

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA

**ADMITTED STUDENT GUIDE**

CLASS OF

**2028**

# IMPORTANT DATES



- Dec. 12** ○ Housing application available
- Mid-March** ○ Merit scholarship awards released
- March 20** ○ Registration for New Student Orientation opens
- April 1** ○ Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) deadline
- Early April** ○ Financial aid packages begin to be released
- May 1** ○ Enrollment deposit deadline
- May 3** ○ Housing application deadline
- May 10** ○ Last day to register for New Student Orientation
- May 31** ○ Official ACT or SAT score(s) submission deadline, **if requested on your USC Admissions Portal**
- May 31** ○ Last day to cancel housing application (with no fee)
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- Send your official high school transcript (as soon as available)
- Send all AP/IB/Cambridge (AICE) scores by June 1 (if applicable)
- Send official college transcripts for all completed dual enrollment coursework by June 1 (if applicable)

### Office of Undergraduate Admissions

[sc.edu/admissions](https://sc.edu/admissions) • 803-777-7700 • [admissions-ugrad@sc.edu](mailto:admissions-ugrad@sc.edu)

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### Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships

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### University Housing

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[sc.edu/registrar](https://sc.edu/registrar) • 803-777-5555

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[sc.edu/orientation](https://sc.edu/orientation) • 803-777-2780 • [orientation@sc.edu](mailto:orientation@sc.edu)

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[sc.edu/healthservices](https://sc.edu/healthservices) • 803-777-3175

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### Bursar's Office

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# ADMISSIONS



## Pay your nonrefundable enrollment deposit by May 1

Pay your \$200 nonrefundable enrollment deposit through your USC Admissions Portal at [apply.sc.edu/apply/status](https://apply.sc.edu/apply/status). The enrollment deposit deadline is May 1.

## Record your VIP ID, network username and USC ID

Log on to your [USC Admissions Portal](#) to find your VIP ID, network username and USC ID. Write these down as you will use the IDs throughout the enrollment process

## Use your IDs from the previous step to set up your account at [my.sc.edu](https://my.sc.edu)

You will be prompted to complete the following steps:

- Add security questions for account verification
- Access your USC email and set up your email preferences
- Add emergency contact information
- Set up [Multifactor Authentication \(MFA\)](#)

We suggest bookmarking [my.sc.edu](https://my.sc.edu) for quick access.

## Log on to your USC student email account

You can check your student email at [outlook.com/email.sc.edu](https://outlook.com/email.sc.edu) using the password you set in the previous step. Please check your email account regularly for important information from university offices.

## Send official ACT or SAT score(s) by June 1 (if applicable)

If you see a request for official ACT or SAT scores on your USC Admissions Portal, be sure to submit the scores 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 official high school transcript

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

## Send all AP/IB/Cambridge (AICE) scores by June 1 (if applicable)

Arrange to have your official AP/IB/Cambridge test scores sent to the University of South Carolina – Columbia by June 1 (if applicable). 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 by June 1 (if applicable)

If you attempted any college courses (other than AP, IB or AICE) outside the USC system during high school, contact each college to have your official transcripts sent directly to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by June 1.



# FINANCIAL AID



## Submit the 2024-25 FAFSA by April 1



The Free Application for Federal Student Aid is free and will be available by the end of December 2023. Visit [studentaid.gov](https://studentaid.gov) and submit your application as soon as possible to maximize your chances of receiving priority awarding for need-based aid. **(School code: 003448)**

## Review your financial aid status and submit any requested documentation by April 1

From [my.sc.edu](https://my.sc.edu), log on to Self Service Carolina (SSC) to check the status of your FAFSA. 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 USC account.

We will notify you via email if you need to take additional steps to finalize your aid application and when your financial aid offer has been posted to Self Service Carolina.

## Review your financial aid

View your financial aid offer beginning in early April. For certain types of aid, you must except or decline the offer. If offered a state scholarship, grants or loans, you must also accept the terms and conditions.

For additional questions about the types of financial aid available or the financial aid process, you may use Ask Cocky, our chatbot on [sc.edu/financialaid](https://sc.edu/financialaid), to get answers to your questions.

## Report non-institutional scholarships to the Bursar's Office

You must report all outside scholarships from sources other than federal, state and university programs to the Bursar's Office. Non-institutional scholarships may affect the amount of need-based financial aid you are allowed to receive in your total financial aid offer.

Send all non-university scholarship checks to:

Bursar's Office  
University of South Carolina  
1244 Blossom Street, Suite 128  
Columbia, SC 29208

Questions? Contact the Bursar's Office at 803-777-4233 or [bursar@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:bursar@mailbox.sc.edu).

# HOUSING



## **Apply for housing**

The housing application opens on Dec. 12 and can be accessed through the Housing Portal at [my.sc.edu](https://my.sc.edu). The application deadline is May 3.

The university requires first-year students to live on campus.

## **Request special accommodations (if applicable)**

If you would like to request special housing accommodations, including gender-inclusive housing, complete the information in the “USC Housing Options” section of the application.

Incoming students must also register disability or health-related accommodations with the [Student Disability Resource Center](#) before Housing can accommodate a request.

## **Explore Living and Learning Communities**

You have the option to apply for a Living and Learning Community (LLC). Living and Learning Communities (LLCs) are communities of students that live together in the residence halls and have shared interests (academic and/or personal) that often cut across traditional majors and degree programs.

The deadline to preference your LLC in the housing application is May 3.

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

- **Capstone Scholars**  
Capstone, Faculty Led
- **Engineering and Computing**  
Campus Village, Building 3
- **First-Generation Community**  
Maxcy, Faculty Led
- **Galen Health Fellows**  
Patterson Hall, Faculty Led
- **Global Fellows**  
South Quad, Faculty Led
- **Hospitality, Retail and Sport Management**  
Columbia Hall
- **IDEA Community**  
Campus Village, Building 4, Faculty Led
- **Innovative and Creative Design (Rhodos Fellows)**  
Campus Village, Building 2, Faculty Led
- **LEAF at Green Quad**  
Green Quad, Faculty Led
- **Music Community**  
650 Lincoln - Blossom
- **Preston Residential College for Leadership**  
Preston College, Faculty Led
- **Q Sphere**  
Green Quad - B
- **ROTC Community**  
Bates West

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## Explore residence hall options

Most students will live in traditional, suite or pod-style residence halls. Each hall has a 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.

## Submit your application

Before submitting your housing application, you are required to pay a \$100 nonrefundable application fee. Students with extenuating circumstances may request to have the fee deferred until the fall by completing the deferral form on the [housing website](#) under the “Apply for Housing” section.

## Match with your roommate

After submitting your housing application, you will receive an email once you become eligible to participate in roommate matching. Roommate matching will be done through the Housing Portal at [my.sc.edu](#) and will remain open until May 17.

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

**Option 1:** Using their screen name, 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 25 students who answered similarly on the profile questions you answered when completing the housing application. You can use this screen name to message the student in the Housing Portal 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 until May 17.*

## Select your residence hall and room

Beginning in early June, students who submit a housing application by May 3 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 mid-May in the Housing Portal.

Priority for 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), you will only select your room, as the building is already predetermined. LLC students will go through the room selection process prior to the general population.*

## 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.

# REGISTRAR



## Submit your Citizenship Verification Form

Log on to your [USC Admissions Portal](#) to check if your citizenship 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](https://sc.edu/registrar) for more information on completing the form.

## Review the academic calendar

To view the academic calendar for the 2024-25 year, visit [sc.edu/registrar](https://sc.edu/registrar). This will show a full listing of important dates for the fall semester, beginning in August, through the following spring and summer semesters.

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

Log on to your [USC Admissions Portal](#) and check your Enrollment Checklist for the Residency Certification Form. If the Residency Certification Form has a RED “x,” please complete the form and upload all requested documents.

Once your form has been received by the Residency Team, the indicator should reflect a GREEN “✓.”

*Note: This does not mean your residency status has been confirmed.*

If additional documentation is needed, you will receive an email and can upload your documents under the “Verification Status” section.

## 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](https://sc.edu/veteransservices) for more information.



# NEW STUDENT ORIENTATION



## Learn more about New Student Orientation

New Student Orientation is the time for you to get acquainted with South Carolina, meet peers, learn about resources and services, and get advised and registered for fall classes. Every first-year student must attend a New Student Orientation session prior to beginning classes. For the latest updates, visit the [Office of New Student Orientation website](#) or connect with them on social media.

## Bookmark the Orientation website: [sc.edu/orientation](https://sc.edu/orientation)

Details regarding New Student Orientation, including how to register, dates and cost, will be released during the spring semester. We recommend checking [our website](#) frequently for updates.

## Connect with the Office of New Student Orientation on social media

Follow us on all major social media platforms for quick updates and reminders regarding New Student Orientation.

 [@UofSC\\_ONSO](#)

 [/UofSCOrientation](#)

 [@UofSC\\_ONSO](#)

 [Getting Cocky About Orientation Podcast](#)

## Call or email us with your questions

Our office is open Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. - 5 p.m. to answer any of your New Student Orientation questions. Call us at 803-777-2780 or email [orientation@sc.edu](mailto:orientation@sc.edu).

## Celebrate your acceptance to USC with your family and invite them to our Family and Supporter Orientation

Orientation isn't just for students — families and supporters play a critical role in your success. We invite your family to participate in our [Family and Supporter Orientation program](#) to become familiar with all the resources available to them. Further details will be released in the spring.

## Register for New Student Orientation starting March 20

All reservations for students and families can be made online between March 20 and May 10 at [my.sc.edu](https://my.sc.edu). You'll need the IDs you recorded while setting up your account to log into the system. For more information on fall freshman orientation, refer to the [New Student Orientation website](#).

*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.*

## Complete your Orientation task list

To ensure the best New Student Orientation experience, please complete your Orientation task list as outlined on [our website](#). This includes placement exams, online modules, immunization forms and more. All tasks must be completed at least a week before your session.

## Look for email updates sent by the Office of New Student Orientation

We will send updates and reminders regarding your Orientation session to the email you provided at the time of registration, so please check it frequently.

# STUDENT HEALTH SERVICES



## **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 Student 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)**

Student 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 USC’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 coverage 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: Student 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 Undergraduate programs

Access the education courses on Self Service Carolina at [my.sc.edu](https://my.sc.edu) 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](https://sa.sc.edu/sds). Select “Register with Us” to complete the application. You can contact the center directly at [sadrc@mailbox.sc.edu](mailto:sadrc@mailbox.sc.edu) or 803-777-6142.

## Access your tuition and fees information

From [my.sc.edu](https://my.sc.edu), log on to Self Service Carolina and view your bill 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 USC email when your bill is posted to Self Service Carolina.

## Evaluate your options to pay your tuition bill

From [my.sc.edu](https://my.sc.edu), log on to Self Service Carolina and view the options for paying your bill 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](https://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 through [my.sc.edu](https://my.sc.edu) 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](https://sc.bncollege.com).

## Review campus parking information

Visit [sc.edu/parking](https://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](https://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.