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FINANCIAL AID INFORMATION

Financial Aid Steps

You can begin submitting your Free Application for Federal Student Aid form (FAFSA) on January 1, 2011 for the 2011-2012 school year. Parents/guardians and students income tax information is required when completing the FAFSA.

Recommended deadline: March 15

1 Apply for a PIN

www.pin.ed.gov

Both the student and the parent will need to apply for a pin number. Necessary to e-sign the FAFSA and Promissory note for student loans.

2 Complete the FAFSA

(Free Application for Federal Student Aid)

www.fafsa.ed.gov

Within 2-4 weeks you should receive your Student Aid Report (SAR) and your FAFSA information will also be made available to the institutions you listed on the application. Review your SAR and make any necessary changes. Refer to the instructions on the SAR for making corrections to your information.

Additional FAFSA Information (Only if you are randomly selected)

* Approximately 30% of all applicants are selected. If you are selected we will notify you. To ensure Verification paperwork will be processed prior to the payment deadline for fall 2011, please submit all verification documents no later than August 1, 2011.

If selected you will need to return the following documents:

- ✓ Verification Worksheet available at www.wku.edu/Info/FinAid/faforms.htm
- ✓ Student & Parent signed 2009 federal tax returns & W-2 forms

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If you would like your financial aid information sent to our financial aid department, you must include Western Kentucky University in the school list section of the FAFSA school code (002002). If you qualify for federal aid WKU will notify you.

Stafford Loan Information (If you chose to borrow)

First time borrowers must visit studentloans.gov to complete Entrance Counseling and sign a Promissory Note.

What is a subsidized loan?

A subsidized loan means that the student is not responsible for interest during enrollment and repayment of the principal is deferred until 6 months after graduation or dropping below 6 credit hours.

What is an unsubsidized loan?

An unsubsidized loan means the student is responsible for interest during enrollment and repayment of the principal is deferred until 6 months after graduation or dropping below 6 credit hours.

Loan Limits

Freshmen	\$5500 per AY	(\$2750 per semester)
Sophomore	\$6500 per AY	(\$3250 per semester)
Junior/Senior	\$7500 per AY	(\$3750 per semester)
Graduate	\$8500 per AY	(\$4250 per semester)



SCHOLARSHIPS

WKU MINORITY SCHOLARSHIPS

Distinct Scholars

(Merit-based; targeted to under-represented populations)

Details: A minimum 3.4 un-weighted GPA & 24 ACT composite

Value: Covers In-state tuition

Society of African-American Alumni

Details: Requires a minimum 20 ACT score and a 3.0 cumulative GPA. Applicants must complete a two page essay. All applicants must apply for admission to WKU prior to submitting the scholarship application.

Value: \$1,000 per academic year for four years

Minority Education Recruitment and Retention Scholarship Program

Details: Full-time students from Kentucky with a 2.5 cumulative GPA or better pursuing initial certification at WKU.

Contact: Mrs. Denise Hardesty (coordinator) at: Tate Page Hall 408 denise.hardesty@wku.edu

REMEMBER

You should never have to pay for scholarship information. If you're asked to pay a fee for exclusive scholarship leads, there's a good chance your scholarship service is really a scholarship scam.