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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 early.

Application Process

To apply for financial aid, a student must first apply for a US Department of Education student PIN and a parent PIN (if the student is considered a dependent student for financial aid purposes) at www.pin.ed.gov (http://www.pin.ed.gov). The PIN is used to sign the online Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), review processed information, correct FAFSA data, and conduct other important business directly with the US Department of Education. Students are advised to save their PIN because they will need it for future transactions.

Students can complete the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov (http://www.fafsa.gov) and include WVU’s school code – 003827 – on their application. The FAFSA should be submitted prior to March 1 for full consideration. If preferred, a paper form can be requested from the FAFSA Information Center at 800-433-3243. The FAFSA is completed annually. Students must renew the FAFSA to receive consideration for aid.

Aid Offer Notification

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

Financial Assistance for Graduate and Professional Students

Graduate and professional students are eligible for financial assistance through loans, graduate assistantships, fellowships, tuition waivers, and other forms of aid. To apply for Federal loans, students must complete the FAFSA as described above.

Graduate students may be eligible for graduate assistantships through their own department or other departments and offices on campus. Full graduate assistantships require 20 hours per week of work (typically teaching, research, or service) and provide the student with a stipend, a waiver of University tuition, and student health insurance. Students can learn about available graduate assistantships through their departments or through listings with the Office of Student Employment (http://studentemployment.wvu.edu or call 304-293-9270).

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