



## Important Spring 2021 Financial Aid Dates and Details

- Accepted and fully processed financial aid will begin to pay eligible charges on your WINS student account overnight the evening of January 13, 2021 and will be viewable by noon on **January 14, 2021**.
  - You will not see your spring financial aid on your bill or in WINS on your student account until January 14, 2021.
  - Check WINS to ensure your aid is accepted and all To-Do list items are complete; refer to the [Understanding Your 2020-2021 Financial Aid Offer](#) for steps to fully process your financial aid.
  - Students in the process of appealing Satisfactory Academic Progress, completing Verification of their aid application, or with unaccepted aid and incomplete loan requirements may not have aid available in time to meet the initial spring disbursement date above.
- 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 at which you were awarded aid 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, are expecting a refund, and have signed up for Electronic Refunds with the [Cashier’s Office](#), those refunds are scheduled to begin on **January 21, 2021** (although it may take a few days after that for your bank to make those funds available to you).
  - If you did not sign up for Electronic Refunds, the Cashiers Office is scheduled to begin processing paper check refunds on **January 26, 2021**.
  - If you have Winterim charges on your account, your refund may be later than the dates above.
  - For additional details regarding signing up for Electronic Refunds, please visit <https://www.uww.edu/adminaffairs/finance/cashiers-office> and click on the Students tab for Refund Information.
- If your financial aid does not cover your charges and you have not already done so, 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 spring term tuition due date of **January 29, 2021**, we recommend applying for these loans at least 30 days prior to the due date.
- Your enrollment will be locked the evening of **February 1, 2021** and your financial aid will be revised based on your enrollment at that time. If you are enrolled for fewer credits on February 1, 2021 than when your aid was initially disbursed, you may end up owing some or all of your financial aid back to UW-Whitewater.
  - 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](#).