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Steps to Receiving Financial Aid through VCOM

- Once you have been accepted for admissions to VCOM, you should complete the 2012-2013 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) online at www.fafsa.ed.gov. The form will be available after January 1st, 2012 for the 2012-2013 school year. You must use 2011 Federal Income Tax information to complete the FAFSA. **The School Code for VCOM-Virginia is G37093. The School Code for the VCOM-Carolinas campus is E01970.** Completing your 2011 federal income taxes prior to completing the FAFSA is preferred, but you may use estimates if your taxes are not completed by the time you submit your FAFSA. If you submit your FAFSA using estimates, you must update your FAFSA once your taxes are completed, reporting your correct tax information and submitting a correction to your FAFSA so that calculations can be made.
 - Retain the PIN number that you choose to log into the www.fafsa.ed.gov website and to complete your FAFSA. You will use the same number electronically to sign your FAFSA in future years.
 - Submit the following to the financial aid office of the campus where you are accepted for admissions to VCOM:
 - Completed 2012-2013 VCOM Financial Aid Application
 - Permanent Residents of the US – a copy of your permanent resident card;
 - Dependent care/special circumstances form, if applicable
 - Copies of your 2011 federal income tax forms, if we request them from you as part of “verification” by the US Department of Education. The financial aid office will notify you if this occurs.
 - Set up your VCOM email account just as soon as you have instructions on how to do so. Instructions will be forwarded to you a few days after you pay your admissions deposit to VCOM. This email account is how we will communicate with you about your financial aid! Due to security reasons, inquiries from other email accounts may not receive responses.

The Office of Financial Aid will use the above information to calculate your financial aid award. What happens next?

- A Financial Aid Award Notification will be posted to NetPartner, our financial aid interface, for you just as soon as your eligibility has been calculated. A link to the NetPartner website is located on the financial aid website at: www.vcom.vt.edu/financial. If you have not received a financial aid award notification by the end of May and you have completed your financial aid application, please contact the Office of Financial Aid. You must respond to the award notification through NetPartner, by either accepting or declining your financial aid offer.

- Go to www.vcom.vt.edu/financial/ and read the information about different types of financial aid. The “Scholarship Information” link on the left may be useful for finding outside scholarships.
- If you are planning to use the William D. Ford Direct Student Loan (Stafford), go to the Direct Loans website at www.studentloans.gov and complete a Subsidized/Unsubsidized Master Promissory Note (MPN).
- If you are planning to borrow a Graduate PLUS loan, go to the Direct Loan website at www.studentloans.gov and complete a Graduate PLUS Application and Graduate PLUS Master Promissory Note (MPN). You will need to complete this each year you apply for a Graduate PLUS loan. The Graduate PLUS MPN is separate from the Subsidized/Unsubsidized MPN. VCOM will receive electronic confirmation upon your completion of the MPN.
- If you are planning to borrow a private loan, you must choose a lender to process the loan for you and complete their application forms. You may choose any lender you wish. Once you’ve chosen a lender, complete their application and let the Office of Financial Aid know which lender you chose.
- If you are borrowing Direct Loans, go to the Direct Loan website at www.studentloans.gov and complete Online Entrance Counseling. Be sure to choose the appropriate entrance counseling for the type of loans you have decided to borrow. VCOM will receive electronic confirmation that you have completed entrance counseling.
- For the Class of 2016 students, attend In-person Entrance Counseling session provided by VCOM during Accepted Students’ Day or at Orientation on the first day of school.
- For Class of 2016 students, VCOM will attempt to have fall funds from approved loans available the first day of Orientation. For returning students, VCOM will attempt to have fall funds from approved loans available between August 15th and August 31st. The exact dates for each Class will be published once they are official. VCOM cannot disburse financial aid funds prior to these dates.

Helpful Hints:

1. Respond promptly to all communications and requests for documents
2. Use only your VCOM email address for electronic communications and check that account regularly.
3. Read all information on the VCOM website at www.vcom.vt.edu/financial
4. Read all information you receive from the Office of Financial Aid; it’s important and may be time-sensitive
5. Keep your contact information current with the admissions or registrar’s office
6. Don’t hesitate to contact us if you have questions or concerns.

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