

#### HOW TO ENROLL:

- Complete the admissions application.
- Submit transcripts from the last high school attended and previous colleges attended (if any).
- Arrange to take the American College Test (ACT). This test is not required for admission.
- Students applying for admission to the Nursing program must contact the program director.

#### FINANCIAL AID:

Financial aid is available in the form of Federal Pell Grants; Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grants (FSEOG); Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program (LEAPP); Federal Work Study (FWS); Institutional Student Employment; WWC Foundation Civic Grants and Scholarships and WWCC Grants and Scholarships. Interested students should contact the Financial Aid Office for additional information.

#### STUDENT ACTIVITIES:

Every credit student is a member of the Associated Student Government with the right to participate in student organizations, compete in intramural athletics, gain free admission to athletic events sponsored by the College, and participate in certain social and cultural activities in the community. College organizations include Phi Theta Kappa (scholastic honorary), cheerleading, and many others.

#### ACCREDITATION:

Western Wyoming Community College is accredited by the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools.

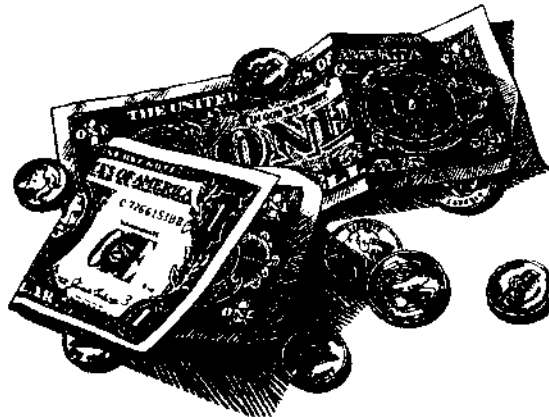
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# *A Quick* **Reference** *to* **FINANCIAL** **AID** *at* **WWCC**



## Is There Money Available?

In recent years, over 70% of students attending Western Wyoming Community College received some form of financial assistance with more than \$3 million awarded in total aid per year.

Financial aid for qualified students attending WWCC is available from a variety of sources. These sources include federal aid programs, institutional, and WWC Foundation funds. Financial aid awards may be in the form of scholarships, grants, loans, or student employment. WWCC also participates in the Veterans' Educational Benefits Program.

## Am I Eligible for Financial Aid?

General Eligibility Requirements for Receiving Financial Aid:

- U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen status
- High school diploma or GED
- Acceptance for admission to WWCC
- Enrollment as a degree seeking student in an eligible program
- A minimum cumulative GPA of 2.00 from any post-secondary institution attended
- Acceptable status on any previous federal loans or grants

## When Do All My Forms Need To Be Turned In?

**April 1st** is the priority funding date for the following academic year. After that date, aid continues to be awarded; however, availability of certain types of aid is limited.

## What Should I Do First?

1. Complete the FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid) at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)  
WWCC's federal school code is 003933.
2. Apply and be accepted for admission to WWCC (submit copies of *all* post-secondary and GED or high school academic transcripts to Admissions).
3. Complete Institutional Financial Aid application (see application packet or online at [www.wwcc.cc.wy.us](http://www.wwcc.cc.wy.us)).
4. Complete WWC Foundation application (if desired) by April 1st; 2 letters of reference and a personal essay are required.
5. Submit necessary and supporting documents including tax returns, notarized statements, loan applications, etc. (when requested).

## *So Let's Get Specific!*

### **Institutional Scholarships and Grants**

- **Superior Student Scholarship:** High school graduating seniors must have a 3.75 cumulative GPA and a 27 ACT or 1210 SAT composite to apply. April 15 deadline. Interview is required.
- **Honor Scholarship:** For high school graduating seniors who have a 3.35 cumulative GPA and a 23 ACT or 1060 SAT composite score. April 30 deadline.
- **Senior Scholarship:** Must be nominated for award by your high school counselor. Minimum criterion is a 3.10 cumulative GPA and 18 ACT or 860 SAT composite. Awards are limited. March 31 deadline.
- **Athletic Grants:** Contracts will be offered to cover tuition, books, room, board, or a combination of these. The minimum criterion is a 2.00 GPA.
- **Special Ability Grant:** Must participate in Art, Dance, Music, or Theatre. Contracts will be offered to cover tuition, room, board, or a combination of these. The minimum criterion is a 2.00 GPA.
- **Competition Grant:** Awards for the successful competition in the areas of Automotive Technology, Electronics, Exercise Science, OIS (Computer Applications), Welding, and others.
- **Divisional Scholarships:** For returning WWCC students who have a minimum 3.00 cumulative GPA and completion of at least 12 hours at WWCC. Scholarship recipients are selected by each division.

### **WWC Foundation Grants**

- **Civic Grants:** The minimum criterion is a 2.00 GPA. Other requirements may apply. Students are strongly encouraged to file the FAFSA.
- **Whisenand II:** Need-based grants ranging from \$300 - \$1000. Special application and a needs analysis (FAFSA) are required.
- **Anna Baird Williams:** Grants for non-traditional students ranging from \$300-\$1000. Special application and a needs analysis (FAFSA) are required. Emergency grants on a limited basis.

Specific academic requirements apply for these types of aid to be awarded and maintained. A personal essay detailing your career goals, educational plans and personal biographical data as well as two (2) separate letters of recommendation (from individuals of your choice other than relatives) to support your ability to succeed academically are required for foundation funds.

## Federal Aid

Complete a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). This form is used to determine eligibility for the Federal Pell Grant, Federal Family Education Loan Programs, and campus-based aid. This form can be accessed online at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov), or obtained from any high school guidance office or the Financial Aid Office of any college.

The Student Aid Report (SAR) will be sent directly to you from the federal processor. An Institutional Student Information Record (ISIR) will be sent to the College.

- **Federal Pell Grants, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG):** These awards can range from \$200-\$4050 per academic year based on need.
- **Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program (LEAPP):** These awards range from \$250-\$500 per academic year based on need and state of legal residency.

### *Are There Other Options?*

#### Loans & Employment

- **Federal Stafford Loan** (formerly named Guaranteed Student Loan, GSL): This is a federally subsidized loan made available to eligible students. Freshman students may be eligible for a maximum of \$2625 and \$3500 for sophomore students.
- **Unsubsidized Federal Stafford Loan:** This loan may be used in conjunction with the Federal Stafford Loan. It is similar to the Stafford except that the government does not pay the interest while the student is in school.
- **Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS):** This loan is used by parents borrowing for their dependent undergraduate student. The PLUS loan is not subsidized by the government.
- **Federal Work Study Program (FWS) and Institutional Student Employment:** These programs support part-time jobs for students. Eligibility for the FWS program is determined by the Financial Aid Office in accordance with Federal guidelines. The Student Employment Program is administered through the WWCC Personnel Office.

#### Vietnam Era Veterans' Tuition Benefits

WWCC also participates in the *Vietnam Era Veterans' Tuition Assistance Program*. For any further information or applications, please contact the WWCC Financial Aid Office directly.

### *How Do I Get Further Information and Assistance?*

Western Wyoming Community College  
Financial Aid Office  
2500 College Drive • P.O. Box 428  
Rock Springs, WY 82902-0428

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