Important Fall 2020 Financial Aid Dates and Details

• Accepted and fully processed financial aid will begin to pay the eligible charges on your WINS student account overnight the evening of August 31, 2020 and will be viewable by noon on September 1, 2020. You will not see your financial aid on your bill or WINS until September 1, 2020.
  o Check WINS to ensure your aid is accepted and all to-do list items are complete.
  o Refer to the Understanding Your 2020-2021 Financial Aid Offer for steps to fully process your financial aid.

• In order for financial aid to pay the charges on your WINS student account, you must be registered for the same number of credits for which you were awarded aid. Most financial aid programs require at least half-time enrollment (6 credits for undergraduate students and 4.5 for graduate students). You can see within WINS what level you were awarded aid at by selecting the Financial Aid tile and looking at the bottom of the “Summary” tab. Additional information regarding this policy can be found here.

• If you are receiving more financial aid than your charges and are expecting a refund and have signed up for Electronic Refunds with the Cashier’s Office, those refunds are scheduled to begin on September 3, 2020. If you did not sign up for Electronic refunds, the Cashiers Office is scheduled to begin processing paper check refunds on September 10, 2020. For additional details regarding signing up for Electronic Refunds, please visit https://www.uww.edu/adminaffairs/finance/cashiers-office#Students#refund-information.

• If your financial aid does not cover your charges, dependent undergraduate students may want to explore two financing options: the Federal Direct Parent Plus loan and Private/Alternative loans. Graduate students may wish to look into the Federal Direct Graduate PLUS loan and Private/Alternative loans. To ensure funds are received prior to the fall tuition due date of September 11, 2020, we recommend applying for these loans at least 30 days prior to the due date.

• Your enrollment will be locked the evening of September 16, 2020 and your financial aid will be revised based on your enrollment at that time. If you are enrolled for fewer credits on September 16, 2020 than when your aid was initially disbursed, you may end up owing some or all of your financial aid back to UW-W. Because financial aid cannot be adjusted for any credits added after this date, be sure to register for all courses prior to this date, even courses that start in the second 8 week session. Additional information regarding this policy can be found here.