



Congratulations on your acceptance to Stony Brook University!

The Office of Student Services will assist you with your financial aid questions and application.

Whether you are considering applying for financial aid or have applied already, you will find the information you need in two locations: our [Financial Aid website](#) and Stony Brook's [SOLAR](#) system. Our website contains important financial aid information, forms, links, and [FAQ](#). The SOLAR system is your access to personal financial aid and billing information.

#### IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO REMEMBER:

- You will need to take at least **6 credits towards your degree** in any semester you plan to receive any Federal Direct loans.
- **If you are enrolled in modular courses** (courses that do not span the entire semester), **regardless of your scheduled loan disbursement date, disbursement will not occur until you are ENROLLED AND ATTENDING for at least 6 credits. You will receive information from your school regarding the use of modular calendar for enrollment.**
- You will receive information from your Health Sciences School in May regarding summer registration procedures if your program has a summer start date.
- If you are expecting financial aid assistance for the summer term, we will be sending you an email regarding summer financial aid **after you are registered for summer.**
- If you are an EOP undergraduate student, you do not need to pay a deposit to enroll for classes. Prior EOP students should send proof of EOP to our office to determine eligibility for the undergraduate program or the graduate tuition waiver program.

#### WHAT'S THE NEXT STEP WHEN APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID?

- Access your SOLAR account on a regular basis – since this is the way we will communicate with you if anything is needed.
- Any missing items from your application will appear under “My To Do List Items.”
- Once we review your aid application, your award offers will be posted and will be ready for you to review and accept/decline by clicking “My Financial Aid Award.”
- Your account information, any anticipated financial aid, and check refunds waiting for you will be displayed by clicking “Account Summary/What do I owe?”

Reminder – If you are using SOLAR for the first time: your Stony Brook ID was listed on your admissions letter and your password is your birth date (mmddyy).

**We will start the review of summer applications in May. Review of Fall applications will start in June. Review of Spring applications will be in December.** Let us know if you need assistance or would like to consult with a financial aid advisor. You can email [hscstudentservices@stonybrook.edu](mailto:hscstudentservices@stonybrook.edu) or call our office at (631) 444-2111, select option 5.

Cordially,

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