

Financial Aid Checklist for National Student Exchange Students

✔ Use this checklist as a guide to help you apply for aid, review your awards, and pay your fees. We hope you find this list helpful, but it is intentionally brief and not meant to be all inclusive and provide you with every bit of information you may need to know. We encourage you to read our entire web site to gain a fuller understanding of the entire financial aid process.

Checklist	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Verify that you have Financial Aid Awards on VIP that you wish to be sent as NSE Aid to another school or USC Satellite campus. If not: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Complete a FAFSA
<input type="checkbox"/>	Visit the National Student Exchange Office to begin your process. They will notify us to prepare your Financial Aid
<input type="checkbox"/>	NSE Plan B students will pay bills on VIP using the normal fee payment process for any USC student.
<input type="checkbox"/>	NSE questions regarding financial aid contact Johnathan Tufts 803-777-8134 tufts@mailbox.sc.edu

Helpful Terms

FAFSA: FAFSA is the Free Application for Federal Student Aid. This application is required for most financial aid programs.

VIP: <https://vip.sc.edu/> is the University's student's web connection to most academic and financial information, including Financial Aid. You must be an admitted (www.sc.edu/admissions) student to gain access to the site.

Transient: Transient students are USC-Columbia students who earn credits at another institution (including other USC campuses) and transfer the earned credits back to USC-Columbia. The School where a student plans to graduate will also process Federal Financial Aid. Students must receive approval from their academic advisor to participate.

National Student Exchange: The National Student Exchange Program is a consortium of colleges and universities in the United States, the U.S. territories, and Canada that provide opportunities for undergraduate students to study for up to one calendar year at another NSE member institution. Participation in this program is coordinated through the **NSE Office**.