



COLLEGE OF CHARLESTON

NEW STUDENT PROGRAMS

Calendar for Incoming Students for Spring 2026

To find a webpage mentioned on the calendar, search College of Charleston and the words in blue

November 2025

- November 1 [Spring campus housing application](#) opens. Housing is not guaranteed for the spring, although we are typically able to accommodate all housing applicants.
- November 5 [Orientation Registration](#) is available in MyPortal.
- November 10 Submit a photo online for your Cougar Card (College of Charleston ID). Review photo requirements, deadlines and instructions at <https://charleston.edu/cougar-card/submit-photo.php>
- All Month Immunization Record Form must be submitted to Student Health Services via online system and be in compliance with immunization requirements or student will not be able to register for classes at orientation. Forms can be found at <https://charleston.edu/student-health/immunizations.php> Deadline is December 31 for January 2026 orientation date.
- All Month Complete student Financial Aid Requirements via MyPortal (for more information, go to the [Financial Aid office website](#)). Specialty scholarships require a separate application; use your CofC email credentials to log in. Apply by March 1 for scholarships that will be applied to fall 2026 tuition. Reach out via email for more information.

December 2025

Beginning in December, Campus Housing will place students who have completed their housing applications. Anyone who has completed their housing application by December 1, 2025, will receive their placement via email by December 22, 2025. Applicants who apply after December 1 will be placed and emailed no later than January 2, 2026.

December 2025, continued

December 15	Deadline to submit official college transcript(s) to Admissions.
December 18	Deadline to register for January orientation sessions.
December 31	Immunization Record Form must be submitted to Student Health Services via online system and be in compliance with immunization requirements or student will not be able to register for classes at orientation. Forms can be found at https://charleston.edu/student-health/immunizations.php
All Month	Request to have South Carolina final high school transcript sent for state scholarship consideration.
All Month	Complete student Financial Aid Requirements via MyPortal (for more information, go to the Financial Aid office website). Specialty scholarships require a separate application; use your CofC email credentials to log in. Apply by March 1 for scholarships that will be applied to fall 2026 tuition. Reach out via email for more information.

December 23 – January 1 – College of Charleston campus offices closed
Campus Offices will reopen on January 2, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.

Make sure to have your financial aid, orientation and transcript business done before the offices are closed.

January 2026

January 2	Deadline to submit your photo for your Cougar Card for Spring 2026 orientation.
January 1	Deadline to make qualified changes to meal plans in the MyHousing/Dining portal. Students can make changes in Campus Services HQ January 2-13 -. Learn more at https://charleston.edu/campus-services/hq/meal-plans.php
January 5	Check MyPortal for Transfer Credit Awards in DegreeWorks (includes AP, IB, and college transfer credits)
January 4	Residence halls open for move-in. Students must make an appointment to move in and should watch their CofC email account for details. For information, review https://charleston.edu/housing/move-in-move-out/move-in.php

January 2026, continued

January 5 and 6	January 2026 In-Person New Student Orientation sessions
January 7	Spring 2026 semester classes begin.
January 13	Tuition Bills due for students who attended January orientation sessions (for more information, go to the Treasurer's office website at https://charleston.edu/treasurer/payment/index.php) Deadline to make qualified meal plan changes (by 5 p.m.)

To Do in November, December and January

- Submit your official AP/IB/CLEP score information to the Office of Admissions
- Check the My Holds tile in [MyPortal](#) to see if you have any holds that will prevent course registration at orientation. All students will have an orientation hold until they attend orientation.
- Review [advising website](#) PRIOR to orientation.
- Check off items on the [new student checklist](#) on the orientation website
- Check your CofC email account **daily** for important news for incoming students.
- Set up an [authorized user](#) on Ebill.
- Check out the [IT New Student Checklist](#)
- Contact your roommates and suitemates to start to plan for your room.
- Attend an in person new student orientation.

***All due dates are subject to change for health and safety reasons. Please refer to department or program websites for updates.

For more information about orientation, new students can visit the [orientation website](#).
Students with questions can email orientation@charleston.edu.

For more information, family members can visit the [parent and family resources website](#).
Parents and family members with questions can email parents@charleston.edu