

Financial Aid

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To receive an aid offer, a student must be admitted as a degree-seeking student within the WVU System. Students who take courses at a WVU campus but who are not pursuing a degree may be eligible for limited Federal Direct Loans if they meet certain criteria (<https://financialaid.wvu.edu/students/non-degree-student/>). Students with financial needs should apply as early as possible.

APPLICATION PROCESS

To apply for federal and some state and institutional aid, students must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). For steps that need to be taken in preparation, see our Preparing for the FAFSA webpage (<https://financialaid.wvu.edu/applying-for-aid/preparing-for-fafsa/>). Our Complete the FAFSA webpage (<https://financialaid.wvu.edu/applying-for-aid/fafsa/>) has information on submitting the FAFSA and priority deadlines. WVU will only receive students' FAFSA information electronically, if students include the WVU System school code (003827) on the FAFSA.

AID OFFER NOTIFICATION

WVU will receive students' FAFSA information electronically if students include the WVU System's school code (003827) on the FAFSA when they submit. Students should monitor their MIX email account after submitting the FAFSA - that is where they will be notified of any additional tasks they may need to complete and where financial aid offer notifications will be sent once available.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Students are encouraged to use the job search database (<https://studentemployment.wvu.edu/>) on the WVU Career Services Center (<https://careerservices.wvu.edu/>) website to search for on- and off-campus part-time Federal Work-Study (<https://financialaid.wvu.edu/fws/>) and regular student employment opportunities.

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Satisfactory Academic Progress

Students must make measurable academic progress toward degree completion to remain eligible for most financial aid programs. Federal regulations require that students meet minimum standards for grade point average, successfully complete a minimum percentage of attempted credit hours, and complete their degree within a certain amount of attempted credit hours. The complete Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (<https://financialaid.wvu.edu/home/maintain/academic-progress/>) is available online.

Consequences of Withdrawal

If a student receives federal, state, or institutional financial aid and withdraws from all classes during the semester, the student may be required to return all or a portion of their financial aid even if it has already disbursed as payment on the student's account. Refer to our Withdrawing from Courses (<https://financialaid.wvu.edu/home/maintain/withdrawing/>) (<https://careerservices.wvu.edu/webpage>) (<https://financialaid.wvu.edu/home/maintain/withdrawing/>) for more information. Withdrawing from one or more classes may also impact future financial aid eligibility per the Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (<http://financialaid.wvu.edu/home/maintain/academic-progress/>).

Additional Information

For more information on applying for financial aid and maintaining aid eligibility, visit the Financial Aid website (<https://financialaid.wvu.edu/>).

Financial Assistance for Graduate and Professional Students

WVU graduate and professional students may be eligible for financial assistance through scholarships and internships (<https://graduateeducation.wvu.edu/finances/scholarships-and-internships/>), graduate assistantships (<https://graduateeducation.wvu.edu/grad-life/graduate-assistantships/>), tuition waivers (<https://graduateeducation.wvu.edu/faculty-and-staff/tuition-waivers/graduate-assistantship-tuition-waivers/>), loans (<https://financialaid.wvu.edu/loans/#GRLOANS>), and other forms of aid. In addition, students can use the job search database on the WVU Career Services (<https://careerservices.wvu.edu/>) website to search for on- and off-campus part-time employment opportunities.

Fellowships (<https://graduateeducation.wvu.edu/finances/fellowships/>) and scholarships provide students with funds that do not require employment. Fellowships managed by the Office of Graduate Education and Life usually include a stipend, University tuition waiver, College tuition scholarship, and student health insurance, and may also provide funds for research and travel. Scholarships provide students with gift aid to help pay for students' educational expenses.

Graduate assistantships (<https://graduateeducation.wvu.edu/grad-life/graduate-assistantships/>) (teaching, research, or service) may be available through a student's own department/program or other units on campus. Regular graduate assistantships require 20 hours per week of work and at least 9 credit hours per semester. Partial graduate assistantships require 10 hours per week of work and at least 9 credit hours per semester. Assistantships provide the student with a stipend and a full or partial waiver of University tuition (but typically not college tuition or University fees; refer to the Tuition, Fees, and Residency (<http://catalog.wvu.edu/graduate/graduateeducationexpenses/>) webpage and the Student Insurance Office (<https://talentandculture.wvu.edu/student-insurance/>) webpage).

Tuition waivers (<https://graduateeducation.wvu.edu/faculty-and-staff/tuition-waivers/graduate-assistantship-tuition-waivers/>) may be provided to some students based on merit, employment with the University, or prior participation in certain programs such as McNair Scholars (<https://graduateeducation.wvu.edu/faculty-and-staff/tuition-waivers/mcnair-scholars/>) or the Health Science and Technology Academy (<https://medicine.hsc.wvu.edu/eastern/students/the-health-sciences-technology-academy/>) (HSTA).

The WVU Hub (<https://mountaineerhub.wvu.edu/>) provides information and instruction to students interested in obtaining federal and private loans (<https://financialaid.wvu.edu/loans/#GRLOANS>) to help cover educational expenses.