



APPLYING FOR FINANCIAL AID PROSPECTIVE STUDENT CHECKLIST FOR 2017-2018

- **Apply for Admission and academic scholarships – all in one!** There is no separate application for Hampden-Sydney College academic scholarships. For more information about the Admissions application process, go to <http://www.hsc.edu/Admissions/Application-Information.html>.
- **Complete the 2017-2018 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).** To expedite the FAFSA process, create your Federal Student Aid identification, FSA ID, for the student and one parent who will provide data on the FAFSA by going to <https://fsaid.ed.gov>. You may complete the FAFSA as early as October 1 but by no later than March 1. The FAFSA online application is available at www.fafsa.gov and Hampden-Sydney's code is 003713.
- **Follow up with any necessary paperwork and forms.** If your FAFSA is selected by the federal government for verification or there are any additional documents needed to finalize your financial aid, you will be notified by our office with specific directions on what to do and/or what to submit. Be sure to follow all directions very carefully as soon as possible so we can complete the review and finalize your financial aid.
- **Receive and review your financial aid award letter package.** Once you have been accepted as an incoming student for the 2017-2018 academic year, our office has received your signed and completed FAFSA data, and you have followed up on any requests for additional information, we will send an award letter package beginning in mid-December that will include all financial aid being offered (a combination of scholarships, grants, student loans and/or work-study) and any additional steps you need to take to finalize your financial aid. **NOTE:** If you are an Early Decision Candidate, please submit your FAFSA by no later than December 1, 2016 so that a financial aid award letter can be sent to you prior to the January 15 confirmation date.
- **Let us know about any special circumstances you and your family may face.** We realize some families have extenuating circumstances that make it difficult to pay for college. Extenuating circumstances may include separation, divorce, death, disability, unemployment, change in family's income reported on original applications, or medical issues. If you have not yet made us aware of such circumstances in your family, please send an e-mail to hsfinaid@hsc.edu with a brief description of the circumstances and our office will follow up with you within five business days regarding any additional information needed.
- **Need help? Contact us!** The Financial Aid Office at Hampden-Sydney College is always willing to assist with any questions you may have. We encourage you to visit our web site for more detailed information regarding our aid programs, tips and hints on how to look for resources outside H-SC, and current year tuition and cost information – www.hsc.edu/Financial-Aid.html. We can also be reached Monday – Friday from 8:30 am – 5:00 pm at (434) 223-6119 for by e-mail at hsfinaid@hsc.edu.