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Things to Know About Your Financial Aid

#1 Complete a new FAFSA each academic year.

OCTOBER 1

You must submit a new FAFSA each academic year. The new application opens on Oct. 1. If you have already submitted a FAFSA, make sure that you have added the WKU School Code (002002). To add the school code, log in to your FAFSA at fafsa.gov, click "Make Corrections", go to "School Information", and then add our school code. Make sure to click SUBMIT and get a confirmation page.

#2 Verification is not optional.

Go to KHEAAVerify.com

If you have been selected for Verification, you cannot be awarded your financial aid until you have been verified. Visit KHEAAVerify.com in order to submit your documents and to complete the Verification process.

#3 Make sure WKU receives your latest transcript.

WKU should be sent academic transcripts from all schools you have previously attended. To determine if you qualify for a Transfer Scholarship, we must have your latest transcripts to ensure your GPA is correct and to confirm any degrees that you have earned.

#4 Check your TopperMail on a regular basis.

You should periodically check your TopperMail account for important notifications from the Department of Student Financial Assistance regarding your financial aid.

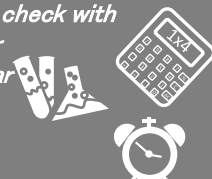**#5 There are 3 steps for taking out your student loans.**

Step 1

If you are a first-time loan borrower, then in addition to accepting your student loans on TopNet, you must also complete Entrance Counseling and e-sign your Master Promissory Note at Studentloans.gov.

#6 There are additional financial aid resources.

If you need additional financial assistance, you may be able to apply for a private loan which is a nonfederal loan offered by a lender. Or, your parent might be able to apply for a Parent PLUS Loan at Studentloans.gov. For more information, visit wku.edu/financialaid.

#7 Apply for a TOPDollar Scholarship by Feb. 1st.

In order to be considered for scholarships for the upcoming academic year, you must complete a TOPDollar Scholarship Application at wku.edu/topdollar. Priority consideration is given to applicants who have applied by February 1st each year.

#8 Changing your class schedule may affect your financial aid eligibility.

Once the semester starts, you may want to check with a Financial Aid Counselor before dropping or adding any classes. Depending on a particular academic and financial situation, changing your class schedule could affect your future financial aid eligibility.

#9 Your grades matter.

Federal rules require that WKU monitor each student's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). This means that in order to keep your financial aid, as an undergraduate student, you must earn at least a 2.0 GPA (WKU/Overall) AND earn at least 67% of your Attempted Hours.

#10 Let us know if you are taking classes at another school.

If you are a WKU student and are taking classes at both WKU and a visiting school, you will need to complete a Consortium Agreement in order to receive financial aid for the total number of credit hours being taken at both institutions. For more information, visit wku.edu/financialaid

#11 We care about your privacy.

Due to federal regulations, the Department of Student Financial Assistance is no longer able to provide financial aid information to third parties. This means that you (as the student) must be present in order for our office to be able to share any of your financial aid information with another individual.

#12 Contact our office to get help with your financial aid.

If you attend one of the WKU's Regional Campuses, you can speak with a Financial Aid Counselor between 8:00 a.m. – 3:30 p.m. CST from Mon. thru Fri. at (270) 745-2755 or send an email anytime to fa.help@wku.edu. Skype/phone appointments are available at the WKU E-Town/Fort Knox and WKU Owensboro campuses. John (john.holder@wku.edu) is available at the WKU Glasgow campus on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

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