

Financial Aid Checklist

September

- Complete Admissions Application**
 - Many scholarships are automatically awarded based upon information provided when you apply for admissions (such as grade point average)
- Complete the SIU General Scholarship Application**
 - Students must be admitted to the university to be considered for scholarship opportunities

October

- File the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)**
 - The FAFSA is available on October 1st of each year.
 - Once it is available, complete your FAFSA for the appropriate academic year as soon as possible to ensure maximum aid eligibility
 - To complete the 2024-2025 FAFSA use 2022 tax information
 - To complete the 2025-2026 FAFSA use 2023 tax information
 - Make sure you put Southern Illinois University Carbondale's Federal School Code (001758) on your FAFSA
 - Three to ten days after completing your FAFSA (if you filed electronically) you will receive an email with a link to your **FAFSA Submission Summary**
 - The **FAFSA Submission Summary** condenses all the information on your FAFSA for you to review
 - Carefully check for errors and make corrections to your FAFSA if necessary
- Submit Verification Documents, if selected**
 - Verification is a process to ensure all the information on the FAFSA is accurate
 - Verification forms will be mailed through the United States Postal Service
 - Federal tax information will be required
 - Signed copy of your Federal Tax Return
 - Check your email frequently
 - Check your SalukiNet for all outstanding requirements

December

- Make Sure You Have Completed the General Scholarship Application**

February

- Financial Aid Offer Notices Are Issued**
 - New and transfer students will receive their offer notice through SalukiNet
- Follow up with the Financial Aid Office Regarding Unsatisfied Requirements**
 - Documentation should be submitted as soon as possible so that you can be sure to have your financial aid when classes begin
 - SalukiNet shows all outstanding requirements
- Sign Up for New Student Orientation**
 - Register online at orientation.siu.edu

May

- Read and Accept the Terms and Conditions of your Financial Aid Offer**
- Accept or Reject your Federal Direct Loans**
- Complete Entrance Loan Counseling and Master Promissory Note for Accepted Loans**
 - For the Unsubsidized and Subsidized Loans, this can be done at studentaid.gov

July

- Review your Bursar Bill**
 - Bills are posted to SalukiNet the 15th of every month
 - Visit bursar.siu.edu for billing information
- Sign Up For Direct Deposit**
 - This can be done on SalukiNet and will allow any refund for which you are eligible to deposit directly into your bank account
- If Needed, Consider Additional Financial Aid Options**
 - Compare charges to aid offered to see if you may need additional loans to help with the cost of attending SIU
 - Remember, Federal Work Study will not pay toward your bill; do not include this amount when comparing charges to financial aid offers
 - If you do need additional loans, you have the following options:
 - For Dependent Students: Parent PLUS Loan – Your parent can apply for a Parent PLUS Loan online at studentaid.gov
If approved, your parent needs to fill out a Master Promissory Note online at studentaid.gov
 - For All Students: Private Loan information – <https://fao.siu.edu/types/loans/private.php>

August

- Pay Bill**
 - The bill will be due on August 10th.
 - Pay any remaining balance that was not covered by financial aid or sign up for the Payment Plan to avoid late fees
- The Saluki Family Welcomes you to Campus**
 - Check out the activities available during Saluki Start Up and the Weeks of Welcome!