WEST CHESTER UNIVERSITY

FINANCIAL CHECKLIST 2026-2027

We are here to help! Please stop by: 25 University Ave. Bursar: Suite 50 Finanical Aid: Suite 30
Office Hours: Monday-Friday 8-4:30 Summer Hours: Monday-Friday 8-4

April-May 2026

- ☐ Apply for 2026-27 WCU Scholarships using application links at https://wcupa.edu/scholarships
- ☐ PA Resident 2026-27 FAFSA Filing Deadline is **May 1st** to be considered for a state grant
- ☐ Review financial aid awards via RamPortal under "Financial Aid" for **2027 aid year**
- ☐ Accept loans via RamPortal under "Financial Aid"
- ☐ First time borrowers must complete **Master Promissory Note** & **Entrance Counseling** at https://studentaid.gov to have federal loans post as a credit on the bill
- ☐ Send outside scholarship notices to Financial Aid Office
- ☐ Check status of State Grant record and make sure WCU is listed (PA Residents only): PHEAA
- ☐ Review "out-of-pocket" Cost Calculator for estimate of costs
- ☐ Apply for additional financing before the bill by using the cost calculator to estimate balance. When loans are accepted, it can take 7-15 business days for processing due to volume.
    - Parent PLUS loan
    - Private loan

June 2026

- ☐ If there has been a **change in household information** after filing the FAFSA, request a special circumstance appeal by emailing finaid@wcupa.edu
- ☐ Apply for Work Study jobs
- ☐ Add Authorized User(s) through RamPortal Authorized Users can view account activity, make payments, and enroll in payment plans
- ☐ Enroll in Direct Deposit through RamPortal under Student Financials (Bursar)

July 2026 (tuition rates are set mid to late July)

- ☐ Make sure all Financial Aid Requirements are complete on RamPortal ahead of fall charges.
- ☐ Check WCU email for new charges notification and review the e-bill via the link on RamPortal
- ☐ Review payment plan options
- ☐ 529 authorization—E-mail a copy of your 529 authorization plan to your 529plans@wcupa.edu
- ☐ Authorize funds for USH Housing if eligible via RamPortal after the fall bill is generated

August 2026

- ☐ Fall 2026 charges due **August 10, 2026**
    - Pay balance due in full or enroll in a payment plan by August 10, 2026
- ☐ Change Meal Plan via RamPortal Students can make one change prior to the start of the semester and another (if needed) during the first 2 weeks of class

Financial Aid begins Fall disbursements the week of August 31, 2026
Fall refunds are processed beginning the week of August 31, 2026

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October 2026
- ☐ FAFSA opens for 2027-28 on October 1st at https://studentaid.gov. Apply early to avoid any delays in processing aid.

November 2026
- ☐ Winter 2026 charges posted
- ☐ Winter is not an eligible term for financial aid but contact finaid@wcupa.edu to learn about how it may impact your spring financial aid if enrolled part-time

December 2026
- ☐ Winter 2026 charges due early December
- ☐ Spring 2027 charges posted
- ☐ Authorize funds for USH Housing if eligible via RamPortal after the spring bill is generated

January 2027
- ☐ Spring Bills due **January 5, 2027**

February-March 2027
- ☐ Review 2027-28 Financial Aid Tasks via new RamPortal starting in March.
- ☐ Apply for 2027-28 Work Study
- ☐ PA Residents confirm all tasks to secure PA State Grant are completed for 2027-29 prior to April 1st deadline: including income validation
- ☐ Apply for 2027-28 WCU Scholarships including the General Scholarship Application, College and Department Applications, and PASSHE Scholarship Application (Available in March)

April-May 2027
- ☐ PA Resident 2027-28 FAFSA Filing Deadline is May 1st to be considered for a state grant
- ☐ Apply for Summer 2027 financial aid after registering; learn more at: Summer Financial Aid
- ☐ Summer Charges posted late April
- ☐ Summer bills due mid-May

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