USC assists students in financing education

Nearly 71% of students agree that the University helps students acquire adequate financial resources to support their education.

Majority of USC students receive financial assistance

79% of students enrolled in Fall 2006 received scholarships and other forms of financial aid from the University. In the last academic year, USC distributed more than $270 million in financial aid to students.

Students use aid and scholarships to finance study-abroad opportunities

71.7% of all USC students studying abroad receive financial aid to apply toward tuition costs. The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships, in conjunction with the Study Abroad Office, helps students find ways to finance their education abroad through:

- National scholarships
- Departmental scholarships
- Fellowships and grants

USC offers a range of study-abroad opportunities for students

With assistance from the Study Abroad Office, USC students can choose from a variety of different study-abroad programs in more than 20 countries.

- Exchange programs
- Consortium and affiliate programs
- Sponsored summer programs
Here you will find important dates and contacts that students may find helpful as they begin to plan for the upcoming semesters. Please consider referring students to this information.

For more information contact us at:
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Comments
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Student Financial Aid & Scholarships
The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships offers resources to help students find ways to pay for their education. Information is available for students applying for state and federal aid, as well as individual grants and scholarships. Financial aid opportunities are also available for students planning to take summer courses or to study abroad.

For more information on these resources and services, visit www.sc.edu/financialaid.

Dates to Remember
Jan. 1 - FAFSA applications are now available for the 2007-2008 academic year. The FAFSA can be accessed electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov

Feb. 15 - Priority deadline for submitting the FAFSA for 2007-2008

April 1 - Financial aid summer applications are available for students intending to enroll in any 2007 summer school term. Applications can be accessed on VIP or at www.sc.edu/financialaid

May 1 - Deadline to submit the financial aid summer application for 2007

June 30 - Final deadline to submit the FAFSA for the 2007-2008 academic year

Study Abroad Office
Each year, hundreds of students take advantage of USC’s study-abroad opportunities. The Study Abroad Office helps guide students through the study-abroad process by providing information about program options, as well as scholarship opportunities available to help students finance their study-abroad experience.

For more information, stop by the Study Abroad Office or visit www.sa.sc.edu/sa.

Dates to Remember
Feb. 5 - Study Abroad Night
Feb. 22 - Making Study Abroad Affordable

Steps to Study Abroad
☐ Attend one of the general information sessions offered Fridays at 2:30 p.m., Study Abroad Office.

☐ Schedule a follow-up appointment with a study-abroad adviser. Walk-in advising is available on Mondays and Fridays from 3-5 p.m.

☐ Meet with your academic adviser to discuss academic requirements and to complete your academic plan.

☐ Meet with a financial aid counselor in the Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships to complete a financial plan.

☐ Apply for specific study-abroad programs and be mindful of posted deadlines.

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