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Subject: Summer Financial Aid Info

Greetings from Student Financial Services.

As we approach the end of the spring term, your thoughts may be turning to Summer Session and the possibility of taking classes on-Grounds in one or more of the sessions. We wanted to make you aware of the process for applying for financial aid for the summer, in the event that you are considering enrolling.

The first step is for you to complete the Summer On-Grounds Financial Aid Application, found at http://sfs.virginia.edu/forms/2016. We will not review your financial aid eligibility for summer without this completed form on file with our office.

The second step is to enroll in your course or courses (at least 6 credit hours) at your earliest opportunity to do so. Once you have enrolled in at least 6 credit hours and we can match that up with your Financial Aid Application, we can review your eligibility for grants and Federal Direct Loans.

Grant funding for summer is extremely limited. If you receive grants during the academic year, you might not receive them for the summer. Every student is reviewed first for grant eligibility and then for loan eligibility. If you end up not qualifying for grants, and if you have already used your Federal Loan eligibility for 2015-2016 during the academic year, you may be eligible for private education loans or a Parent PLUS Loan only for the summer.

Regardless of what your summer financial aid award is, if you later decide that you do not want to take classes in Summer Session, you must drop the class(es) by the first class meeting to avoid incurring the financial responsibility of having to pay for the class(es). Also, we ask that you notify Student Financial Services if you choose to drop your summer classes.

Please note that if you wait to start the process for obtaining a private loan or a Parent PLUS Loan until later in the summer, you may have a financial hold on your account from your summer charges that could prevent disbursement of your fall term financial aid. Therefore, if you do plan to obtain a private loan or a Parent PLUS Loan, we recommend that you start the process as soon as possible.

As always, if you have any questions about your eligibility or about the financial aid process for summer, please contact us at sfs@virginia.edu or at (434) 982-6000, and we will be happy to help.

Thank you from Student Financial Services.

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