

# Financial Aid

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The Office of Student Financial Aid and Scholarships coordinates the awarding of scholarships, grants, work-study and loans through Federal, State and Institutional funds. We strive to provide access to higher education by reducing financial barriers so our students are able to achieve their goals.

## Applying for Aid

To apply for financial aid, students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) (<https://fafsa.ed.gov>) and enter UWF's school of **003955**. The FAFSA becomes available for the next aid year every October 1 and uses tax information from the prior prior tax year. Once the FAFSA is processed, the results will be transmitted electronically to UWF and the results will also be e-mailed to the student. We encourage students closely review the SAR. Students must reapply for financial aid each academic year by submitting a new FAFSA. More information on the application process is available here (<http://uwf.edu/offices/financial-aid/applying-for-aid/steps-to-apply/>)

## Types of Aid

Your UWF aid package will be made up of a combination of awards depending on your academic standing, grade level, residency status, dependency status and financial need. Awards including scholarships, grants, waivers, loans and work study opportunities are all part of what makes a UWF education affordable.

Scholarships and grants are non-repayable aid, while a loan is borrowed money that must be repaid, often with interest. We offer employment opportunities in the form of work study for undergraduate students and assistantships for graduate students. The UWF Human Resources Office also offers student employment. Please visit [jobs.uwf.edu](http://jobs.uwf.edu) for a complete list of Student OPS job openings.

For a complete list of types of aid offered at UWF, please visit our website, <http://uwf.edu/offices/financial-aid/>

## Cost of Attendance

Two semester student budgets are used to determine financial aid awards. A student's Cost of Attendance is based on their level; undergraduate or graduate, their residency and living arrangements; on campus, off-campus or commuter. Cost of Attendance charts are available here (<http://uwf.edu/offices/financial-aid/cost-of-attendance/cost-of-attendance/>)

## Important Requirements

- Students are awarded assuming full-time enrollment status. Awards will be cancelled or prorated to a lower amount if a student decides to enroll less than full-time.
- Professors must confirm attendance in each course prior to aid being eligible to disburse.
- Federal regulations dictate that financial aid only be awarded for courses that count toward the student's degree. Additional courses, or non-required courses, are not funded and cannot be used to determine enrollment status and financial aid eligibility.
- Repeat coursework regulations apply for federal financial aid recipients. Federal aid can be awarded to repeat a course one time (if you previously passed it); however, if a course is repeated

a 3rd time, the course will not count for federal financial aid eligibility. Please contact the Financial Aid Office if you must repeat a course (that you previously passed) for a 3rd time.

- Students maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress(SAP) to be eligible for financial aid. Complete SAP policy and appeals process available here (<http://uwf.edu/offices/financial-aid/satisfactory-academic-progress/satisfactory-academic-progress/>)
- All communication regarding financial aid is sent to the student's UWF e-mail account.
- For more information on financial aid requirements, please visit our website (<http://uwf.edu/offices/financial-aid/>)