

FINANCIAL AID SEASONS

Don't let the heat of summer keep you from falling in love with financial aid. If you get 'frost' in the process, we can help you spring into action! Below is a guide to the yearly financial aid and scholarships process.



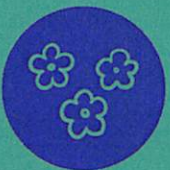
Fall

- The FAFSA will open in October
- FAFSA priority filing date is January 2
- WCU Scholarship Application opens every October 1 for the next academic year
- Check myWCU and student email regularly for updates



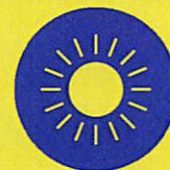
Winter

- Search and apply for outside scholarships
- Spring semester bill released in November
- Spring semester payment deadline is mid-December
- WCU Scholarship Application closes February 1



Spring

- Complete any outstanding financial aid requirements for next academic year
- Review financial aid awards for next academic year
- Make sure financial aid is in place before you leave for summer break



Summer

- Fall semester billing statements released in July
- Apply for additional loans if needed (PLUS or Private)
- The payment deadline is August 1
- Prepare for another school year!



MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

University Scholarship Application opens October 1

Outside Scholarships

Federal regulations require that you notify the University Scholarships Office of any outside financial assistance you receive. Encourage students to apply for, accept, and submit paperwork for outside scholarships.



Send scholarship checks to:
Western Carolina University
University Scholarships Office
1 University Dr.
Cullowhee, NC 28723

Outside Scholarships Reporting Form: wcu.edu/apply/scholarships/award-forms.aspx

Yearly Catamount Commitment checklist (to keep your scholarship):

- Complete WCU Scholarship Application (DEADLINE FEB. 1)
- Complete FAFSA (or request exemption) by March 15
- Complete Terms and Conditions by May 1
- Make sure these things are true:
 - Maintain 3.0 GPA or better
 - Remain in good academic standing
 - Earning 12 credit hours a semester

CATAMOUNT COMMITMENT INFORMATION:



Remind students that it's always ok to ask for help understanding the scholarship process!

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