

How We Work With New Students

The Financial Aid Office provides information, services, and financial resources for students to help them earn their undergraduate degrees. We often provide assistance to students who would not be able to attend college without our services.

Fast Facts

- 1) Students and parents can visit the office during normal business hours without an appointment. You can request to speak with a counselor on the spot.
- 2) We post information about scholarship opportunities on our Facebook page on "free money Wednesdays."
- 3) We host FAFSA Filing Week twice a year in the fall and spring semesters. Students can make an appointment or walk into the office and have a counselor help them file their FAFSA.
- 4) We host the WCUFinLit program to teach students about topics like budgeting, student loans, and credit management in fun ways. You can learn more about WCUFinLit on our website or Instagram page.
- 5) Students can apply for scholarships each academic year. Look for the general scholarship application in February and other opportunities throughout the year at www.wcupa.edu/scholarships.
- 6) Financial aid may be awarded internally or externally. Internal aid comes from the University or endowments funds. External aid comes from the federal and state governments or from private agencies and organizations.

Key Takeaways

Parents and students should visit our office and use the financial aid website to learn about new aid opportunities and important deadlines. Students should also check their financial aid alerts on myWCU and their WCU email regularly.

- How do students access their financial aid awards?
 - Students can view their financial aid award under "View my Award" on myWCU. They can also print a Financial Aid Award Notice (FAN) if they need one for a scholarship agency or other purpose.
- How can students calculate how much they will have to pay for college?
 - To calculate out of pocket costs, use the "Estimate Your Costs Page" on the financial aid website.
- Is it too late to apply for additional financial aid?
 - It is not too late to apply. Everyone is encouraged to view any open scholarship opportunities at www.wcupa.edu/finaid and apply for private student loans or Parent PLUS loans before the end of June.

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