December 15, 2015

Happy holidays from Student Financial Services.

As the fall semester winds down, it is time to look ahead to our March 1st financial aid deadline. To ensure that you will be considered to receive all forms of financial aid (federal grants and loans, state grants and institutional grants and loans, including AccessUVA scholarships), you MUST complete BOTH the 2016-2017 CSS/PROFILE (Profile) and the 2016-2017 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) no later than March 1, 2016. If you believe that you will have difficulty meeting the March 1, 2016, deadline for the Profile and FAFSA applications for any reason, please contact our office now for further guidance.

It is critical that you complete BOTH Forms (Profile and FAFSA). Please note:

--For rising 3rd and 4th year students, the Profile is the same application you completed your first year, and replaces the University Financial Aid Application that you completed in other years.

--For rising 2nd-year students, the Profile is the same application you completed last year in addition to the FAFSA, so the application should be familiar to you and/or your parents.

Again, we must have BOTH applications in our office by March 1st for you to be considered an on-time applicant.

You or your parent can complete the Profile at https://student.collegeboard.org/css-financial-aid-profile. The Profile is available now. The FAFSA, available after January 1, 2016, can be found at http://fafsa.gov. Remember, BOTH applications must be completed and submitted to us by March 1, 2016, in order for you to be considered on time for financial aid, so don't delay.

Students who complete their financial aid applications after March 1, 2016, will still be considered for federal financial aid. If you will not complete your tax returns prior to the deadline for these applications, use your best estimates for the required information. It is far better that you complete the applications on time with estimates than that you submit your information late because you were waiting until you had exact numbers. We'll continue to remind you throughout January and February about the March 1, 2016, deadline.

If you have any other questions about applying for financial aid, please write to us at sfs@virginia.edu or call us at (434) 982-6000.

Sincerely,

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