

# Financial Assistance

## 2008/09 Financial Assistance Checklist

1. If you received financial assistance (grants, scholarships or loans) for SPC's fall term:
  - Spring awards will be adjusted based on actual enrollment after drop/add period.
  - Loan recipients, FSAG, SEOG, and SIG must be enrolled for at least six credit hours.
  - Register early! Open registration begins Nov. 5.
  - Enrollment must be final by drop/add date Jan. 16, 2009.
2. If you are a transfer student, did you receive financial assistance (grants, scholarships, loans or federal work study) at another institution in fall 2008? If so, please complete the following steps:
  1. Go to **FAFSA.ed.gov** and **add SPC's school code (001528)** to your **FAFSA application**.
  2. Check to see if you are selected for verification.
  3. Notify your prior school's Financial Assistance office to cancel your spring aid with that school.
  4. Notify your lender that you are changing schools.
  5. Complete the Loan Request for SPC, **www.spcollege.edu/getfunds**
  6. Notify the Florida Department of Education and SPC if you are a Bright Futures recipient to change your school code to SPC's code (001528).
  7. Order official academic transcripts to be sent to SPC from all previous schools, including your high school.
3. Do you want to receive financial assistance (grants, scholarships and loans, federal work study) for spring 2009? Follow the steps below:
  - Complete your FAFSA
  - Request a PIN number online at **www.pin.ed.gov**
  - Complete your 08/09 FAFSA online at **www.fafsa.ed.gov/** SPC's school code (001528).
  - Read your Student Aid Report
  - Go to **http://www.fafsa.ed.gov/** select **"View and Print your Student Aid report."** Check for accuracy and carefully read the comment section.

If your application is selected for verification, you will be required to bring additional documentation to the Financial Assistance Services Office.

Dependent students will need:

  - Dependent Verification worksheet
  - Parents' signed 2007 federal tax forms
  - Student's signed 2007 federal tax forms
  - Independent students will need:
  - Independent Verification worksheet
  - Student's signed 2007 federal tax forms
  - Spouse's signed 2007 federal tax forms (if applicable)

Required reading: "Steering to Success," St. Petersburg College's guide to financial assistance. Pick up a copy at your campus Financial Assistance Services Office or read it online.

When applying for scholarships, complete a **Scholarship Application by Nov. 14 for the spring term.**
4. After completing the FAFSA, you may apply for student employment.
5. Stay informed about the latest financial assistance news and scholarship opportunities by reading the "In the Money" newsletter online at: **www.spcollege.edu/getfunds**; just click the **Scholarships tab**. Or you may have it sent to your e-mail account monthly directly.
6. Your financial assistance award, including grants, scholarships and loans, will be applied to your tuition before the balance is delivered to your SPC OneCard. (Learn more about the card on page 18 of this booklet.)
7. The automated **Book Line of Credit will be available** at the campus bookstores **for the spring term, Dec.11 through Jan. 15**. The Book Line of Credit allows you to obtain your books prior to start of classes. Your financial assistance file must be complete and your financial assistance awards made in order to have a Book Line of Credit.
8. Visit a financial assistance counselor at your home campus to discuss your 2008-09 financial assistance eligibility, and types of assistance that will be available to you.
9. Refunds for financial assistance disbursements will begin at the end of the 4th week of the term. If you enroll in only express classes or eight-week two-module classes, your disbursement will not happen until after the drop/add of those sessions.

# Tuition and fees: SPC is affordable

Who says quality can't be a bargain? SPC is a fully accredited and nationally ranked college where courses cost about half the price of identical courses at universities.

In addition, numerous grants, scholarships, loans and employment opportunities are available to qualified students.



## FEES *Please note: Fees subject to change.*

The following fee schedule applies to most St. Petersburg College credit students:

Initial application fee.....	\$35
(Original application only. Not refundable.)	
International student fee .....	\$100
(Original application only. Not refundable.)	

### Two-year courses

In-state residents (per credit hour) .....	\$77.54
Out-of-state residents (per credit hour) .....	\$280.39

### Four-year courses

In-state residents (per credit hour) .....	\$85.20
Out-of-state residents (per credit hour) .....	\$322.70

**Last week of registration: Jan. 12-16.**

## OTHER STUDENT FEES

Technology, health, music, art, Internet, computer and science courses are among those that require additional fees. Please see the SPC catalog.

## STUDENT REFUNDS/SPC ONECARD

Students enrolled in credit classes now receive financial refunds via the **SPC OneCard**. The OneCard is a MasterCard debit card and will be mailed to your current mailing address on file. Students can verify their address online at [www.spcollege.edu](http://www.spcollege.edu) and choose the **MySPC** link or they can visit their campus admissions office.

To receive a refund, students must activate their **SPC OneCard**. During card activation, students will choose how to receive their refund. For faster access to their funds, students can choose to have their refunds deposited directly into their **SPC OneAccount**. Students can activate their **SPC OneCard** and make their refund selection online at [www.SPCOneCard.com](http://www.SPCOneCard.com).

The cost to replace the **SPC OneCard** is \$20.

## REFUNDS

- Credit courses dropped before the end of the drop/add period as published in the catalog: 100 percent refund.
- Credit courses dropped after the end of the drop/add period: no refund.
- All refunds made within four weeks.

## FEE WAIVERS FOR SENIOR CITIZENS

St. Petersburg College offers free credit courses to senior citizens on a space-available basis. To be eligible for this benefit, seniors must:

- Be Florida residents age 60 and older.
- Pay the one-time SPC application fee of \$35.
- Register during the first week of classes.

## FEE WAIVERS FOR STATE EMPLOYEES

St. Petersburg College offers free credit courses up to six hours to eligible state employees on a space-available basis. To be eligible for this benefit, state employees must:

- Present a completed state employee tuition waiver form to their campus registration office.
- Must register for classes during the State Employee Registration period per the college catalog.
- The waiver does not cover any lab, special, or online fees. These charges are the responsibility of the student.

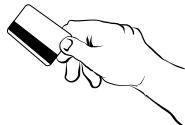


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## FOUR WAYS TO PAY YOUR FEES WITHOUT WAITING IN LINE

**1 Pay with your credit card** (Visa, American Express and MasterCard accepted) online at [www.spcollege.edu](http://www.spcollege.edu).

- Choose the **MySPC** link.
- Log in and select **Student Services**.
- Click on **Make a Payment**.



**2 Pay with check or money order by mailing your payment** to your home campus Business Office. Make sure it is mailed in time to arrive by your fee deadline. **Please include your student ID number on the check.** Designate your campus Business Office on the envelope and send to the following address:

**St. Petersburg College  
Business Office**

*(list your home campus)*

**P.O. Box 13489**

**St. Petersburg, FL 33733-3489**

**3 Pay by check or money order (no cash in drop box, please)** by dropping payment off in one of the fee drop boxes located outside the Business Offices at Clearwater

Campus (front of AD Building), St. Petersburg/Gibbs Campus (rear of AD Building) and Tarpon Springs Campus (northwest corner of AD Building). **Please include your Student ID number on the check.**

**4 Pay with Florida Prepaid program**  
Log in to My SPC on [www.spcollege.edu](http://www.spcollege.edu).

After registering for classes, click on

1. **Student Services, Fees**, click on **Pay with Florida Prepaid**
2. Fill out form and submit
3. A confirmation will be sent to your SPC e-mail account with information about remaining fees due (if any) and the due date.

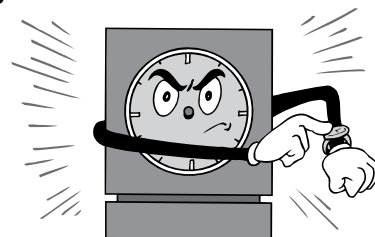
*NOTE: If you choose the mail or drop box option, no cash please.*

## PAYMENT PLANS

Payment plans are available to students to help defray tuition expenses and are processed in any MAP Center or Business office. The payment plan will cover in-state tuition and fees. Students must meet the following criteria:

- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen.
  - Be registered in at least six credit hours.
  - Have a minimum GPA of 1.5.
  - Maximum payment plan is \$1,000.
  - A co-signer is required for the payment plan. The signature of the co-signers must be notarized.
  - Pay 25% of registration fees along with the \$20 non-refundable application fee to the Business Office when application is submitted.
  - The payment plan application must be submitted before the tuition due date to prevent cancelled classes.
- The payment plan must be paid in full approximately 60 days after the first day of classes (45 days for Term III).
  - **Students are responsible for paying back the payment plan regardless of their financial assistance eligibility.**
  - If classes are dropped after the drop-add period, students are still responsible for paying off the payment plan.
  - If the full amount is not paid by the due date, the student will not be eligible to participate in future payment plans.
  - College records, including transcripts, will be put on hold and registration is not permitted until the payment plan is paid in full.

**Time is ticking.  
Please pay all fees on time.**



**If you pay late, you will be dropped from your course(s).**