

Financial Aid Checklist

Apply, Receive, Accept, Secure & Confirm!



APPLY: Complete the FAFSA application online at <https://fafsa.gov> starting October 1st.

Priority Deadline: February 15th. The FAFSA will still be accepted after Feb 15th, but you may not be considered for all need-based programs.

- While completing your FAFSA, make sure that West Chester University (**003328**) is listed on the application as your current school/university.
- Work Study: Complete FWS application EVERY year which is located online at www.wcupa.edu/finaid under "Forms".
- Apply for WCU Scholarships using the General Application starting February 5th 2018. Learn more about scholarships at www.wcupa.edu/scholarships.



RECEIVE: Once your FAFSA application is processed and your Direct Loans are awarded, you will receive a Financial Aid Award Notification on your MyWCU. (Returning students will not be awarded until spring term grades are posted).



ACCEPT: Accept (or decline/reduce) your Direct Loans online by logging on to your myWCU at www.wcupa.edu/mywcu



SECURE: In order to secure your Direct Sub/Unsub loans you must complete the following at <https://studentloans.gov> by logging in with your FSA ID and password:

1. Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Entrance Counseling
2. Direct Subsidized/Unsubsidized Master Promissory Note (MPN)

Additional Financing Options (if needed):

- Direct Parent PLUS Loan: Parents logon with their FSA ID at www.studentloans.gov
- Private Education Loan (Google search for "private student loans" in order to compare lenders)
- Utilize the payment plan offered by the Bursar's Office



CONFIRM:

Once you are billed by the Bursar's Office, you must **activate your account/confirm your enrollment** online, you can do this by logging into your myWCU and clicking the link "Confirm Enrollment / (Activate Your Account)" on the left hand side

- **REMINDER:** If your total amount due is "\$0" you will have no problem Activating Your Account, however, **IF** you still owe a balance to the Bursar because your Financial Aid does not cover the total cost of your bill, you will be unable to Activate; in this case, please contact the Bursar's Office to discuss payment options and Confirming Enrollment at (610) 436-2552