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Southeast Missouri State University students may begin registering for 2018-2019 parking permits at 8 a.m. July 9.

At that time, students may apply online at **http://portal.semo.edu** or, for students who do not have access to the internet, application can be made by calling Parking Services at (573) 651-2310. Students should apply using only one method.

The application period for the preferred lottery, a system based on student seniority to determine distribution of the preferred decals, will close at 4 p.m. Friday, July 27. After this date, registration for perimeter, evening only and employee permits will remain open. This is the only application period for the preferred parking lottery and lottery applications will not be accepted after the July 27 closing date. Because distribution of the preferred decals is assigned using a lottery, the time at which a student applies does not affect the chances of getting preferred parking. Likewise, the method used to apply does not affect selection in the lottery. Applications are placed in the lottery and sorted according to student seniority.

New this year, parking registration will not be associated with tuition pre-payment, thanks to changes by Parking Services and Student Financial Services at Southeast. Previously, students had to pay their account balance in full, cover their balance by guaranteed financial aid or make their first installment payment before the close of the registration period to be included in the parking lottery.

This change, however, only affects the parking lottery. To remain enrolled in courses, students still need to have enough financial aid to cover their balance, set up a payment plan with the first installment made, or a make an out-of-pocket payment for the balance amount, by the due date of July 27.

The preferred permit lottery will be conducted and preferred decals will be assigned on Aug. 1. Students can determine preferred permit assignment by checking their online billing summary via the student portal after Aug. 2.

Preferred parking decals will be assigned into these allotments:

- 55 percent will be distributed to students with 90 or more hours.
- 30 percent will go to students with 60 to 89 hours.
- 15 percent will be distributed to students with 30 to 59 hours.

Students who apply for preferred permits but are not drawn in the lottery may choose to be placed on a waiting list. Students must choose and accept perimeter parking as an alternate permit type to be automatically added to the preferred permit waiting list. Students will be placed on the waiting list based upon cumulative hours and will receive a perimeter decal to use until the time they become eligible for preferred parking from the waiting list. Eligibility is determined as space in preferred parking lots becomes available. When space becomes available students will be contacted by University email.

Students who are not drawn in the lottery and who decline a perimeter parking permit will not be added to a preferred parking waiting list and will no longer be eligible for a preferred permit for the 2018-2019 academic year.

Two or more individuals who ride together and arrive and depart the campus at the same time may purchase a carpool permit. To purchase a carpool permit, students should not apply for the preferred parking lottery or for perimeter parking. Requests for carpool permits should be made in person at the Parking Services office after Aug. 13. Each member of the carpool must be present at the time of application.

Commuter and resident students may pick up their decals at the Parking Services office, 1401 N. Sprigg Street (in front of the Show Me Center) beginning Aug. 13. For one day only, during residence hall move-in Thursday, Aug. 16, resident students will pick up their permits from the Student Recreation Center adjacent to the Show Me Center.

Summer hours for Parking Services are 7:30 a.m.–4 p.m. Monday–Friday. Beginning the week of Aug. 13, Parking Services returns to fall business hours and will be open 7:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Monday–Thursday and 7:30 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday. Parking Services will be open between 10 a.m. and 4 p.m. the weekend of Saturday, Aug. 18, and Sunday, Aug. 19.

Parking fees for the 2018-2019 year are:

\$190 for preferred decals

\$140 for perimeter decals

\$75 for evening only decals, which are valid only after 4 p.m.

\$255 for carpool permits

\$75 for a motorcycle or scooter without the purchase of a motor vehicle permit

\$25 for a motorcycle or scooter with the purchase of a motor vehicle permit

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