# ELIGIBILITY FOR FINANCIAL AID

Most students are eligible for some type of financial aid regardless of family financial circumstances. Basically, to receive aid from any of the federal or state student aid programs, students must:

- Submit a Free Application for Federal Student Aid or Renewal FAFSA designating VCU (school code 003735) to receive FAFSA results
- Demonstrate financial need, except for some loan programs
- Have a high school diploma or a General Education Development certificate
- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment to an eligible degree or certificate program
- Be enrolled at least half time (five or more graduate credit hours)
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen
- Have a valid Social Security number (unless from the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia or the Republic of Palau)
- Meet Satisfactory Academic Progress standards as defined by the VCU Office of Financial Aid (The full VCU SAP policy is available on the Student Financial Services website (https://sfs.vcu.edu/financial-aid/keeping-your-aid/satisfactory-academic-progress/).)
- Certify that federal and state financial aid will be used for educational purposes only
- Not be in default on a federal student loan and not owe money on a federal student grant
- Comply with Selective Service registration, if required
- Not be convicted under federal or state law of sale or possession of illegal drugs

Detailed information can be found on the Federal Student Aid website (https://studentaid.gov/resources/#college-prep-and-pay) and is also available in print form from the Student Financial Services website. (http://sfs.vcu.edu/)