the end of their last quarter of attendance are not eligible for financial aid.

**Quantitative.** In addition to maintaining the specified grade point average, students receiving financial aid must complete their degree in accordance with certain criteria and successfully complete a minimum percentage of credit hours each academic year.

At Valdosta State University, the maximum number of hours allowed is 150% of the number of semester hours required to earn the degree. Examples: Students pursuing a degree which requires 120 semester hours may not receive financial aid after they have attempted 180 hours. If the degree requires 130 semester hours, students will be expected to have earned the degree after having attempted no more than 190 hours.

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

## **Graduate Students**

In addition to the quantitative standards required of undergraduates, graduate students must maintain a cumulative grade point average of not less than 2.5 in order to be eligible for financial aid.

## **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, remedial courses, or developmental study courses..

## **Monitoring of Satisfactory Progress**

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

previous spring semester.

## **Summer Semester**

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

## **Transfer Students**

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

## **Repeated Courses, Remedial Courses, Withdrawals, and Incompletes**

Students should be careful in repeating courses, as all attempts at a course are counted in the maximum hours allowed to obtain a degree. Students are also reminded that withdrawing from a course does not count as successful completion and does not count in the required 67% completion rate each academic year. Incompletes also do not count as the successful completion of a course, and excessive incompletes can result in the termination of financial aid. Students can receive financial aid for no more than 30 hours of remedial course work (including remedial courses and courses to satisfy deficiencies in the College Preparatory Curriculum). However, students required to take remedial course work may have their eligibility extended by the number of remedial hours taken, up to a maximum of 30 hours.

## **Reinstatement of Aid**

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

Students terminated from aid because of academic suspension or failure to complete 67% of their courses in an academic year may apply for reinstatement of aid after they have completed 9 or more semester hours with a grade point average of at least 2.0, at their own expense, at Valdosta State University.

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

Graduate students may request aid at any time their cumulative GPA reaches 2.5.

## **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.