

# New Student Financial Aid Timeline



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## JANUARY

- ✓ Begin the financial aid application process for the first year by completing the [Free Application for Federal Student Aid](#) (FAFSA) online.
  - The College of Saint Rose priority financial aid deadline is **February 1st** for prospective freshmen. Complete your FAFSA as soon as possible after January 1 to receive priority consideration for available student financial aid programs!
  - The 2013–2014 FAFSA is based upon your 2012 tax return. If you haven't yet filed your 2012 taxes, you can estimate your income on the FAFSA. Be sure to go back and update the FAFSA after you file your taxes.
- ✓ New York state residents should complete the online Tuition Assistance Program (TAP) [Express TAP Application](#) from NYS Higher Education Services Corporation (NYSHESC). Your TAP award will not be processed until NYSHESC receives the completed application.
  - If you are not a New York state resident, you should investigate your home state's aid programs.
- ✓ Submit your [Application for Admission](#) by **February 1st** to be considered for academic scholarships!
- ✓ Consult our [Guide To Scholarships & Financial Aid](#) for clear-cut information about guaranteed academic scholarships, sample financial aid packages, and important deadlines!
- ✓ Try our [Net Price Calculator](#) to estimate your financial aid eligibility for college grants, academic scholarships, federal loans, and New York State TAP. This is a great starting point to investigate how Saint Rose financial aid policies might apply to you and build an understanding of the affordability of a Saint Rose education.

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## FEBRUARY

- ✓ Once you file the FAFSA, look for your **Student Aid Report (SAR)**, which is a summary of the information you submitted on the FAFSA. Review your SAR for accuracy and make corrections to your FAFSA online if necessary.
- ✓ Once our Office of Financial Aid receives your FAFSA, you might receive a letter from us requesting additional information, such as a [Verification worksheet and tax returns](#). Promptly send any additional information we request. **Track our receipt of these additional materials** by logging in to your [Secure Site](#).
- ✓ If you haven't filed the 2013-2014 [FAFSA](#) yet, do so right away! The College of Saint Rose School Code is 002705.
- ✓ New York State residents should also be sure to file the [TAP application](#). The College of Saint Rose TAP Code is 0140.
- ✓ For all accepted students who have filed a FAFSA prior to February 15th, financial aid award letters are sent out in late February.

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## MARCH

- ✓ The priority deadline for receipt of your 2013-2014 [FAFSA](#) is February 15th, but it is not too late to file!
- ✓ Continue to provide any requested information to the Office of Financial Aid as promptly as possible
- ✓ Expect to receive your financial aid award letter within 2 weeks after your FAFSA is sent to The College of Saint Rose by the federal processor.

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## APRIL

- ✓ If you completed your [FAFSA](#) with estimated income figures, update your FAFSA online once your 2012 Federal Tax Returns are complete.
- ✓ Continue to provide any requested information to the Office of Financial Aid as promptly as possible.
- ✓ After you receive your financial aid award letter, accept your aid online by logging in to the [Secure Site](#).
- ✓ Use the [Cost of Attendance](#) worksheet and your financial aid award letter to calculate your remaining balance for the year by subtracting your total aid from total charges.
- ✓ The deadline for submitting your Intent to Enroll and deposit is coming up on **May 1<sup>st</sup>!**

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## MAY

- ✓ Submit your [Intent to Enroll](#) form and deposit to the Office of Undergraduate Admissions by May 1<sup>st</sup>!

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## JUNE

- ✓ **Develop a plan with your family and your financial aid counselor to pay for any remaining balance. Your plan should address not only the method of payment for a remaining balance but also your strategy for monitoring and managing your student account. For example, will you set up Authorized Users other than the student who will be able to view and pay eBills?**
  - Remember that your semester balance should be paid in full 10 days before the beginning of each semester.

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## JULY

- ✓ You may enroll in a 4-payment monthly tuition payment plan (August, September, October, November) by logging into the Saint Rose [Secure Site](#) and navigating to the *Payment Resource Center*.
- ✓ Begin applying for the Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS).
- ✓ eBills for the Fall semester sent to the student's Saint Rose email account.
  - Financial aid must be accepted and all requirements met before aid will appear on the bill.
- ✓ Set up any **Authorized Users** that will receive eBill notifications and have access to your student account to view and pay bills. To designate Authorized Users, login to the Secure Site, select *Pay A Deposit Or Set Up An Authorized User*.

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## AUGUST

- ✓ Remember that a student's semester account balance must be fully paid 10 days before the semester begins. **The Fall balance is due August 16<sup>th</sup>!** You must either have paid the balance in full or have anticipated funds credited to your bill by the Bursar.

- ✓ If you haven't already done so, accept your financial aid package and review your fall semester bill by logging in to the [Secure Site](#).
  - ✓ Students can purchase [Tuition Refund Insurance](#) to protect against financial loss from an unexpected withdrawal from the semester.
  - ✓ You may enroll in a 3-payment monthly tuition payment plan (September, October, November) by logging into the Saint Rose [Secure Site](#) and navigating to the *Payment Resource Center*.
  - ✓ Remember to set up any Authorized Users that you want to be able to view and pay eBills.
  - ✓ Fall semester begins August 26<sup>th</sup>!
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## SEPTEMBER

- ✓ Your fall semester balance should now be paid in full or accounted for by anticipated financial aid funds or a payment plan. Check your account online to make sure everything is in order!
  - ✓ Work study students can view available positions posted on the Financial Aid office web page.
    - Work study students must submit required paperwork by October 1<sup>st</sup> at the latest.
  - ✓ Bookstore vouchers are available from the Bursar for students who wish to borrow against an anticipated financial aid refund credited to their account.
  - ✓ Financial aid refund checks start to become available the Friday after Add Drop ends.
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## OCTOBER

- ✓ New York State TAP funds are disbursed in mid-October.
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## NOVEMBER

- ✓ Registration for spring begins mid-November. A bill for the spring semester is generated as soon as you register. View your bill by logging in to the Secure Site.
  - ✓ Be sure to notify the Financial Aid office if your enrollment plans have changed since your original aid package was prepared. For example, if you are changing from full to part-time enrollment status, you must notify financial aid so your package can be adjusted accordingly.
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## DECEMBER

- ✓ Full payment for your spring semester account balance is due 10 days before the semester begins. Check your spring bill online to make sure your financial aid has been applied and your balance is paid.
- ✓ Remember that any time after January 1, 2014, you can **file the new [FAFSA for 2014 – 2015!](#)**

## QUESTIONS:

Please contact the Student Solution Center at (518) 458-5464 or [solutioncenter@strose.edu](mailto:solutioncenter@strose.edu)