



Calendar for Incoming Students for Fall 2026

*This calendar has specific date deadlines as well as a to-do list for the spring and summer months.
Please review all of it and check the webpage for updated items each month.*

March

- March 11 Cougar Excursion Application opens. <https://charleston.edu/higdon-center/student-leadership-programs/cougar-excursion.php>
- March 31 Application for Panhellenic (sorority) recruitment opens online. Deadline is July 20 at 11:59 pm For more information regarding recruitment, go to <https://charleston.edu/higdon-center/fraternity-sorority-life/panhellenic-sorority.php>
The registration link can be found at <https://enroll.icsrecruiter.com/pan/colchr>
- All Month Register for Admitted Cougar Events (various dates February, March and April). Check the [Next Steps](#) page for Admitted Students for more information and to register)
- All Month Student Health Requirement information 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. Online forms can be found at <https://charleston.edu/student-health/immunizations.php> **Deadline is May 15, 2026.**
- All Month Submit picture online for your Cougar Card (CofC ID). The deadline is five business days before your scheduled orientation. View picture requirements and deadlines at <https://charleston.edu/cougar-card/submit-photo.php>

April

- April 1 Students who have already completed their housing application can start forming (optional) roommate groups.
- All Month Student Health Requirement information 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. Online forms can be found at <https://charleston.edu/student-health/immunizations.php> **Deadline is May 15, 2026.**
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May

- May 1 Deadline to submit CofC enrollment deposit
- Deadline for incoming, first-year students to complete CofC housing application (by 11:59 pm ET) for guaranteed housing for Fall 2026. Note: The housing application can only be completed after making your enrollment deposit, which takes about 12 hours to process. Plan ahead if you wish to apply for housing.
- May 8 Orientation registration deadline for freshmen
- May 15 Student Health Requirement information 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. Online forms can be found at <https://charleston.edu/student-health/immunizations.php> **Deadline is May 15, 2026.**
- May 15 Deadline to form a roommate group (optional) for students who completed their housing application by May 1
- Mid Month Request to have official SAT/ACT scores sent to Office of Admissions if you haven't already done so (freshmen only) Scores will be used for placement purposes
- All Month Submit picture online for your Cougar Card (CofC ID). The deadline is five business days before your scheduled orientation. View picture requirements and deadlines at <https://charleston.edu/cougar-card/submit-photo.php>

June

- June 1 U.S. citizens who haven't submitted the FAFSA must verify lawful presence before being permitted to register for classes during orientation.
<https://charleston.edu/admission/admitted-students/next-steps/index.php>
- Early to Mid-June Students who completed the housing application begin room selection based on the date they completed it.
- All Month Submit your official AP/IB/CLEP score information to the Office of Admissions
- All Month All students must review/accept the financial aid awarded to them for Fall 2026
- All Month Submit picture online for your Cougar Card (CofC ID). The deadline is five business days before your scheduled orientation. View picture requirements and deadlines at <https://charleston.edu/cougar-card/submit-photo.php>

July

- July 20 Panhellenic Primary Recruitment Registration Deadline by 11:59 PM
- July 26 Cougar Excursion Application Deadline
- Early July Billing begins for the Fall 2026 semester for students who have attended orientation

July, cont.

- Mid-month Submit official final high school transcript verifying high school graduation.
- Mid-month Students living on campus are emailed their CofC Complex mailing address along with detailed mailing/shipping instructions.
- All Month Submit picture online for your Cougar Card (CofC ID). The deadline is five business days before your scheduled orientation. View picture requirements and deadlines at <https://charleston.edu/cougar-card/submit-photo.php>

August

- August 1 Deadline for all new students missing official final high school/college transcripts to be submitted to the Office of Admissions
- August 7 Deadline to submit picture online for your Cougar Card (CofC ID). View picture requirements and deadlines at <https://charleston.edu/cougar-card/submit-photo.php>
- August 10 Financial aid for the fall semester credits to students' accounts. Automatic bank account deposits are available only AFTER the Treasurer's and Controller's Offices have produced them and students are notified via email.
- August 10 Deadline to make qualified meal plan changes within the MyHousing/Dining portal. Between August 11 and 21 at 5 p.m., changes can be made through Campus Services HQ. Find more information at <https://charleston.edu/campus-services/hq/meal-plans.php>
- August 12 Students should verify or opt out of Cougar Complete, the College's course material program, if they haven't already. Look for an email from Barnes & Noble (coursematerials@email.bncollege.com) to review and confirm your materials. Find more information at go.cofc.edu/cougar-complete.
- August 13-15 Cougar Excursion (students who are registered to attend will move in on August 12)
- August 13-23 All eight Panhellenic Chapters will participate in the Primary Recruitment process. Early move-in for participants is Wednesday, August 12, 2026.
- August 14-15 Move-in period for students living in campus housing. Students must make an appointment to move in. More information will be provided later in the summer.
- August 15 First Night Charleston
- August 16 - September 27 Fall 2026 Weeks of Welcome
- August 16 New Student Convocation
- August 18 NPHC/ Culturally Based Organizations Meet the Greeks Night - 6 pm – Rita Hollings Science Center, Room 101
- August 17 Fall 2026 semester classes begin
- August 21 Deadline to make qualified meal plan changes through Campus Services HQ (by 5 p.m.)

August, cont.

August 21 Deadline to verify course materials or opt out of Cougar Complete

All Month Check online for Transfer Credit Awards (includes AP, IB, and college transfer credits) in Degree Works in MyPortal.

Dates to be announced later in the Spring

- Application for Interfraternity Council (IFC) [recruitment](#) opens online.
- Interfraternity Council (IFC) Week
- Interfraternity Council (IFC) Recruitment Registration Deadline by 11:59 PM
- IFC Convocation and Open House
- Deadline for the tuition and fees bill for students who attended the June and July orientation sessions.
- Deadline for the tuition and fees bill for students who attended the August orientation sessions.

To Do Monthly in March, April and May

- Check your College of Charleston email account weekly for important news for incoming students.
- Explore majors at <https://charleston.edu/academics/index.php>
- Check off items on pre-orientation checklist at <https://charleston.edu/orientation/checklist/index.php>
- Review the laptop requirement and other technology information for students at <https://help.charleston.edu/technology-resources>.
- Review/Accept Financial Aid packages via MyPortal (under the Financial Aid Dashboard)
- Check Holds in MyPortal on the My Holds tile. Students will have an orientation hold on their account until they attend orientation.

To Do in June, July and August

- Review advising website PRIOR to orientation. Check out the link at <https://charleston.edu/advising/new-and-prospective-students/index.php>
- Check off items on pre-orientation checklist at <https://charleston.edu/orientation/checklist/index.php>
- Check your CofC email account **daily** for important news for incoming students
- Set up an Authorized User on eBill. Tutorials at <https://charleston.edu/treasurer/billing/index.php>
- Submit picture online for your Cougar Card (CofC ID). View picture requirements and deadlines at <https://charleston.edu/cougar-card/submit-photo.php> (deadline is five days before your orientation or August 7, 2026, whichever is sooner)
- Review the laptop requirement and other technology information for students at <https://help.charleston.edu/technology-resources>.
- Contact your roommates and suitemates to start to plan for your room

***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 charleston.edu/orientation
Students with questions can email orientation@charleston.edu

For more information, family members can visit
charleston.edu/parents
Families with questions can email parents@charleston.edu