Funding for College

Financial Aid: Grants, Scholarships, and Loans

University of Wisconsin Whitewater
Agenda

• Review costs associated with college
• Explain how financial aid is determined
• Discuss the various types of financial aid
• Outline the financial aid application steps
College Costs

**Direct costs**
Items charged by institution
- Tuition
- On-campus housing
- Meal plan

**Indirect costs**
Items not charged by institution, but allowed to be in the Cost of Attendance
- Transportation
- Educational supplies
- Personal/miscellaneous items

College costs and Cost of Attendance can vary widely by college.
UWW Sample *Estimated* Cost of Attendance

- Full-time Undergraduate Student (not living with a parent)

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<td><strong>$19,408</strong></td>
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Financial Aid Determination

• Most types of financial aid require you to demonstrate “financial need”

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\text{Estimated Cost of Attendance} - \text{Expected Family Contribution (EFC)} = \text{Need}
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Expected Family Contribution (EFC)

• Is the result of completing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid ®

• Main components for a Dependent student include
  – Parent and student income and assets
  – Number in the household
  – Number of students attending college
  – Age of parent and legal state of residence
Dependency Status

• Dependent students are required to include parental information

• Dependency status for the U.S. Department of Education is different than for IRS or other federal agencies
Dependency Status

• Students are dependent for 2023-2024 if they cannot answer yes to one of these items
  – Were you born before 1/1/2000 (24 or older)?
  – Are you married?
  – Are you working on a Master’s degree?
  – Do you have children you financially support?
  – Are you a Veteran?
Dependency Status

• Students are dependent for 2023-2024 if they cannot answer yes to one of these items
  – Are you an emancipated minor?
  – Are you in a legal guardianship?
  – Are you an unaccompanied youth who is homeless?
Types of Financial Aid

• Scholarships
• Grants
• Federal Student Loans
• Other Loans
• Employment
Scholarships

• Financial Aid that *does not* have to be repaid
• Awarded on the basis of merit, skill, or a unique characteristic
• Foundations, businesses, charitable organizations
• Deadlines and application procedures vary widely
• Begin researching early!
Scholarships

• First year scholarships are awarded by the UWW Admission Office, based on merit
• Scholarships for the rest of your time here are awarded through the UW-Whitewater Foundation
  – www.uww.edu/scholarships
  – www.uww.edu/sdes/scholarships-grants
Grants

• Financial Aid that *does not* have to be repaid
• Based on demonstrated financial need
• **Pell Grant** (EFC must be less than 6,206)
  – $331 – $6,895/ year
• **Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant**
  – $700/ year for $0 EFC at UWW

*Amounts listed are for 2022-2023; 2023-2024 amounts will be published in February*
Grants

• **WI Grant** (EFC must be less than 5,600)
  – $854 – $3,150/year

• **Non-Resident Grant** (EFC must be less than 10,000)
  – $1,000 - $1,500/year

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Federal Student Loans

• Financial Aid that *does* need to be repaid

• **Direct Subsidized Loan**
  – Government pays interest as long as student is enrolled at least half-time (6+ credits)

• **Direct Unsubsidized Loan**
  – Student charged interest while in school
Federal Student Loans

• Annual maximum loan amounts (combined Subsidized and Unsubsidized)

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<td>Lifetime Limit</td>
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Other Loans

- **Federal Parent Plus Loan**
  - For parents of dependent students
  - 2022-2023* interest rate: 7.54%
  - 2022-2023* origination fee: 4.228%
  - Repayment begins 60 days after loan disburses, or 6 months after graduation if you request a deferment
  - Apply online at Studentaid.gov

- **Private/Alternative Loans**
  - Borrowed from a bank/credit union
  - Interest rate, fees, repayment plans all vary by lender
  - Repayment typically begins 6 months after graduation, but interest will accrue while in school
  - Visit www.uww.edu/financialaid/types-of-aid/loans/private

*2023-2024 interest rates will be determined in June
Employment

• Federal Work-Study
  – Considered financial aid and is based on need and availability of funds; funds run out quickly
  – Funds earned by rate of pay and hours worked
  – Jobs are usually on campus
  – Search for jobs on college’s website
Applying for Financial Aid

- Free Application for Federal Student Aid® (FAFSA)
  - FAFSA.gov or StudentAid.gov
  - UWW’s school code: **003926**

- Must reapply every year
  - FAFSA is available Oct 1 each year

- UWW’s priority filing date is January 1
Applying for Financial Aid

• Available in English and Spanish

Federal Student Aid

Complete the FAFSA® Form

New to the FAFSA® Process?

Completing the FAFSA form is free. Fill it out now:

Start Here

Returning User?

Correct info | Add a school

View your Student Aid Report (SAR)

Log In

FAFSA® Announcements

New Application Launch

The new 2022–23 FAFSA form is here! Some states and schools have limited funds, so don’t delay! To begin your application, select the “Start Here” button on the FAFSA homepage.

What to Do If Your or Your Family’s Financial Situation Has Changed

Many FAFSA applicants have experienced recent financial changes due to the COVID-19 emergency or other reasons.
What’s Needed to Complete the FAFSA

Student Demographic Data

• Name
• Date of birth
• Social Security Number
• Driver’s license number (if you have one)

Student Income Information

• Income earned from work
• Adjusted gross income from federal tax form (if filed taxes)
• Checking, savings, and other investments information
What’s Needed to Complete the FAFSA

Parent Demographic Data

• Name
• Dates of birth
• Social Security Numbers (SSN)
  – If parent does not have an SSN, enter all zeros
• Marital status

Parent Income Information

• Income earned from work
• Adjusted gross income from federal tax form (if filed taxes)
• Checking, savings, and other investments information
• Number of people in the household
IRS Data Retrieval

• Within the FAFSA, you may retrieve tax data directly from the IRS
  – Minimizes errors
  – Reduces paperwork if selected for verification
  – For 2022-2023, you will use 2020 taxes
  – For 2023-2024, you will use 2021 taxes
Common FAFSA Errors

• Incorrect Social Security Numbers
• Using incorrect parent tax data in case of divorce or separation
• Incorrect household size
• Including main house and/or retirement investments in net worth
After the FAFSA – Now What?

• Review your Student Aid Report that is emailed to you from the US Department of Education
• Submit any documents colleges may request
• Check college online portals and email for important information
Special Circumstances

• Contact the Financial Aid Office at each college for a review of your situation

• Reasons for requesting a special condition
  – Change in employment status
  – Medical expenses
  – Change in marital status
  – Loss of benefits (e.g. child support)
What Can I do Now?

• Look at Admissions and Financial Aid web sites for each school that you are applying to
• Meet all application deadlines
• Investigate other sources of aid
• Review Cost of Attendance information on school’s website
Additional Sources of Aid

• Free Internet scholarship search engines:
  – Collegeboard.org
  – Fastweb.com
  – ScholarshipAmerica.org
  – Scholarships.com
Questions?

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