Funding for College

Financial Aid:
Grants, Scholarships, and Loans
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*
### UW-W Sample Cost of Attendance

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<th>WI Resident</th>
<th>MN Reciprocity</th>
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<td><strong>Tuition</strong></td>
<td>$8,146</td>
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<td>$7,770</td>
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<td><strong>Total Direct Costs</strong></td>
<td>$15,916</td>
<td>$18,170</td>
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<td><strong>Supplies</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Miscellaneous</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>$19,456</td>
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Figures are based on being a full-time undergraduate student, attending classes in-person and living on campus. Amounts listed are the estimated cost of attendance for the 2023-2024 academic year.
Financial Aid Determination

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

Cost of Attendance
- Expected Family Contribution (EFC)
= Need
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
Types of Financial Aid

• Scholarships
• Grants
• Student Loans
  • Federal
  • Private
• Student 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 UW-W Admission Office, based on merit
  • Admission application needs to be submitted by January 1

• Scholarships for remaining time here are awarded through the UW-Whitewater Foundation
  • Application is open typically from December 1 to mid February
  • 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 6,656)
  • $761 – $7,395/ year
• **Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant**
  • $800/ year for $0 EFC at UWW

*Amounts listed are for 2023-2024; 2024-2025 amounts will be published in February*
Grants

- **WI Grant** (EFC must be less than 5,602)
  - $854 – $3,150/year

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

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Wisconsin Tuition Promise

• Undergraduate students first enrolling as of fall 2023 at the respective UW institution
• Wisconsin residents, attending full time
• $62,000 or lower AGI on the 2023-2024 FAFSA
  • Dependent aid applicants: Parent 2021 AGI of <= $62,000
  • Independent applicants: Student + Spouse 2021 AGI of <= $62,000
Wisconsin Tuition Promise

• Provides last dollar support of base tuition and segregated fees after federal/state grants are applied
• As a result, WI Tuition Promise amounts will vary for eligible students
• Visit wisconsin.edu/tuition-promise for additional information
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>Junior &amp; Senior</td>
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Financing Options

• If students need assistance above and beyond what is offered by completing the FAFSA, they can look into two different financing options
  • Parents can apply for a Parent PLUS Loan
  • Students can apply for Private/Alternative Loan, with a credit-worthy cosigner
Financing Options

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
Employment

• All UW-W jobs are posted on Handshake
• Student who are awarded Federal Work-Study use Handshake to search for positions
• Being awarded and accepting Federal Work-Study does not guarantee employment
• Federal Work-Study funds are earned and students receive those earnings via bi-weekly paychecks; Federal Work-Study funds are not paid toward tuition charges
Applying for Financial Aid
Free Application for Federal Student 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 for the following fall
  • UWW’s priority filing date is January 1
Free Application for Federal Student Aid

- Available in English and Spanish
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)
- Federal Student Aid ID

**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
- One parent must create a Federal Student Aid ID

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
What’s Needed to Complete the FAFSA?

2022-2023
• Use 2020 tax information

2024-2025
• Use 2022 tax information

2023-2024
• Use 2021 tax information

2025-2026
• Use 2023 tax information
After the FAFSA

• Students may be required to submit additional paperwork
  • Tax forms
  • Verification worksheets confirming household size
  • Statement of educational purpose

• New students are sent paper letters; returning students are sent emails requesting the documentation
  • All students can see the requested items when logging into WINS
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
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)
Additional Sources of Aid

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

• Check with your high school guidance/student services office
Questions?

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