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Each year, two out of three WVU students qualify for some type of financial aid, totaling over $400 million. To receive an offer of aid, you must be admitted to WVU as a degree seeking student. If you feel you need financial assistance, apply—and apply early. The application process is free and easy.

Application Process

To apply for financial aid, first apply for a US Department of Education student PIN and a parent PIN (if you are considered a dependent student for financial aid purposes) at www.pin.ed.gov. You will use the PIN to sign your online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), review your processed information, correct FAFSA data, and conduct other important business directly with the US Department of Education. Save the PIN you are issued because you will need it for future transactions.

Complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov and include WVU's school code – 003827 – on your application. Submit the FAFSA prior to March 1 for full consideration. If you prefer to complete a paper FAFSA, you can request one by calling the Federal Student Aid Information Center at 800-433-3243. The FAFSA is completed annually. You must renew the FAFSA to receive consideration for aid.

Aid Offer Notification

WVU will receive your information electronically if you included our school code on your FAFSA. After your FAFSA is reviewed for accuracy, an award notification will be sent. First time freshman will be notified through paper letter. All other students are notified via their MIX email account. Your MIX email account is the major mode of communication for the University. Therefore, it is imperative that you check your MIX email account regularly.

Employment Opportunities

The Office of Student Employment can assist students in securing on-campus and off campus job opportunities. For assistance go to http://studentemployment.wvu.edu or call 304-293-9270.

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Satisfactory Academic Progress

Students who wish to receive funds administered by the Financial Aid Office must make measurable academic progress toward completion of an eligible degree. Regulations require evaluation both quantitative (required gpa) and qualitative (successful completion of a % of all attempted hours) as well as degree completion within 150% of the number of hours required for the degree (undergraduates only).

Undergraduates must complete at least 67% of all attempted hours with the following GPA:

- 1-28 attempted hours - 1.4 GPA
- 29-58 attempted hours - 1.7 GPA
- 59-88 attempted hours - 1.9 GPA
- 89 or more attempted hours - 2.0 GPA

Graduate students must complete at least 70% of all attempted hours with a 2.75 GPA.

Professional students must complete at least 70% of all attempted hours with the following GPA:

- Law (JD): 2.2 GPA
- Pharmacy (PharmD): 2.5 GPA
- Dentistry (DDS): 2.0 GPA
- Medicine (MD): no GPA determined
- Physical Therapy (DPT): 3.0 GPA

The complete Satisfactory Academic Progress policy is available online at financialaid.wvu.edu.

Consequences of Withdrawal

If a student receives financial aid and withdraws, the student will be subject to the Refund and Repayment Policy. Federal regulations require that WVU calculate eligibility for students who completely withdraw or are dismissed before completing the enrollment period. Students who receive all unsatisfactory grades (defined as at least one “F” and no passing grades) at the end of the grading period will be considered unofficially withdrawn at the semester mid-point unless documentation is available that demonstrates continued class participation. Application of this policy may result in the necessity for a student to return financial aid funds to various Title IV federal aid programs.

A student earns Title IV federal aid based upon the length of time the student remains enrolled during the enrollment period. Students who withdraw on or before completing more than 60% of the semester may be required to return a portion of federal financial assistance. The determination of 60% of the term is computed by dividing the total number of calendar days in the term into the number of calendar days completed as of the date of withdrawal. Scheduled breaks of five consecutive days or more are excluded. The percentage of Title IV assistance which the student has earned is equal to this percentage of the term completed. If the withdrawal occurs after more than 60% of the term is completed, the percentage earned is considered to be 100%.

If more Title IV aid was disbursed than was earned by the student, WVU is required to return the less of (1) the unearned aid percentage of institutional charges or (2) the unearned aid percentage applied to the total Title IV aid received. The student must return unearned aid for which s/he is responsible after subtracting the amount the school will return. Funds are returned in the following priority:

1. Unsubsidized Direct Stafford Loan
2. Perkins Loan
3. Direct PLUS (Graduate Student)

The return of financial aid may result in unpaid charges to WVU for tuition/fees and room/board. WVU will bill the student for any balance due. Students who owe a repayment to any federal financial aid program are no longer eligible for financial aid at any post-secondary institution. Eligibility may be regained after repayment is satisfied.

If less Title IV aid was disbursed than was earned by the student, the student is entitled to a post-withdrawal disbursement within thirty days of withdrawal.

Additional Information

For more information on applying and maintaining financial aid eligibility while enrolled at WVU, visit our website at financialaid.wvu.edu.
FELLOWSHIPS AND ASSISTANTSHIPS

For information and policies about fellowships and graduate assistantships (including application procedures, terms of employment, policies on remuneration, English language proficiency requirements, and consequences of withdrawal), visit the the Office of Graduate Education and Life website at grad.wvu.edu.