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.
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 your 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.