

Money Matters

As you plan for spring 2011, here are a few important financial aid tips:

- Financial aid awards are generally awarded and disbursed equally during fall and spring semesters.
- If there was a balance due to for the fall term plan begin making arrangements for the spring semester balance.
- Students can view their financial aid and account detail on [Bulldog Connection](#).
- Students must attend all classes beginning the first day of classes.
- Final spring disbursements will be based on the student's enrollment status as of January 27, 2011.
- Encourage students to consistently check their SC State email account for updated messages and notices.

Q1. How do we satisfy fee payment?

You may satisfy fee payment with any one of the options provided:

- Option 1:** Full financial aid to pay Balance Due. [Financial Aid](#) includes grants, scholarships and loans.
- Option 2:** Payment of Balance Due through [Tuition Pay Plan](#).
- Option 3:** Payment of Balance Due through [Bulldog Connection](#) by Credit Card – American Express, MasterCard and VISA.
- Option 4:** Payment of Balance Due with Cash, Check or Money Order
- Option 5:** A combination of [Financial Aid](#) and [Tuition Pay Plan](#), credit card or Cash to pay Balance Due.

Q2. How do I know if my son or daughter has enough financial aid for fee payment?

To determine if you have enough financial aid to cover your semester costs, compare your total aid (memo and authorized aid) for the semester to the total charges. If your total semester financial aid for the term is equal to or exceeds your total term charges, you have enough financial aid to satisfy fee payment. If your total semester financial aid for the term is less than your total term charges, you have a Balance due that must be satisfied by [Tuition Pay Plan](#), credit card or Cash.

Q3. How will I know if there is a balance due on my son or daughter's account?

Students who have completed course selection for the term should review the Account Detail by Term for an itemization of charges and applicable financial aid. Since this only represents a snapshot of the account detail, students are encouraged to review the account detail again. Changes made to class schedules, additional charges such as room and board or other fees, or anticipated changes in their financial aid can impact their balance. Please see **"How will changes to the class schedule affect the**

account detail and financial aid?” and “How will changes to my room and board charges affect my account detail and financial aid?” for additional information.

Q4. How does the Tuition Payment Plan (TPP) program work?

Financial assistance that has been applied to the student’s account is subtracted from the total charges for the semester. SEE SALLIEMAE PAYMENT PLAN BUDGET CALCULATOR. You MUST notify the University once you have set up the payment plan. When you complete your online enrollment, you will be given an account number. Call the Office of Accounts Receivable at (803) 536-8991 or (803) 536-8077 once you have enrolled and made your initial payment to SallieMae. *A payment plan is not available for Summer School.* Payments can be made by mail, phone or in person at the Cashier’s Office.

Q5. How do I apply for the Tuition Payment Plan?

You may now signup for the Tuition Payment Plan online via www.scsu.edu. To enroll in the payment plan, students are required to pay a non-refundable enrollment fee. Students are required to re-enroll for the payment plan each semester. *The payment plan is not available for summer sessions.*

Students: [Tuition Payment Plan](#) > Process Plan Application and make payment

Parents and Guardians: [Tuition Payment Plan](#) > Process Plan Application and make payment

Q6. How will changes to the class schedule affect the account detail and financial aid?

The account detail is a snapshot of the account activity. As changes are made to the class schedule the charges for tuition and fees will also change. Additionally, changes to the class schedule may also impact the financial aid. Be sure to read the terms and conditions for your financial aid awards. If changes are made to the class schedule review the account detail again to verify the change in semester costs.

Q7. How will changes to my room and board charges affect my account detail and financial aid?

The account detail is a snapshot of the account activity. As changes are made to your room and board, the charges may also change. Changes to room and board typically will not impact your financial aid. Prior to requesting a room change, it is wise to review your account detail to ensure that you have enough funds available if you are planning to move to a higher room rate plan. If changes are made to your room and board, review your account detail again to verify the change in semester costs for which you are responsible.