Financial Aid Checklist

- Apply for a FSA ID (fsaid.ed.gov)
- Complete a FAFSA each year (fafsa.ed.gov)
- Complete federal tax returns
- Check financial aid status on Lesesne Gateway
- Accept “Terms and Conditions” online
- Accept or decline awards online
- Complete forms under student requirements
- Complete Master Promissory Note
- Complete Loan Entrance Counseling
- Take action on Office of Financial Aid emails

Important Websites

- fafsa4caster.gov
- fafsa.ed.gov
- fastweb.com
- nslds.ed.gov
- fsaid.ed.gov
- studentaid.ed.gov
- studentloans.gov
- citadel.edu/finaid
- lesesnegateway.citadel.edu

Important Social Media Sites

- facebook.com/TheCitadelFinancialAid
- facebook.com/FederalStudentAid
- twitter.com/FederalStudentAid
- youtube.com/FederalStudentAid

Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships

171 Moultrie St. Charleston, SC 29409
(P) 843-953-5187 (F) 843-953-6759
Financial_Aid@citadel.edu
citadel.edu/finaid
Incoming freshman cadets are automatically considered for Citadel scholarships based on their application for admission. The Citadel does not have a separate scholarship application.

OTHER SCHOLARSHIPS

S.C. HOPE and LIFE state scholarships are available to qualifying in-state students. See scholarships and grants at www.che.sc.gov.

S.C. Palmetto Fellows scholarships are available to qualifying in-state students and can only be earned during high school. Contact your high school guidance counselor for details and an application.

Departmental scholarships may be available to qualifying students. Please contact college departments directly.

Private scholarships from outside sources (e.g., local clubs, businesses, organizations) should be pursued. Guidance counselors and the local library are great resources for discovering private funding avenues.

MILITARY SCHOLARSHIPS

ROTC Scholarships are offered by the Air Force, Army, Marines and Navy. Each branch has its own scholarship criteria and application process. In June, before the senior year begins, high school seniors should start the ROTC application process online directly with their military branch of interest. Once enrolled at The Citadel, cadets may apply for a two or three-year scholarship. These scholarships pay all tuition costs, but do not cover room and board, books, supplies, or the OneCard Restricted Account.

See “ROTC” under Cadet Scholarships on The Citadel financial aid webpage.

GRANTS

A grant is a gift given on the basis of financial need and is not repaid. Federal, state, and institutional grants are available to students who qualify.

FEDERAL LOANS

Federal loans accrue interest and must be repaid. These loans are available to all students, but applicants must file their annual FAFSA. Parents of dependent students can apply for the Parent PLUS loan at studentloans.gov.

WORK-STUDY

Work-Study is a federal program in which students earn money while enrolled in school to help offset education expenses. First-year cadets are not eligible due to the various knob-year obligations.

ALTERNATIVE LOANS

Private educational loans or alternative loans are available through many different lenders. Follow the “FASTChoice” link at the bottom of the Education Loan webpage at citadel.edu for a comparative analysis of popular alternative loan options.

S.C. TEACHER LOAN PROGRAM

This program was established by the state of South Carolina to encourage talented and qualified students to enter the teaching profession. scstudentloan.org

VETERANS EDUCATION BENEFITS

Veterans, service members, or their eligible dependents, may qualify for educational benefits through the Dept. of Veterans Affairs, state funding, or private sources.

Contact Sally Levitt: (843) 953-9824 | levitts1@citadel.edu

FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

To receive federal assistance, students are required to complete the FAFSA after October 1st each year. The FAFSA is used to administer federal grants, loans, and Work-Study programs.

The FAFSA is also used to determine eligibility for several state-level and Citadel grants and scholarships. This is why it is recommended that every student complete the FAFSA online each year.

The FAFSA application opens up every year on October 1st at fafsa.ed.gov.

- Although parents are encouraged to participate, students must complete the FAFSA application
- Students and parents must each apply to obtain a personal FSA ID at fsaid.ed.gov
- Use the FAFSA IRS DATA Retrieval Tool to link the FAFSA to the IRS database and auto-fill income-related questions.

After The Citadel receives your FAFSA, there will be additional steps to complete before funds are awarded.

FOLLOW-UP

Track the status of your FAFSA with the financial aid office. Meet all of your requirements early. Supply additional information, if asked.

EMAIL NOTIFICATIONS: The Office of Financial Aid & Scholarships will send email notifications to the email account you enter on the FAFSA starting in November through early summer. Check your account often, follow directions, and provide documents to our office. Failure to comply with requests may delay your loan, grant, and scholarship payments.