



Stony Brook University

Financial Aid and Scholarship Services

FINANCIAL AID “TO DO” CHECKLIST FOR NEW STUDENTS



To be considered for financial aid you must first be admitted to a degree granting program at the University.

Early January

- Complete your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at: <http://www.fafsa.ed.gov>
 - Include Stony Brook’s Federal School Code: 002838
- New York State Residents must complete the New York State’s Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) application at: <http://www.hesc.org>
 - Include Stony Brook’s State School Code: 0875

Early March

- Log into SOLAR at: <http://www.stonybrook.edu> and check your “To Do List Items” to see if additional documentation is required to finalize your award package.
 - If action is required, respond promptly to avoid packaging and disbursement delays.
 - Forms can be downloaded on our [forms page](#).

Mid March

- Log into SOLAR at: <http://www.stonybrook.edu> and check your “To Do List Items” to see if any further information is required.
 - Your financial aid package is available when you see “FA Award Response”. Click the link which provides information on how to view, accept, and decline your awards.
 - Review terms and conditions of your awards by clicking “Award Detail” link when reviewing awards.
 - If you don’t see an award notification, check the “To Do List Detail” for instructions.
 - For assistance contact your associated [financial aid office](#).

Mid April

- If you filed your FAFSA using income estimates, update your FAFSA application with the income information from your current completed federal tax return.



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Mid June

- Log into SOLAR at: <http://www.stonybrook.edu>

If you have accepted student loans, you may be required to complete on-line entrance counseling and a MPN (Master Promissory Note). Check your “To Do List Items” to see if any action is required.

July/ August (After student has attended orientation and is fully registered for classes)

- Log into SOLAR at: <http://www.stonybrook.edu> > STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES LINK. Click: Financial Aid to review your awards.

If you are eligible for TAP you should now see both a fall and spring TAP award (a TAP estimate is not an actual award) – If you still have a TAP estimate call 1-888 NYS-HESC and ask why Stony Brook University does not yet have your TAP award information.

- Accept or decline all financial aid offered and review aid against semester charges.

- Log into SOLAR at: <http://www.stonybrook.edu> > STUDENT FINANCIAL SERVICES LINK. Click: Account Summary/What do I owe?”

- Review your billing statement to make sure that it reflects all of the Tuition and Fee charges for your current semester enrollment status.

- If you are living on campus and have signed up for a meal plan your bill should include Room and Meal Plan Charges

If you would like to pay the balance due in monthly installments you can sign up for the Time Option

- Payment Plan (TOPP) to arrange a payment plan. Additional information about TOPP can be found on the Bursar's Webpage at: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/bursar/topp.shtml>
- Information about SBU Parent Loan processing can be found on our Parent’s Web Page at: <http://www.stonybrook.edu/commcms/finaid/finaidbasics/parents.html>

Stay up-to-date on the status of your financial aid by logging into SOLAR and checking your “To Do List Items” and emails from the Financial Aid and Scholarship Services on a regular basis throughout the year

