Disbursement Policy
Veritas Baptist College (VBC)

Veritas Baptist College (VBC) follows federal and institutional guidelines to ensure that financial aid, including Federal Direct Loans, is disbursed accurately and responsibly to eligible students. Our disbursement process is designed to promote student success, ensure compliance with U.S. Department of Education regulations, and support transparency in financial aid.

Types of Aid and Disbursement Overview

VBC students may be eligible for various types of financial aid, including scholarships, grants, and federal student loans. A complete overview of available aid can be found at vbc.edu/financial-info/types-of-aid and the U.S. Department of Education's Federal Student Aid website.

Disbursements of aid occur in accordance with federal regulations and institutional schedules. Federal student loans (Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized loans) are typically disbursed in at least two installments—once at the beginning of each semester.

Eligibility for Disbursement

To receive a financial aid disbursement, students must:

- Be enrolled at least half-time in an eligible program
- Maintain **Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)** as defined in VBC's SAP Policy
- Complete all required documentation (including the FAFSA and any verification documents)
- Accept financial aid awards through the proper channels
- Complete mandatory **entrance counseling** and **Master Promissory Note (MPN)** for federal loans at studentaid.gov
- View loan information at NSLDS.gov.

Loan Counseling Requirements

- **Entrance Counseling**: Required for all first-time Federal Direct Loan borrowers before the first loan disbursement. It covers borrower responsibilities, loan terms, interest rates, and repayment.
- **Exit Counseling**: Required before graduation, withdrawal, or dropping below half-time enrollment. This provides students with critical repayment and loan management information. Exit counseling can be found HERE.

Disbursement Method

Disbursements are applied first to institutional charges (tuition, fees, and housing, if applicable). Any excess funds are refunded to the student to cover other educational expenses.

Withholding and Delayed Disbursement

VBC reserves the right to delay or withhold disbursements if:

- SAP requirements are not met
- Enrollment drops below half-time
- There is a failure to complete required loan counseling or documentation
- The student has unresolved financial aid verification

Private Loans

VBC also provides information to prospective borrowers about **private educational loans**. We encourage all students to exhaust federal aid options before pursuing private loans, and detailed comparison resources are available via studentaid.gov.

Entrance Counseling Policy:

In compliance with federal regulations under 34 CFR 685.304(a), our institution requires all first-time borrowers of Federal Direct Loans to complete entrance counseling prior to their first loan disbursement. This counseling provides comprehensive information regarding the terms and conditions of the loan, including the borrower's rights and responsibilities.
Graduate or professional students receiving a Direct PLUS Loan for the first time must also complete entrance counseling that meets the additional requirements outlined in 34 CFR 685.304(a)(7).

Entrance counseling is delivered online through the official Federal Student Aid website, ensuring borrowers are fully informed before accepting loan funds. Entrance Counseling can be found HERE.

Exit Counseling Policy:

In accordance with federal regulations under **34 CFR 685.304(b)**, our institution provides exit counseling to all borrowers of Federal Direct Subsidized and Unsubsidized Loans, shortly before they cease to be enrolled at least half-time.

Exit counseling is designed to help borrowers understand their loan repayment obligations and includes important information on repayment plans, deferment and forbearance options, loan consolidation, and avoiding default.

Exit counseling is typically completed online via the Federal Student Aid website to ensure students receive accurate and up-to-date information before entering repayment. Exit Counseling can be found here.