

TIPS FOR THE SUMMER

What to Remember About Your Financial Aid

1 Have a valid 2018-2019 FAFSA on-file



To utilize federal aid for Summer 2019, you must complete a FAFSA for the current academic year. If you have already submitted a FAFSA, make sure that you have added the WKU School Code (002002). To add the school code, log in to your FAFSA at fafsa.gov, click "Make Corrections", go to "School Information", and then add our school code. Make sure to click SUBMIT and get a confirmation page.

2 Know how much you can borrow in student loans



Depending on your situation, you may or may not have any federal student loan availability during the Summer. This is because you can only borrow a set amount each academic year. Thus, if you accepted the full amount of your student loans during the Fall 2018/Spring 2019 semester, then you may not have any loan funds left for the Summer. Contact our office at fa.help@wku.edu for more information.

3 Be enrolled at least half-time to use your student loans

My Class Schedule	
CHEM 105	3 hrs
MATH 100	3 hrs



If you are an undergraduate student, then you must be enrolled in at least six credit hours to use any amount of your federal student loans. Once you are enrolled in six credit hours, you will receive an email from our office requesting that you complete a Student Loan Preference Application on TopNet. This application must be completed in order for your student loans to be awarded and processed by our office.

4 Learn what grants you can use during the Summer term



Your CAP Grant and SEOG Grant can only be used during the Fall/Spring semester. However, as an undergraduate student, you may be eligible to receive a Pell Grant during the Summer. If you were enrolled full-time during the Fall and Spring semester, then you are required to be enrolled in at least six credit hours during the Summer in order to possibly receive any Pell Grant. To learn more, reach a Financial Aid Counselor at fa.help@wku.edu.

5 Speak with a financial aid counselor before changing your Summer class schedule



After the 100% drop/add period, any changes made to your class schedule may affect your financial aid. For example, if you drop a class, we may have to return a portion of your financial aid to the Department of Education which could cause you to owe a balance to WKU.

6 Make sure you are in good SAP standing



To retain financial aid eligibility for Summer, you must be in good Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) standing. This means that in order to keep you financial aid, as an undergraduate student, you must have at least a 2.0 GPA (WKU/Overall) AND earn at least 67% of your Attempted Hours. Also, keep in mind, that if you were on SAP Warning in the Spring 2019 semester, our office can not award your Summer financial aid until your Spring grades have been posted.

7 Be aware of our department's privacy policy



Due to federal regulations, our department is no longer able to provide financial aid information to third parties. This means that you (as the student) must be present in order for our office to be able to share any of your financial aid information with another individual.

8 Make an appointment to skype with a financial aid counselor



If you attend one of WKU's Regional Campuses, you can contact our office at (270) 745-2755 or send an email to fa.help@wku.edu. Students from the WKU Owensboro or Elizabethtown Campus can make a Skype/phone appointment with a Financial Aid Counselor. At the Glasgow Campus, John (john.holder@wku.edu) is available to meet with students on Tuesdays and Thursdays.