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To receive an offer of aid, you must be admitted to WVU Potomac State College 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 Federal Student Aid ID and a parent Federal Student Aid ID (if the student is considered a dependent student for financial aid purposes) at https://fsaid.ed.gov. The FSA ID 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 FSAID 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, a paper award notification will be sent to the student.

Employment Opportunities
Student employment opportunities are available on-and-off campus. For assistance go to http://potomacstatecollege.edu/admissions/financing_your_education/employment_program.html or call Enrollment Services at 304-788-6820.

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Satisfactory Academic Progress
Students who wish to receive funds administered by Student Financial Support and Services (http://financialaid.wvu.edu) must make measurable academic progress toward completion of an eligible degree. Regulations require students meet minimum standards for grade point average and successfully complete a minimum percentage of attempted credit hours. The complete Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy (http://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 a portion of their financial aid. Refer to the Financial Aid Repayment Policy (http://financialaid.wvu.edu/home/maintain/withdrawing) or the terms and
conditions accompanying other financial awards from WVU. 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 and maintaining financial aid eligibility while enrolled at WVU, visit financialaid.wvu.edu.

**Residency Classification**

Residency policy (http://admissions.wvu.edu/forms-and-procedures/residency-reclassification) is established by the WV Higher Education Policy Commission Series 25. The Office of Enrollment Services assigns students a residency classification for admission, tuition, and fee purposes. Students who are legal residents of West Virginia pay “resident” tuition and fees at WVU; students who are residents of other states and nations pay “non-resident” tuition and fees. Students who are residents of identified metro counties pay “metro” tuition and fees. The metro counties are Allegany County, MD; Garrett County, MD; Bedford County, PA; Fayette County, PA; Somerset County, PA; Frederick County, VA.