Graduate Financial Aid

Office of Financial Aid

The Office of Student Financial Aid supports the mission of the University by seeking to assist qualifying students and their families in reducing financial barriers that might prohibit their participation in the education programs offered by Old Dominion University. Provide exemplary customer service; deliver funds in a timely and equitable manner; support enrollment and retention by identifying and obtaining resources and ensure federal, state and institutional policies and regulations are adhered. We also strive to educate students, their parents, the community and our colleagues to ensure informed financial decisions are reached. The office administers need-based financial aid programs funded by Federal, State, University, and private sources in the form of grants, Federal Direct Subsidized loans, Federal work-study programs, and both merit-based and need-based scholarships. In addition, the office administers the William D. Ford Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan program and the Federal Direct PLUS loan program, both of which are non-need-based federally-supported sources of funding. Alternative loan options are also available.

Financial resources are available to assist Old Dominion University graduate students with their educational costs. Most stipends awarded to graduate students are insufficient for meeting all living expenses; therefore, other sources of income are necessary. Financial sources for graduate students typically include teaching, administrative and research assistantships, fellowships, tuition grants (all administered through the academic colleges) as well as Federal Direct Stafford Loan Programs, and part-time student employment (administered through the Career Development Services). Additional information about need-based financial assistance is available from the Office of Financial Aid.

Prospective graduate students should also consider applying for national fellowships, such as those awarded by the National Science Foundation, the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation, the Ford Foundation (minority fellowship program), and the Danforth Foundation. Applicants should check program deadlines, some of which are as early as December 1. Information on fellowships in specific fields is available from the chair or program director of each department/school.

Regulations governing the administration of student financial aid are subject to unanticipated changes. Information provided herein is as accurate as possible on the date of printing. For additional and updated information, students and interested parties are invited to visit the office’s web site at https://www.odu.edu/financialaid or Old Dominion University’s home page http://www.odu.edu.

Scholarships, Grants, Loans and Student Employment

The University offers a variety of awards each year to qualified students who have been accepted for admission into degree programs. Some of these awards are available only to Virginia residents, while others are awarded without regard to state residency. Student assistance is offered on the basis of scholastic achievement and/or established financial need. Financial need is defined as the difference between the cost of education/attendance at Old Dominion University and the amount of money an applicant and his or her family are expected to make available from their income and assets to meet the expenses of that education. The eligibility for non-need Federal Direct Unsubsidized loans and Federal Direct PLUS loans is determined by a combination of factors, including cost of attendance, and aggregate amount borrowed to date, to name a few.

To be eligible for assistance from the major student aid programs, a student must:
• be a citizen or an eligible non-citizen;
• be admitted and enrolled as degree seeking in an eligible program;
• be registered with the Selective Service (if required);
• not be in default or owe a repayment or refund on a federally guaranteed loan or grant;
• be in good academic standing (making satisfactory academic progress) to be eligible for financial assistance. Certain aid programs require a student to maintain a full-time status.

There is one exception to the requirement that students be admitted on a degree-seeking basis: students who are admitted only for purposes of teacher certification may qualify for a William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan by submitting a memo verifying their admission into an approved licensure program by the Director of Teacher Education Services in the Darden College of Education. Students must be enrolled in six (6) credits minimum to be eligible for aid.

Financial aid eligibility is determined on an annual basis for one academic year (fall, spring, summer) only, and is determined for succeeding years upon re-application and continued eligibility. Applications for Old Dominion University-administered financial aid should be submitted as early as possible starting in October for consideration in the following academic year.

To be considered for the Annual and Endowed Scholarships administered by the University, an Admissions application or the Scholarship Application for Continuing Students must be received by the University by February 15 preceding the academic year of interest. All admitted students will automatically be considered.

An entering student must be accepted for admission into a degree-seeking program before receiving a financial aid eligibility notification letter, however, a student who has not yet been accepted for admission may apply for financial assistance. Once admitted into an eligible degree program, the student will automatically receive a notice of tentative financial aid eligibility. Announcements of financial aid eligibility for early applicants are generally made before May 1. The applicant will be notified by the Office of Student Financial Aid. In addition, the admitted student is encouraged to monitor the status of his/her application for aid and its subsequent processing by accessing his/her records on the University’s secure online site, LEO Online at www.leoonline.odu.edu. Alerts, reminders, and student-specific information are mailed through the University’s secure e-mail system throughout the year, and students are responsible for reading and responding to these communications.

The information regarding financial aid contained in this catalog is subject to changes or deletions without notification. Additional information concerning financial aid is available through the Office of Student Financial Aid. The Guide to Federal Student Aid, which describes the federal student aid programs and how to apply for them, is also available free of charge from the Federal Student Aid Information Center (1-800-433-3243). The U.S. Department of Education provides efficient and secure access to information and government services and benefits for students via the web site (https://studentaid.ed.gov/).

Application Requirements

To be considered for financial aid, a student must complete all documents and submit them as soon as possible after October 1 preceding the academic year for which application is made. (For example, a student planning to attend during the fall semester of 2017, would submit a financial aid application in October 2016.) The documents and deadlines are described below. Note: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) is required of all applicants for financial aid.

Document 1: The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)

Submitting a completed and signed FAFSA initiates the process of applying for financial aid. The information provided by the student (and his/her parents) is used by the University and other awarding agencies to determine financial need and general financial aid eligibility. Beginning with the 2017–18 FAFSA, students are required to report income information from an earlier tax year. For example, on the 2017–18 FAFSA, students (and parents, as appropriate) must report their 2015 income information, rather than their 2016 income information. When completing the FAFSA, use Old Dominion University’s Title IV Institution Code (003728). Old Dominion University encourages students to take advantage of the electronic FAFSA
option (FAFSA on the web, http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/), which is a secure and convenient method for completing the application process. All applicants and parents of dependent applicants should apply for a FAFSA ID with the Department of Education at https://studentaid.ed.gov/sa/fafsa/filling-out/SAID in order to be able to sign the FAFSA application electronically. The FAFSA must be filed each year for which the student is requesting aid. FAFSAs received by the federal processor before February 15 preceding the fall semester receive priority consideration.

**Document 2: Student Aid Report (SAR)**

Once the FAFSA is received and processed, you will receive your results by e-mail within a few days. This e-mail will contain a secure link so you can access your SAR online. If you have a “blocked” folder in your e-mail files, check it. Otherwise you’ll receive a paper SAR in the mail in about two weeks. Students are strongly encouraged to keep their SARs and all other financial-aid-related documents for future reference. The SAR contains valuable information as well as a unique data release code.

**Document 3: Employment Eligibility Verification**

All U.S. employers are responsible for completion and retention of Form I-9 for each individual they hire for employment in the United States. This includes citizens and non-citizens. On the form, the employer must verify the employment eligibility and identity documents presented by the employee and record the document information on the Form I-9. Additional information can be obtained from the Office of Finance.

**Document 4: Consortium Agreement and Dual Enrollment Forms**

Students attending classes at a distant site may be required to submit these forms. These students should consult with their distance learning representative and their financial aid counselor to determine if these forms are required.

**Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress to Maintain Financial Aid Eligibility**

**Old Dominion University Requirements**

Fulfillment of Federal Satisfactory Academic Progress is reviewed and evaluated by the Financial Aid Office in compliance with federal regulations. In order to qualify for assistance through the Office of Student Financial Aid, students must be accepted by the University as degree-seeking students. Students must be enrolled at least half-time (50%) to qualify for most financial aid programs.

Graduate students must be enrolled for a minimum of nine hours during either the fall or spring semester to be considered full-time or 6 or more hours during the summer. Three-quarter time enrollment is 6-8 during the fall or spring semesters or 4-5 hours in the summer semester. Half-time enrollment for graduate students is 4-5 hours during either the fall or spring semesters or three hours during the summer semester.

Eligibility and award amounts are based on the number of semester hours in which the student is enrolled. For purpose of financial aid, courses taken as Audit course do not count toward enrolled hours.

The following quantitative and qualitative requirements apply to financial aid programs administered by Old Dominion University for satisfactory academic progress.

**Policy**

Maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress is one of many federally mandated criteria viewed in determining a student’s eligibility for continued receipt of financial aid. Progress is measured by PACE (the number of credits earned in relation to those attempted), Qualitative (GPA) standard and Allowable time (the maximum time frame allowed to complete the academic program). Students must also demonstrate a progression toward completion of their degree program within an established timeframe. Failure to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress will result in loss of financial aid eligibility. Progress is reviewed annually, at the end of the academic year.

**A. PACE**

**Graduate**

In order to maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress, a graduate student is required to complete 80% of the total credit hours attempted.

How to calculate PACE

\[ \frac{.80 \times \text{Attempted Hours (including transfer credits)}}{\text{Maximum allowable time}}} = \text{Minimum hours a graduate student must earn} \]

**B. QUALITATIVE**

Qualitative Satisfactory Academic Progress for students is evaluated in accordance with the following table.

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**C. ALLOWABLE TIME**

The maximum allowable time to be eligible for financial aid for a full-time Master's degree is three (3) years and for a full-time Doctoral degree four (4) years.

Graduate students may attempt a maximum of 90 hours. Graduate students working on a second degree will be given an additional 45 credit hours to earn their second degree. *Note: Transfer credit hours are included.

**Satisfactory Academic Progress Review**

The Office of Student Financial Aid will conduct a review of Satisfactory Academic Progress at the end of each academic year. Email notifications of SAP standard(s) not met will be sent to the student’s ODU email account or mailed to the student’s permanent address.

Please note that students who have not received financial aid in previous years, but are applying for financial assistance for the first time will also be held to the requirement of maintaining Satisfactory Academic Progress. Satisfactory Academic Progress is reviewed for all semesters of a student’s enrollment regardless of whether the student was eligible for financial assistance during a term. If students exceed the maximum allowable time, they are not meeting satisfactory academic progress, thus, all aid will be suspended.

Financial aid suspension does not prohibit you from continuing your education at Old Dominion University. It does prohibit you from receiving financial aid until you again meet the standards for Satisfactory Academic Progress.

**Financial Aid Suspension**

Students who fail to meet satisfactory academic progress are placed on financial aid suspension. You have the option to appeal this suspension. An appeal must be based on significant mitigating circumstances that seriously affected academic performance. The decision of the appeal will be sent via email to the students ODU email account. *Note: Please make sure your email account is activated.

**Financial Aid Probation**

For students who are successful in their appeal, aid will be reinstated; however, placed on probation for one payment period/term. Notifications/Emails will be sent to students on financial aid probation advising them of the conditions needed. At the conclusion of the probation term, the student must be meeting the school’s SAP standard in order to qualify for further Title IV Funding.

**The Appeal Process**

The appeal form may be downloaded from our website at https://www.odu.edu/financialaid/financialaidoffice.

The basis for an appeal includes:
1. Death of a relative
2. Student/parent injury or illness
3. Serious illness or injury of a parent/guardian, spouse, or child that required you to be the primary caregiver and prevented you from passing the course(s)
4. Emotional or mental health issue (for student)
5. Other special circumstance (ex, divorce/separation, natural disaster, extreme change in financial or legal circumstances, etc.)

If you would like to file an appeal for reinstatement of your eligibility for financial aid, please follow these directions:

1. **Use the Satisfactory Academic Progress Appeal Form to write your appeal.**
   - State clearly why you failed to meet the condition(s) cited.
   - State what has changed that will allow you to demonstrate SAP progress at the end of the next evaluation period.
   - To confirm your extenuating circumstance(s), you must attach documentation from an objective third party (e.g. physician, counselor, lawyer, social worker, teacher, religious leader, academic advisor).
   - We realize that sharing personal information can be difficult. Be assured that your statement will remain confidential. Only financial aid personnel will review your appeal.

2. **Meet with your academic advisor or the dean of your college to complete the Request for Written Evaluation of Academic Performance form.**
   - Note: If you submit your appeal without the advisor or dean’s evaluation, your appeal will not be considered.

3. **Submit your complete appeal packet and all supporting documents within 14 days of receipt of the notification or prior to the deadline.** The deadline date to submit an appeal for the fall term is September 30, and February 27, for the spring term. Failure to submit the complete packet will result in cancellation of aid.
   - **Allow two weeks** for the review of this appeal and receipt of the decision notification. If your appeal is approved, the decision notification will outline the conditions of your contract for reinstatement of aid eligibility. The contract is binding and your academic progress will be reviewed at the end of the enrollment period specified. If your appeal is denied, the decision notification will specify the conditions for future consideration for financial aid eligibility.

   Students awaiting a response from the SAP Appeal Review Committee are responsible for paying their tuition and other fees by the payment deadline to avoid late and collection fees.

   **The decision of the financial aid review committee is final and cannot be appealed.**

   If the appeal is unsuccessful, an email notification will be sent notifying you of the decision and also information on how to re-establish eligibility if applicable.

   **Re-establishing eligibility**

   Students may re-establish their eligibility for financial assistance by achieving the satisfactory progress standards. Keep in mind this will be at the student’s own expense as they are ineligible for financial aid. Sitting out a semester at Old Dominion University will not assist in re-establishing eligibility. Once the student has earned the required grade point average or completed the required credit hours, they must contact financial aid to request the reinstatement of their financial aid eligibility.

   Students not making SAP at the end of the second year, but at the end of the subsequent grading period come into compliance with the school’s graduation requirements; will be considered making SAP beginning with the next grading period.

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**Withdrawal from courses**

Withdrawal from courses may impact your financial aid awards. Before withdrawing from class, you should contact the Financial Aid Office to determine the consequences.

**Withdrawal from the University**

Students who totally withdraw from the University and receive aid may owe the University money. Before withdrawal, contact the Financial Aid Office to determine the consequences. Withdrawing from all courses for two consecutive semesters may result in a loss of financial aid eligibility.

Students who withdraw from all courses are subject to regulations regarding the Return to Title IV Funds requirement. If the date of complete withdrawal precedes the date on which 60% of the academic semester has been completed, a prorated portion of all Title IV student financial assistance will be due back to the federal programs. The University policy regarding tuition refunds following withdrawals is stated in the catalog and is independent of the Return to Title IV funds regulations. Students who withdraw from Old Dominion University before 60% of the semester has elapsed should anticipate repaying a significant portion of the Title IV financial assistance.

Additionally, students who failed to earn a passing grade during the term are subject to the same federal guidelines.

**Transfer and Repeat Coursework**

Accepted transfer credits must count as both attempted and completed hours. Repeated coursework will count toward enrollment status where no more than one repetition of a previously passed course or any repetition of a previously passed course due to the student failing other coursework in a prior term.

Example:

- Student enrolls in 4 fall courses – pass 3 and fails 1
- School required student to retake all 4 courses
- May count the failed course in the next enrollment status
- May not count the passed courses

Remedial courses are counted, however, enrichment and ESL courses ARE NOT taken into consideration.

**Federal Programs**

Students must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) to determine eligibility for all of the following federal financial aid programs.

**Federal Direct Student Loan Programs**

Old Dominion University participates in the William D. Ford Federal Direct Loan Program and thus receives loan funds directly from the U.S. Department of Education upon disbursement (payment) to eligible students. There are two kinds of loans:

**William D. Ford Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans**

Available to eligible students regardless of financial need, but students will be required to pay all interest charges, including the interest that accumulates during deferments.

**PLUS Loans for Graduate or Professional Students**

Graduate or professional students are eligible to borrow under the PLUS Loan Program up to their cost of attendance minus estimated financial assistance in the Direct Loan programs. This requirement includes a determination that the applicant does not have an adverse credit history, repayment beginning on the date of the last disbursement of the loan.

Applicants for these loans are required to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and must have applied for their annual loan maximum eligibility under the Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan Program before applying for a Graduate/Professional PLUS loan.
Conditions for Disbursement of Financial Aid

The Office of Student Financial Aid publishes a “Statement of Student Responsibility & Conditions for Release of Financial Aid” document each academic year. This statement is included with the initial award notification and is also accessible on the Financial Aid Office page of the University web site https://www.odu.edu/finaidoffice. When students accept financial aid, they also acknowledge that they have read and agree to comply with the Statement. A limited sample of conditions is as follows:

Initial financial aid notices are based on the assumption that the student will enroll full time.

Students are required to communicate immediately with their counselors any changes in the enrollment level or student type during the period leading up to the beginning of each semester as they may impact the student’s aid eligibility. Financial aid is based upon full-time (9 credits or more), three-quarter (6-8 credits), or half-time enrollment (4-5 credits). If a student’s aid has been calculated based on an enrollment level different from the actual enrollment for that semester, the aid will not be released until the student has notified the counselor and the counselor has reviewed and recalculated aid eligibility. Financial aid eligibility changes when enrollment level changes. Students who drop courses are responsible for notifying the financial aid counselor immediately. It is the student’s responsibility to notify the financial aid office if the student type changes (example: degree seeking to non-degree/certificate program). Aid will be reduced accordingly and financial aid already received will be due back to the University. This also applies to “balance-of-aid” payments made to students prior to dropping.

The student is responsible for repayment of any and all financial aid received if adjustments resulting from unreported or misreported information discovered through verification, third-party notices, account reviews, that lead to reductions in aid. Documents such as Federal Income Tax transcript, W-2 forms, Leave and Earning Statements, notices of SSI benefits, and Verification Worksheets may be required. Other documents may be requested to confirm marital status or other information provide on the FAFSA during the verification process.

The student is responsible for reporting additional educational assistance received through sources other than the Financial Aid Office. Financial aid may be adjusted according to federal regulations as a result of additional educational assistance received and not reflected initially. The student bears responsibility for reporting any additional aid in the form of scholarships from outside sources, Vocational Rehabilitation Benefits, Graduate Tuition Scholarships, Veterans Benefits, Senior Citizen Tuition Waivers, Employer Assisted Tuition Payments, Third Party Payment Agreements involving any outside group or company, and all other forms of assistance. The student must report these external sources of financial assistance immediately to his/her financial aid counselor.

Federal Direct Student Loans and Federal Perkins Loans require Promissory Notes. Federal Direct Student Loan promissory notes may be signed online. Federal Perkins Loan Promissory Notes are produced by the Office of Student Financial Aid after all eligibility conditions have been met. Students must complete and sign the promissory notes and return them to the Financial Aid Office before the loan process can be completed. Entrance loan counseling is required of all first-time borrowers prior to release of loan proceeds.

A tentative or conditional financial aid package assumes a level of government appropriations which are frequently undetermined at the time of preparation. If legislative bodies fail to provide the anticipated funding level, it may be necessary to reduce or cancel certain types of aid, particularly grants. Students will be notified immediately if such changes become necessary.

The Office of Student Financial Aid reserves the right to review, modify or cancel financial aid at any time on the basis of new information affecting student eligibility, including but not limited to changes in financial resources, residence, academic status, or changes in the availability of funds.

Awards Based on Admission to the University

Annual and Endowed University Scholarships

Scholarships at Old Dominion University have been established through the generosity of individuals, organizations and corporations to recognize outstanding academic performance and to assist students in pursuing their educational goals. Scholarship awards are based on a variety of criteria. For some awards, eligibility is entirely determined by academic merit or potential. Other requirements might include demonstrated financial need, field of study, state or city residency, graduation from a particular high school or participation in a specific program, organization or activity. Generally, recipients have earned at least a 3.4 grade point average (on a 4.00 scale) and are full-time, degree-seeking students.

The Scholarship Form for Continuing and Graduate Students is available for students who are:

- Students who have a change in scholarship eligibility according to the Criteria Check List (included in the Scholarship Form)
- Continuing students who meet the above circumstances must complete and submit the form to:
  Office of Student Financial Aid
  2002 Rollins Hall
  Norfolk, VA 23529-0052

The form must be received by February 15 each year to be considered for scholarships for the following academic year. The information provided on the Form for Continuing and Graduate Students will be maintained and used for scholarship selection for the duration of the student’s attendance at Old Dominion University. It is not necessary to complete the form more than once during attendance at Old Dominion University, UNLESS the required information has changed. To determine eligibility for need-based scholarships (designated by an asterisk (*), students must also file the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) PRIOR to February 15 of the appropriate academic year.

Selection procedures vary for these awards. All scholarships require admission to and enrollment in a degree program at Old Dominion University. For some scholarships, a portfolio, an audition or participation in a specific program may be required. The additional steps, if required, are summarized following each scholarship description.

Students will receive written notification of any scholarship for which they have been selected. Most scholarships will be awarded in April and May of each year. All scholarships must be formally accepted in writing.

College Scholarships

The College of Arts and Letters

The H. Lee Addison, III Scholarship in History was established by H. Lee Addison, III to assist a full time undergraduate or graduate student majoring in history that has a minimum GPA of 3.0.

The Eliot S. Breneiser Memorial Scholarship was established to assist a full-time music major in either the piano performance program or the music education program with a concentration in piano. Information concerning audition requirements is available from the Music Department. (AUDITION, PARTICIPATION) (757) 683-4061.

*The Dr. James V. D. Card Scholarship Fund was established by James V. D. Card to assist an undergraduate or graduate student who is majoring in English. The recipient must demonstrate financial need. (FAFSA.)

*The Harriet W. & Burl Fisher Endowed Scholarship in History is funded by an endowment that was established by Harriet and Burl Fisher given in memory of her aunt, Mabel Gresham Cones, and his grandmother, Renie Wright Fisher. Preference will be given to one or more full-time graduate students in history who maintain GPA of 3.5 and demonstrate financial need. (FAFSA)
*The Friends of Women’s Studies Scholarship is funded by an endowment in honor of Carolyn Rhodes for students majoring in women’s studies. Two scholarships are awarded: one to a graduate student seeking an M.A. in humanities and one to an undergraduate student. Graduate students must have a minimum grade point average of 3.50. Recipients can be full- or part-time students. (FAFSA)

*The Linda Hyatt Wilson Graduate Scholarship in China Studies was established by Linda Hyatt Wilson to assist a full time graduate student who maintains a grade point average of 3.5, demonstrates financial need and is involved in the study of China’s culture, history, economy, politics, or foreign relations. (FAFSA)

*The Barbara M. Gorlinsky Memorial Fine Arts Scholarship is made possible by an endowment the Gorlinsky family established in memory of their daughter. It is designed to assist students with financial need who are fine arts majors. Information concerning portfolio requirements is available from the Art Department. (PORTFOLIO, FAFSA) (757) 683-4047.

The Perry Morgan Fellowship in Creative Writing was established in 2005 by Frank Batten and is awarded to two or more first year full-time graduate students enrolled in the creative writing program. Recipients must maintain a minimum 3.5 GPA.

*The Harvey Ronald Saunders Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established by Mr. and Mrs. Louis M. Saunders to assist an undergraduate or graduate student majoring in the arts/fine arts with an emphasis in painting or drawing. The recipient must have a 3.00 minimum grade point average, demonstrate financial need and be a citizen of either the United States or Israel. Information concerning portfolio requirements is available from the Art Department. (PORTFOLIO) (757) 683-4047.

The Charles K. Sibley Art Scholarship is funded by an endowment made possible by contributions from the friends and patrons of the former Old Dominion University professor. Awards are to assist graduate or undergraduate students majoring in studio art or art history. Information concerning portfolio requirements is available from the Art Department. (PORTFOLIO) (757) 683-4047.

The David Scott Sutelan Memorial Scholarship is made possible by an endowment established by David, Charles, and May Scott Sutelan. The recipient will be seeking a master in fine arts in the creative writing program.

The Forrest P. and Edith R. White Endowed Scholarship Fund was established by Edith R. White to provide scholarships to students studying acting in the Old Dominion University Communication and Theatre Arts Department. (AUDITION)

Strome College of Business

*The Jeffrey W. Ainslie Endowed Scholarship in Real Estate was established in 2006 by Jeffrey W. Ainslie to assist a full-time student in the Real Estate track in the Strome College of Business. The student must have a grade point average of 3.0 or higher and can demonstrate financial need. Preference will be given to the student with the highest GPA and demonstrating the greatest financial need. (FAFSA)

The Theordore F. and Constance C. Constant Fellowships are funded by an endowment that assists two full-time graduate students in the Strome College of Business.

*The Larry J. and Elizabeth J. Creef Endowed Scholarship was established as an endowment by Larry J. and Elizabeth J. Creef to provide a scholarship to a student with an interest in pursuing a career with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the CIA, the Department of Homeland Security, or other security agency of the U.S. government. The recipient must be a Virginia resident and a U.S. citizen, must demonstrate financial need, be a full-time student enrolled in the Strome College of Business, and must have declared a major in accounting. (FAFSA)

*The James A. Hixon Endowed Scholarship was established by James A. Hixon to assist a full-time or part-time MBA student in the Strome College of Business. The student must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or better and demonstrate financial need. (FAFSA)

The Jesse and Sue Hughes International Accounting Scholarship was established by Dr. Jesse and Mrs. Sue Hughes to assist a full-time international student in the Strome College of Business who is a declared major in Accounting with a focus on public sector financial management. Preference is given to a student at the graduate level, however, if there is not an eligible student at the graduate level, then an undergraduate student can be considered for the scholarship award.

*The Max B. Jones Endowed Memorial Scholarship was established by Katherine Jones Long and Susan K. Jones, in memory of their father, to assist a full-time or part-time graduate student enrolled in the Strome College of Business. The student must be a Virginia resident, must have a cumulative minimum GPA of 3.0, and demonstrate financial need. (FAFSA)

The Wolfgang Pindur Endowed Scholarship in Applied Research is funded by an endowment given by the School of Public Service to assist a full-time or part-time master’s student (MPA or MUS) and/or a doctoral student (PhD in Public Administration and Urban Policy). An essay concerning the student’s commitment to public service will need to be provided. (Essay) (683-6856)

The Charles H. and Mary Kathryn Rotert Scholarship is funded by an endowment established by Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Rotert Jr. This scholarship is awarded to a deserving student in the Strome College of Business.

*The Joseph and Donna Vestal Endowed Scholarship was established by Joseph Vestal to assist a full-time student in the Strome College of Business, who has a GPA of 2.5 or higher and demonstrates financial need. The recipient must also be involved in campus student activities in a leadership program. (FAFSA)

The Susan (Merendino) Rowell Graduate Scholarship in Humanities was established in 2004 by Mrs. Susan S. Rowell to assist a graduate student majoring in humanities. The recipient must have a GPA of 3.4 or higher. This scholarship is renewable and preference will be given to students with full-time enrollment status.

The Marvin and Marilyn Simon Family Endowed Fellows Program in Business was established in 1994 to assist a master’s or doctoral degree-seeking candidate attending the Strome College of Business. The recipient will be a talented student studying in business who has outstanding academic ability.

*The John R. Tabb Scholarship was established by an endowment by the Tabb family in 2004. It is the desire of the family to assist a graduate student studying economic development with an international focus. The recipient must be a U.S. citizen with residency in North Carolina, Virginia, or Iowa. A minimum grade point average of 3.5 and demonstrated financial need is required. (FAFSA)

The Tidewater Association of Service Contractors (TASC) Scholarship was established to assist a full-time undergraduate or graduate student from the College of Engineering and Technology or Strome College of Business degree program. A full-time/part-time Masters Certification in Government Contracting program or any other certificate program supporting government contracting within the Continuing Education Departments may also be considered. The scholarship recipient must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0.

*The Rolf Williams Memorial Endowed Scholarship was established by the Propeller Club of the United States, Port of Norfolk to assist a full-time undergraduate or full-time graduate student in the Strome College of Business. Student must be a rising senior with a declared major in Maritime and Supply Chain Management or a graduate student in the Master of Business Administration Program with a concentration in Maritime, Ports, and Logistics Management. Preference will be given to the student with greatest financial need and has at least a minimum of 3.0 cumulative GPA. (FAFSA)

*The Tevanguardi P. Radhakrishnan Endowed Scholarship was established by Rajesh Radhakrishnan to assist a full-time international student in the Strome College of Business.
The Dr. Bruce L. Rubin Endowed MBA Scholarship was funded by former students of the Strome College of Business and friends. The recipient must be a full-time graduate student in the College of Business who has a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.5 and must have a minimum GMAT score of 600. Preference is given to a student who demonstrates volunteer service to the local business community.

The Jesse and Sue Hughes International Urban Studies and Public Administration Endowed Scholarship was established by Dr. Jesse and Mrs. Roselyn S. Hughes to assist a full-time international graduate student in the Strome College of Business. The recipient must be enrolled in an eligible graduate or undergraduate program in the Department of Urban Studies and Public Administration with a focus in public sector financial management and has successfully completed a graduate level accounting course. Secondary consideration will be given to an eligible undergraduate or graduate student in the Department of Urban Studies and Public Administration in the Department of Accounting with a focus in public financial management.

The Karen and Jeff Tanner Scholarship Endowment for Doctoral Studies in Business was established to assist the top entering PhD student(s) as determined by the Graduate Program Director for Marketing and the Marketing Department Chair. Preference will be given to PhD student(s) with a concentration in marketing.

*The Kilmer Accountancy Scholarship Endowment was established to assist full-time undergraduate or graduate student(s) with a declared major in accounting. The recipient must demonstrate financial need. (FAFSA)

The Spore Scholars Endowed Scholarship was established to assist graduate student(s) enrolled in the Masters of Public Administration (MPA) program. The recipient(s) must maintain a grade point average of 3.25 or higher, and must have professional experience in municipal government or the nonprofit sector.

The Darden College of Education

*The Coca-Cola Scholars Endowed Scholarship Fund was established by the Coca-Cola Foundation. The scholarship recipient must be enrolled in a financial aid-eligible program leading to teacher certification, licensure, and/or enhancement. Consideration will be given to all students studying at rural Virginia TELETECHNET sites who have a minimum of 58 credit hours with a 3.00 cumulative grade point average. The recipient must also demonstrate financial need. (FAFSA, ESSAY)

The Sarah E. Armstrong Scholarship Endowment was established in 2002 in memory of the donor, Sarah E. Armstrong. The recipient must be a full-time student who has been accepted into the College of Education and must have an overall cumulative 3.2 grade point average.

The Linda Zydron Bamforth Scholarship in Early Childhood Education was established by Linda Z. Bamforth to assist a graduate student majoring in the Early Childhood Program (Pre-K - 3) of the Darden College of Education. The recipient must be a full-time or part-time graduate student, has a minimum GPA of at least 3.5, and demonstrate love of children and dedication to early childhood education-evidenced by a copy of the applicant’s last performance appraisal or student teaching evaluation.

The Bennett’s Creek Sertoma Club Scholarship was established by the Bennett’s Creek Sertoma Club to assist a full-time graduate student pursuing a degree in Speech Pathology. The recipient must have a grade point average of at least 3.0. Preference will be given to a student in speech pathology.

The J. Frank Sellew Memorial Scholarship in Education was established by the friends and family of Mr. Sellew. The recipient must have a GPA of 3.0 and major in a teacher education program. The recipient must also meet all teacher education admission standards established by their program of study and the Darden College of Education.

*The John Albert Gay Scholarship is made possible by an endowment given by Dr. and Mrs. R. A. Gay (Florence Vaughan). This scholarship assists a graduate student majoring in special education. Preference is given to those specializing in the area of the emotionally disturbed child. Student must demonstrate financial need. (FAFSA)

*The Peggy Woofter Hull Scholarship is made possible by an endowment given by Marie D. Woofter in memory of her daughter. It is awarded to a full-time doctoral student in education. Students are nominated by their graduate program director and are selected by the Office of the Dean of the Darden College of Education. Recipients must demonstrate financial need. (FAFSA)

*The Frank Hill Knecht Memorial Scholarship is made possible by an endowment given by Lena Rosa K. Conley, an alumnus and retired staff member of Old Dominion University, in memory of her brother. This scholarship assists a full-time graduate student in education. Preference is given to study in the area of special education. (FAFSA)

The R.W. and Betty MacDonald Endowed Scholarship in Language Arts & Social Studies Education was established by Dr. Robert H. MacDonald and Ms. Betty Joan Matson in memory of and named for their parents. The recipient must be a graduate student enrolled in Language Arts or Social Studies Education and must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0.

*The Sertoma Club of Norfolk Scholarship for Speech Pathology was established by the Sertoma Club of Norfolk to assist a Masters level first year full-time student enrolled in the Speech Pathology Program in the Darden College of Education. Student must have a minimum grade point average of 3.3 and demonstrate financial need. (FAFSA)

The Frank Batten College of Engineering and Technology

The Civil and Environmental Engineering Visiting Council Graduate Scholarship in Engineering was established by The Civil and Environmental Engineering Visiting Council (CEEEVC) in 2003. The recipient must be either full- or part-time civil or engineering graduate student who has a minimum graduate or undergraduate grade point average of 3.25. Transfer students from other colleges or universities are also eligible for consideration.

The BBG Incorporated Endowed Scholarship in Engineering was established by BBG Incorporated for a rising junior or senior majoring in Electrical Engineering, Electrical Engineering Technology, Computer Engineering, or Computer Engineering Technology who holds a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.5. The scholarship is also available to a graduate student majoring in Electrical Engineering or Computer Engineering with a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. The recipient will also be considered for an Engineering Cooperative Education/Intern position with BBG Incorporated.

*The Rollie Dubbe’ Engineering Scholarship is funded by an endowment to assist a full time graduate engineering student who holds a minimum cumulative GPA of 3.0. The scholarship recipient must be enrolled in the civil engineering program with a preference in geo-technical engineering. Must demonstrate financial need (FAFSA).

The Stuart H. Russell Memorial Scholarship is made possible by an endowment established by the estate of Olive L. Spicer. The scholarship is awarded to a deserving student in the Frank Batten College of Engineering and Technology with particular preference given to a student in the Electrical and Computer Engineering Department with an interest in electronics.

The Tiwari Endowed Graduate Scholarship in Mechanical Engineering was established by Surendra N. Tiwari. The recipient must be a graduate level Mechanical Engineering student and be enrolled full-time or equivalent if registered as a Graduate Assistant. Must have a minimum Undergraduate or Graduate GPA of 3.0 and preference is given to an international student interested in scholarly activities and research.

*The Clarke and Susan Vetrano Endowed Scholarship is funded by an endowment established by Clarke and Susan Vetrano to assist one undergraduate and one graduate student with an intention or declared major in the Batten College of Engineering and Technology. Both undergraduate and graduate student must be enrolled full-time and demonstrate financial need. Undergraduate student must have a minimum GPA of 2.75 and...
preference will be given to a student with learning disabilities. Graduate student must have a minimum of 3.0 GPA. (FAFSA)

*The Edward L. White Endowed Scholarship* was established by Edward L. White, Jr. and Margaret W. Moore to assist a computer engineering student. The recipient must be a Norfolk resident, have a minimum 3.30 grade point average, and demonstrate financial need. (FAFSA)

The George C. Winslow Scholarship is made possible by an endowment to assist a graduate or undergraduate student who has demonstrated financial need and has obtained at least a 2.50 grade point average while pursuing a degree in mechanical engineering. (FAFSA)

*The Dr. Robert A. and Ronnie Slocum Magoon Scholarship for Aerospace Engineering* was established by Robert A. Magoon to assist a graduate student majoring in Aerospace Engineering. Scholarship recipient must demonstrate financial need. (FAFSA)

The Oktay Baysal Endowed Graduate Scholarship in Computational Engineering for Aerospace was established by Oktay Baysal to assist a graduate level Aerospace or Electrical and Computer Engineering student.

The recipient must have a minimum grade point average of 3.0 and must have completed a minimum of 30 semester credit hours while attending ODU at either undergraduate and/or graduate level, or any combination thereof.

The College of Health Sciences

The Thomas Charles Auclair (*78*) Scholarship is made possible through an endowment given by Mr. and Mrs. George E. Auclair in memory of their son. The scholarship supports a student pursuing studies in environmental health.

*The Chesapeake Regional Medical Center Nursing Endowed Scholarship* was established by the Chesapeake Regional Medical Center to assist a full time undergraduate or graduate student enrolled in Old Dominion University’s Nursing Program. The student must demonstrate financial need and must agree to accept 120 clinical hours at Chesapeake Regional Medical Center, or its successor. (FAFSA)

*The DPS, Inc. Graduate Dental Hygiene Endowed Scholarship* was established by DPS, Inc. to assist a full time first or second year graduate dental hygiene student that has admitted into the Old Dominion University Dental Hygiene Program. The scholarship recipient must demonstrate financial need and hold a minimum GPA of 3.0. (FAFSA)

*The Friends of Dental Hygiene Endowed Scholarship* was established by Mrs. Linda Fox Rohrer in 2004. Recipients must be either full-time graduate or undergraduate students. The scholarship will be awarded to a deserving student in the School of Dental Hygiene. The recipient must also demonstrate financial need (FAFSA).

*The Gene W. Hirschfeld Scholarship* is supported by an endowment given by the former chair of the Department of Dental Hygiene and Dental Assisting. The scholarship is awarded to undergraduate or graduate students who demonstrate financial need and are enrolled in the Dental Hygiene Program. (FAFSA)

The Kate and George Maihafer Scholarship in Physical Therapy was established by George Maihafer to assist full-time graduate students majoring in Physical Therapy who have a minimum GPA of 3.25. Students eligible for the scholarship may apply for the scholarship starting in the spring semester of their first year of study. Students interested in the scholarship must submit an essay no longer than 500 words to the Physical Therapy Curriculum Committee describing their career goals within the physical therapy profession after graduation. The scholarship is to be awarded in the fall semester.

The College of Sciences

The Sarah E. Armstrong Science Scholarship Endowment was established in 2002 in memory of Sarah E. Armstrong. The recipient must be a full-time student who has been accepted into the College of Sciences and must have an overall cumulative 3.2 grade point average.
The Robert Claytor Memorial Scholarship is funded by an endowment from the friends of Robert Claytor for a student who demonstrates financial need, according to federal needs analysis. (FAFSA)

The Delta Sigma Lambda Dr. Ruth Harrell Scholarship is supported by an endowment to assist women who have received a bachelor’s degree and are full- or part-time graduate students enrolled at Old Dominion University. Selection is also based upon scholastic ability, financial need and good personal character. Preference is given to those students who have lived in the Commonwealth of Virginia for at least one year. Students must also complete a separate application, which is available in the Old Dominion University Women’s Center. Delta Sigma Lambda members are eligible for the award. (FAFSA) (757) 683-4109.

The Charles H. Eure Memorial Scholarship is awarded to a marine science or engineering student who has a 3.00 grade point average and is of sound moral character. Preference will be given to a STASR (South Tidewater Association of Ship Repairers) company family member.

The Lillian Vernon Endowed Scholarship is funded by an endowment from the Lillian Vernon Foundation. It is awarded to a spouse, child, or grandchild of an active Lillian Vernon employee. Recipient must have a minimum grade point average of 2.80 and demonstrate financial need. (FAFSA)

The Memorial and Recognition Scholarship Fund is an endowed scholarship that will be awarded to a student with a minimum grade point average of 3.00 and is able to demonstrate involvement in community service.

The Meredith Construction Company Scholarship is made possible by an endowment given by the Meredith Construction Co. Inc., Meredith Realty, et al. and members of the Meredith family. The award is given to a graduate student demonstrating academic merit in his/her chosen curriculum.

The Steve Russell Morrison Memorial Endowed Scholarship has been established by the family of Steve Russell Morrison and the Epsilon Beta Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho. This scholarship is awarded to a rising sophomore demonstrating leadership and involvement in campus and community affairs. Preference is given to active members of the Epsilon Beta Chapter of Kappa Delta Rho. (ESSAY)

The Sherwood/Portsmouth Scholarships are funded annually by a trust established by the late Calder Sherwood III, a professor emeritus in the departments of Chemical Sciences and Physics/Geophysical Sciences. Professor Sherwood served on the Old Dominion University faculty for 38 years. The scholarships are awarded to graduates of public high schools in Portsmouth, Virginia who demonstrate financial need. (FAFSA)

The Town-N-Gown Scholarship has been established by Town-N-Gown, an association dedicated to promoting cooperation between the Hampton Roads community and the University in order to promote better understanding in fulfilling the aims and ideals of each. The scholarship recipient rotates annually from the following: (1) resident of the greater Hampton Roads area, (2) a member of or dependent of active duty military personnel, and (3) a dependent of an Old Dominion University faculty or staff member.

The Hugh L. Vaughan Scholarship has been established by an endowment made by Mr. Hugh L. Vaughan to assist handicapped students. Preference is given to blind students. Recipients must be native-born Virginians.

The E. C. Wareheim Foundation “Returning Women’s” Scholarship has been established by an endowment to assist one or more returning women from Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Portsmouth, Chesapeake, or Suffolk who have demonstrated financial need. Preference is given to students who enroll part-time. (FAFSA)

The Jane L. and Robert H. Weiner International Affairs Scholarship is made possible through an endowment established by Mr. and Mrs. Weiner to assist a student who will be studying abroad through the International Student Exchange Program (ISEP). Preference will be given to students who will study in a Third World or developing country for the purpose of fostering international understanding and peace and who demonstrate academic achievement and financial need. (FAFSA)

The Calvert S. Whitehurst Scholarship is funded by an endowment established by Mr. Robert B. Kendall and augmented by the Whitehurst Scholars Scholarship Foundation. The endowment recognizes the contribution of both Mr. Calvert S. Whitehurst and his son, Professor G. William Whitehurst, former member of the U.S. Congress. The scholarship is awarded to a student with financial need who demonstrates academic potential. (FAFSA)

The Linda Hyatt Wilson Graduate Scholarship in China Studies was established by Linda Hyatt Wilson to award one scholarship to a full-time graduate student who has a 3.5 grade point average, demonstrates financial need, and is involved in the study of China’s culture, history, economy, politics, or foreign relations.

The Anita Clair Fellman Endowed Service Learning Scholarship is funded by an endowment established by Dr. Carolyn L. Rhodes to assist one or more full-time or part-time graduates, or undergraduate students who participate in a service-learning project through the Department of Women’s Studies. The recipient will be selected by the chair of the Women’s Studies Department and another Faculty member in the department.

Other Financial Aid Resources

The Parker Lesley Endowed Fund has been established for students who demonstrate need for special circumstances. Special circumstances are defined as emergency travel, supplies, equipment, etc. (ESSAY) (757) 683-6856.

The James Stamos Scholarships in Voice and Piano are made possible by a bequest from Mr. Stamos to assist several students who are majoring in either voice or piano. Information concerning audition requirements is available from the Music Department. Contact Mr. Dennis Zeisler, chair of the department. (AUDITION) (757) 683-4061.

The Student Activities Scholarships are in music are awarded to students who participate in one or more Music Department activities including concert choir, band, orchestra, Madrigal Singers and brass choir. Information concerning audition requirements is available from the Music Department. Contact Mr. Dennis Zeisler, chair of the department. (AUDITION, PARTICIPATION) (757) 683-4061.

The Viburnum Acting Endowed Scholarship Fund was established by the Viburnum Foundation to provide monetary awards to acting students. (AUDITION) (757) 683-3608.

The Institute for Learning in Retirement Scholarship is a two-year scholarship established by the Institute for Learning in Retirement for a student of any discipline who demonstrates financial need, has a baccalaureate degree, is a resident of Hampton Roads, and has a 3.00 grade point average. (757) 368-4160.

The ODU Credit Union Scholarship has been established for members of the ODU Credit Union or their dependents. The applicant must be an admitted Old Dominion University student in good standing or a candidate with worthy credentials. An application, transcripts, and a short (250 word) essay are required. (757) 533-9308.

The Monarch Athletic Bands Endowed Scholarship was established by Old Dominion University Educational Foundation. The recipient(s) must be a full-time undergraduate or graduate student, successfully completes an audition, and must maintain a minimum GPA of 2.5 for an undergraduate student or minimum GPA of 3.0 for a graduate student.

The Donald K. Marchand Sigma Nu Endowed Scholarship was established by Darden Watkins Jones, Jr. and Richard R. Early to assist undergraduate or graduate student(s) who are enrolled full-time or part-time, have a minimum cumulative GPA of 2.7, and must demonstrate involvement in the community, campus and fraternity. Preference will be given to active members of Sigma Nu Fraternity.

The Prabhav Maniyar International Exchange Program Scholarship was established to assist a full-time international student with particular...
preference to students from the nation of Kenya and the Sudan. Recipient
must maintain a cumulative grade point average of 3.0 or better.

Veterans and Dependents Benefits
Information about the administration of education assistance under
the Veterans Administration may be obtained from the VA website:
www.vba.va.gov (http://www.vba.va.gov). Students wishing to use their
VA benefits at Old Dominion University may find further information on
the University Registrar’s web page: http://www.odu.edu/webroot/orgs/AF/
REG/registrar.nsf/pages/MSS+Home.

Contact Military Student Services staff in the Office of the University
Registrar for further assistance by phone: 757 683-4425; by FAX: 757
683-5865; or by email to register@odu.edu.

Termination of Aid
Failure to remain in good academic standing will result in automatic
withdrawal of financial aid by the University. Failure to comply with the
conditions of a financial award will cause its termination and the return of
any unexpended funds as well as repayment, in some cases, of funds already
utilized. Undergraduate specific endowed scholarships will be withdrawn
immediately for the term in which an undergraduate student's classification
advances to an admitted graduate student status.