

When is the deadline to complete my FAFSA?

You may submit your FAFSA at any time to apply for Federal Aid, however, the priority deadline is February 15th. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 6 credits to receive federal loan funding.

What types of aid am I eligible for?

Typically, graduate students may borrow up to a maximum of \$20,500 of Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans per school year. Graduate and professional students enrolled in certain health profession programs may receive additional Direct Unsubsidized Loan amounts.

What is a TEACH Grant and am I eligible?

The TEACH Grant is different from other federal student grants in that it requires you to complete certain eligibility requirements after graduation in order for the award to remain a grant and avoid having it become an unsubsidized direct student loan. This program provides grant funding to students who are completing or plan to complete coursework needed to begin a career in specific high-need fields of study in high-need school districts.

Am I eligible for Federal Work Study (FWS)?

Graduate students are eligible for FWS depending upon their financial need. You must also submit the WCU Federal Work Study Student Employment Application. This application can be found on the Office of Financial Aid's website.

Am I eligible for Federal aid as a Post-Baccalaureate student?

Yes, post-baccalaureate students taking courses required for admissions into an approved graduate degree program can be considered for Federal Direct Student Loan funding for a period of 12 consecutive months.

What is my eligibility for Federal aid as a Teacher Certification student?

Students who are enrolled in courses required by the State of Pennsylvania for elementary or secondary teacher certification, may be eligible to borrow up to \$5,500 in Federal Direct Subsidized Loans and up to \$7,000 Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loans per year.

Students who need to borrow more than the maximum unsubsidized loan amounts to meet their education costs may apply for a Graduate PLUS Loan.