

## *Summer Bridge Program Q&A*

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 my 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.