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Mid-March  Merit scholarship awards released

April 1  Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) deadline

April 4  Registration for New Student Orientation opens

Mid-April  Financial aid packages begin to be released

May 1  Enrollment deposit deadline

May 15  Housing application deadline

June 1  Official ACT or SAT test score(s) submission deadline, if requested on your UofSC Admissions Portal

June 1  Last day to cancel housing application

June - July  Orientation sessions and course registration

Mid-July  Bills posted to Self Service Carolina

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Review your meal plan options
- Pay your nonrefundable enrollment deposit by May 1
  Pay your $200 nonrefundable enrollment deposit through your UofSC Admissions Portal at apply.sc.edu/apply/status. The enrollment deposit deadline is May 1.

- Access your VIP ID and USC ID
  Log on to your UofSC Admissions Portal and find your VIP ID and USC ID. Write these down as you will use the IDs throughout this process.

- Log on to Self Service Carolina (SSC)
  SSC is the personal student account you will use during your time at the University of South Carolina. SSC may also be referred to as your UofSC account.
  Use your IDs from the previous step to set up your account and log on to SSC. You will be prompted to complete the following steps:
  - Add security questions for account verification
  - Access your UofSC email and set up your email preferences
  - Add emergency contact information
  - Set up Multifactor Authentication (MFA)
  Remember to write down your VIP ID and password. After you successfully log on to SSC, we suggest bookmarking my.sc.edu to quickly access various items within SSC.

- Log on to your UofSC student email account
  You can check your student email at outlook.com/email.sc.edu using the password you set in the previous step. Please check your email account regularly in order to receive necessary information from several university offices.

- Send official ACT or SAT test score(s) by June 1 (if applicable)
  If you see a request for official ACT or SAT scores on your UofSC Admissions Portal, you must submit these from the testing agency by June 1. You will not be allowed to register for courses at New Student Orientation without official scores on file. (ACT code: 3880; SAT code: 5818)

- Send your final high school transcript
  Arrange to have your final high school transcript with graduation date sent to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions soon after graduating.

- Send all AP/IB/Cambridge (AICE) scores
  Arrange to have your official AP/IB/Cambridge test scores sent to the University of South Carolina-Columbia before attending Orientation. For AP scores, contact the College Board (school code: 5818). For IB scores, contact the IB Organization. For Cambridge (AICE) coursework, submit the official Cambridge International Examinations Subject Results transcript to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions.

- Send official college transcripts for all completed dual enrollment work
  If you attempted any college courses outside of the UofSC system during high school (not AP, IB or AICE), contact each college to have your official transcripts sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions before your advising session during Orientation.
Review your financial aid options
View your loan options in Self Service Carolina under the “Financial Aid” menu and the “General Financial Aid” tab. Here, you can access information about federal loans, search for additional scholarships, learn more about general financial aid and begin your FAFSA application.

Federal Direct Loans are awarded each academic year based on the information provided on the FAFSA.

Submit the 2022-23 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and any requested documentation by April 1
Visit studentaid.gov or use the myStudentAid mobile app developed by the U.S. Department of Education to submit your FAFSA application. The FAFSA application is due April 1. Submit your FAFSA as soon as possible to maximize your eligibility for grants, loans and need-based aid. (School code: 003448)

Watch our Financial Aid TV
Visit sc.financialaidtv.com to learn more about your financial aid options. You can view helpful videos covering a wide range of topics including “Tips for Completing Scholarship Applications,” “How Can I Pay for College?,” “What is a Pell Grant?,” and many more.

Review your financial aid status
Check the status of your FAFSA in Self Service Carolina under the “Financial Aid” menu and the “Eligibility” tab. We will notify you via email if you need to take additional steps to finalize your aid application and when your financial aid award has been posted to Self Service Carolina.

Accept/Decline your financial aid award
Review your offer of financial aid in Self Service Carolina under the “Financial Aid” menu and the “Award” tab. Accept or decline the award(s) offered and accept the financial aid terms/conditions.

Report outside scholarships
Send all non-university scholarship checks to:
Bursar’s Office
University of South Carolina
1244 Blossom Street, Suite 128
Columbia, SC 29208

You must report all outside scholarships from sources other than federal, state and university programs. Non-institutional scholarships may affect the amount of need-based financial aid you are allowed to receive in your total financial aid award. For more information, visit “Non-Institutional Scholarships” at sc.edu/financialaid.
Apply for housing

The housing application opens on Feb. 15 and can be accessed at my.sc.edu by clicking on “Personal” and then “My Housing Portal.” The application deadline is May 15.

UofSC requires first-year students to live on campus.

Complete the Roommate Matching Profile section

Your answers to the profile questions will allow you to match and be matched with potential roommates. You will also create a username so you can communicate with other admitted students who have applied for housing while protecting your privacy.

Request housing options / accommodations (if applicable)

If you would like to request gender-inclusive housing or require specific housing accommodations, complete the information in the “Housing Opportunities & Accommodations” section of the application.

You must meet all the requirements listed on the application to be considered for specific accommodations. You must also register any housing accommodations with the Student Disability Resource Center before the request will be processed.

Submit your application

Before submitting your housing application, you are required to pay a $50 nonrefundable deposit and a $100 advance room payment. The advance room payment will be applied as a credit toward your bill.

Students with extenuating circumstances may request to have both fees deferred until the fall by completing the deferral form on the housing website under the “Apply for Housing” section.

Explore additional housing options

After submitting your housing application, you have the option to apply for a Living and Learning Community (LLC) or a Residential Learning Program.

LLCs and Residential Learning Programs provide unique living environments that help students engage with others of similar interests. These themed communities are staffed by a faculty member who is an expert in their field.

The deadline to apply is May 15, and students will be notified by the middle of May of their acceptance into an LLC or Residential Learning Program.

Click on the links below, or in the application, to learn more about each LLC.

- Entrepreneurship and Innovation
- Galen Health Fellows
- Green Quad
- International House at Maxcy College
- Preston Residential College
- Rhodos Fellows: Information, Design & Computing

Click on the links below, or in the application, to learn more about each Residential Learning Program.

- Engineering and Computing
- Music
- ROTC
- Sport and Entertainment Management

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Select your roommate

After submitting your housing application, you will receive an email with information on selecting your roommate through the “My Housing Portal” at my.sc.edu. Roommate matching will remain open until the completion of the housing process.

Once in the Housing Portal, you will have two options for choosing a roommate:

- **Option 1:** Using their username, select a student with whom you wish to live. Only students who have submitted their housing application will appear on this list.

- **Option 2:** View the profiles of potential roommate matches. This list includes the top 50 students who best fit your needs based on the profile questions you answered when completing the housing application. You can use this username to email the student and begin a conversation.

Once you choose a student, send a roommate request. After the request is accepted by the student, both you and the student will receive confirmation emails.

If you do not wish to roommate match, you will be able to view the profiles of the student(s) who selected the same room as you during the room selection process.

*Note: Regardless of which option you choose, you can return to the housing application in the Housing Portal to review, cancel or find a new roommate at any time.*

Check out your residence hall and room options

We offer traditional, suite, apartment-style and affiliated apartment-style residence halls. Each hall has its own unique history, set of traditions, personality and opportunities for its residents. Take a look inside each building on our housing website, including 360 degree tours of each residence hall. Styles and pricing vary, so be sure to review all the options before selecting the hall that best meets your needs.

Select your residence hall and room

Beginning in early June, students who submit a housing application before May 15 will be allowed to select their residence hall and room through the “My Housing Portal” at my.sc.edu during a designated selection day and time. These dates and times vary by building and community, and will be available in late May in the Housing Portal.

Priority for residence hall and room selection is based on the day and time a student submits the housing application. Roommates with the earliest day and time should make the selection on behalf of both roommates.

*Note: If you are accepted to a Living and Learning Community (LLC) or Residential Learning Program, you will select only your room.*

Get ready to call Carolina HOME!

One of the most memorable days of your college experience is move-in day. Learn everything you need to know about packing, loading, unloading, unpacking and setting up your room on the housing website. Our University Housing office will also be hosting LIVE shows and special presentations at Orientation to share everything you need to know about calling Carolina home in the fall.
Submit your Citizenship Verification Form

Log on to your UofSC Admissions Portal to check if your status was previously verified based on information provided on your FAFSA. If you have not submitted a FAFSA, you will be required to complete the Citizenship Verification Form.

If your citizenship has not been verified, complete the Citizenship Verification Form. Visit sc.edu/registrar for more information on completing the form.

Submit the S.C. Residency Certification Form (for S.C. residents only)

Students claiming South Carolina residency for tuition purposes are required to verify residency. Log on to your UofSC Admissions Portal to check if your South Carolina residency has been verified. We will use the information provided on your FAFSA to determine whether or not you need to complete the South Carolina Residency Certification Form. If you have not submitted a FAFSA, you will be required to complete the form.

If your residency has not been verified, complete the S.C. Residency Certification Form. Visit sc.edu/registrar for more information on the residency certification process.

Review the academic calendar

To view the academic calendar for the 2022-2023 year, visit sc.edu/registrar, select “Academic Calendars” from the left side menu and select “2022-23 Academic Calendar.” This will show a full listing of important dates for the fall semester, beginning in August, through the following spring and summer semesters.

Review information about Veterans and Military Services (if applicable)

The Veterans and Military Services team can help you navigate the unique experience of balancing student and service life. They will help address questions, assist with benefit requirements and connect you to campus resources exclusively for veterans. Visit sc.edu/veteransservices for more information.
For Summer 2022, the Office of New Student Orientation will have fully in-person sessions for students beginning classes in the fall. Every student must register, pay and attend a New Student Orientation session. For the latest updates, visit the Orientation website or connect with Orientation on social media.

- **Bookmark the Orientation website**: sc.edu/orientation
  Details regarding New Student Orientation, including registration information and dates, will be released later in the spring. We recommend checking our website frequently for updates.

- **Connect with Orientation on social media**
  Follow Orientation on all major social media platforms for quick updates and reminders regarding New Student Orientation.
  - @UofSC_ONSO
  - /UofSCOrientation
  - @UofSC_ONSO
  - @UofSCONSO

- **Celebrate your acceptance to UofSC with your family and invite them to New Student Orientation**
  Orientation isn’t just for students — families and guests play a critical role in your success. We invite your family to participate in our Family and Guest Orientation program to become familiar with all the resources available. Further details will be released in the spring.

- **Log on to Self Service Carolina (SSC) and register for New Student Orientation beginning April 4**
  Register and pay for Orientation through Self Service Carolina. Click the “Admissions” tab and then the “Orientation Services” link. Select your campus from the dropdown menu and follow the instructions on the screen.

*Note: The Orientation reservation system is only accessible through the Google Chrome or Firefox browsers. Additionally, you will not be able to register for Orientation using a mobile device or tablet.*
Submit required immunization records

All students must complete immunization forms on MyHealthSpace and attach supporting documentation signed by a medical provider before attending New Student Orientation. Students not complying with immunization requirements will not be allowed to register for classes or move into the residence halls.

**Required immunizations include:**
- MMR (two doses): Mumps, Measles, Rubella
- Meningococcal vaccine (Menevo or Menactra)
- Tuberculosis screening questions

Visit the University Health Services website at [sc.edu/healthservices](http://sc.edu/healthservices) for more information on required and recommended immunizations for new students.

Complete health history form (recommended)

University Health Services recommends that students upload their health history to MyHealthSpace prior to visiting the health center. Log on to MyHealthSpace and select “Health History” to add information.

Waive or enroll in UofSC’s Student Health Insurance Plan

All students registered for six or more credit hours are required to have health insurance. Unless coverage is waived, students are automatically enrolled in the Student Health Insurance Plan, which is offered through BlueCross BlueShield of South Carolina. The premium for students who have not waived will be added to their tuition bill.

To waive coverage and use existing insurance, students must upload proof of insurance before the waiver deadline. Visit [sc.edu/healthservices](http://sc.edu/healthservices) for more information.

*Note: University Health Services is out-of-network in most health insurance plans.*

Go to [sc.myahpcare.com](http://sc.myahpcare.com) and select either the “Enroll/Cost” or “Opt-Out” tab at the top.

Upload insurance information to MyHealthSpace (recommended)

For students who waived the Student Health Insurance Plan, we recommend uploading a photo of your insurance card to MyHealthSpace.

Log on to MyHealthSpace, select “Insurance Card” and then “Add New Card.”
ADDITIONAL ITEMS

☐ Complete AlcoholEdu and Sexual Assault Prevention for Undergraduates programs

Access the education courses on Self Service Carolina under the “Student” menu and “Community Education” tab. All incoming students must complete the courses before attending classes.

☐ Register with Student Disability Resource Center (if applicable)

To be considered for accommodations, first register with the Student Disability Resource Center at sa.sc.edu/sds. Select “Register with Us” to complete the application. You can contact the center directly at sadrc@mailbox.sc.edu or 803-777-6142.

☐ Access your tuition and fees information

View your bill for the current term in Self Service Carolina under the “Account Information” menu and the “Print Bill for Term” tab. Bills will not be mailed.

Beginning in July, notifications will be sent to your UofSC email when your bill is posted to Self Service Carolina.

☐ Evaluate your options to pay your tuition bill

View all the options available to pay your bill on Self Service Carolina under the “Account Information” menu and the “Payment Gateway” tab. You can pay your bill, set up a payment plan, authorize users, view statements and manage electronic refunds through the gateway. When paying your bill, you can pay the total balance, pay by term or pay by line item.

Visit “My Bill” on the Bursar’s Office website at sc.edu/bursar for important dates and deadlines and additional information on how to pay your bill.

☐ Order or rent your textbooks

Once you have registered for classes at New Student Orientation, log on to Self Service Carolina and click on the “Student” menu. Select the “Student Profile” tab and then “Detailed Student Schedule” on the left side menu. Then click on “Bookstore Information” at the top of the page to order or rent textbooks. You can also order or rent textbooks online through the University Bookstore at sc.bncollege.com.

☐ Review campus parking information

Visit sc.edu/parking for information about campus parking and to apply for a resident undergraduate permit. All campus parking requires a valid permit provided by Parking and Transportation Services.

☐ Review your meal plan options

Visit sc.edu/diningservices and select “Meal Plans” to explore your options and find instructions on how to purchase your desired plan. All first-year students are required to have a meal plan.