

# SUMMER BRIDGE PROGRAM

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## **What is the Summer Bridge Program?**

Summer Bridge provides targeted cohorts of incoming first-year students with the experience and tools they need to be successful as they transition into their first year of college. Students are enrolled in 6 credits of college-level course work that will prepare them for the requirements of their desired majors.

Students live on campus in a personally and socially supportive community to help them transition to the WCU college environment. They also participate in a variety of academic support activities that are tied directly to their individual needs and/or the requirements of their intended programs. In addition, students will participate in a variety of other programming activities designed to assist them to make important academic and social connections at WCU.

## **Am I eligible for summer aid in the Summer Bridge Program?**

Yes, to secure funding for the summer, you are required to complete your FAFSA by May 1st and submit the Summer Bridge Financial Aid Application by June 1st to the Financial Aid Office.

NOTE: \*You may have already submitted 2018-2019 FAFSA for the 2018-2019 academic year, but this form will NOT be used for Summer 2018 Financial Aid consideration. You must submit the 2017-2018 FAFSA form for summer Financial Aid. Students who are applying for summer financial aid and fall/spring financial aid will have to file (2) FAFSA forms: 2017-2018 FAFSA is for the summer & 2018-2019 FAFSA is for the fall/spring.\*

## **Who can I contact about Financial Aid if I have questions?**

Please email Tori Nuccio at [tnuccio@wcupa.edu](mailto:tnuccio@wcupa.edu), Assistant Director of Financial Aid.

## **Am I eligible for Summer Financial Aid if I do not have my verification completed?**

No, if you are selected for verification you must have this completed before federal financial aid will be made available.

## **Can I have a summer work-study job while in the Summer Bridge Program?**

Although summer work-study jobs are available, we do not recommend students working over summer due to the limited availability of hours while participating in the Summer Bridge Program.

## **Should I apply for the summer PHEAA state grant?**

No, we do not recommend you applying for the summer PHEAA state grant as students only have access to 8 semesters of PHEAA state grant over the course of their college career.

## **Why is the summer Pell grant less than what is listed on my FAFSA confirmation page?**

The Pell grant that is quoted on your FAFSA confirmation page is the amount of a full-time annual award, but for the summer you are only being reviewed for a half-time semester grant.