

Financial Aid News

March 2023

New E-Campus feature for Textbooks

Beginning this Summer 2023, Western Technical College is partnering with ecampus.com as the college's new official online campus bookstore. This partnership will help streamline and simplify the online book ordering process for students, allowing for faster access and accessibility to a range of new and used books and course materials for purchase or rental. Items will then be delivered to a student's home address, or any of Western's locations. Summer textbook charging to financial aid will begin April 17th, 2023, emails will be sent out with reminders and further information closer to this date. Please see the flyer attached at the end of this newsletter for more information regarding E-Campus, or contact the Cavalier Campus Shop at bookstore@westernnc.edu or 608.785.9140.

2023-2024 FAFSA Information

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) for 2023-2024 academic year became available as of October 1st, 2022 at studentaid.ed.gov/sa/afsa. Keep in mind, FAFSA is no longer based on the prior tax year. Instead, tax information from two years back is required. The 2023-24 FAFSA will use 2021 tax information. We strongly recommend that you use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool (DRT) to help complete the 2023-24 FAFSA. It is also encouraged to fill out this FAFSA as soon as possible to ensure all actions are completed prior to the 2023-24 school year starting. Have questions about filing out the FAFSA? Email us at finaid@westernnc.edu or watch Student Aid's [video](#) on how to fill out the FAFSA.

2023-2024 MyFinAid accounts available

The financial Aid office is now accepting documents for the upcoming 2023-24 school year. After we receive your FAFSA, you can log onto your [MyWestern](#) and click MyFinAid to view any and all documents that are being requested. All documents must be submitted in order for your financial aid for the 2023-24 school year to be processed and made available. You can navigate between aid years within your MyFinAid by clicking the year in the upper right hand corner of your account. If you have any questions regarding your account or documents please email finaid@westernnc.edu or call 608.785.9579.

Dates to Remember

- **March 2 & 3:** Spring Break, no classes
- **March 7:** Summer 2023 Registration opens for continuing students
- **April 6:** Fall 2023 Registration opens for continuing students
- **April 21:** Last day of Spring classes
- **April 22:** Graduation
- **Apr 17—May 19:** Summer Book Charging

To track your financial aid status, awards, list of documents received or outstanding, and status log on to your [MyWestern](#) and click MyFinAid

Western Financial Aid &



Scholarships

"Like" us and learn about FAFSA filing, loan information, Summer Book Charging & Important Dates, and more!

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Annual Suits for Success/E-Waste Donation Event

If you have new or gently used professional clothing items you are looking to donate, please bring them to the drive-thru donation event on **Friday, March 10th, between 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.** The drive-thru will be in Lot C on the Western Technical College La Crosse Campus (outside of the Business Education and Student Success Buildings.)

Are you or someone you know in need of professional clothing items? Join us for the Distribution Event on Wednesday, **March 22nd, from 10 a.m.-2 p.m.** in the Lunda Center. This event is free and open to anyone in the community.

Students in Western's IT-Computer Support Specialist programs will also be collecting E-waste during the drive-thru donation event on March 10th as well.

FAFSA Frenzy

Do you need to fill out the FAFSA for this year or next fall? Join us at one of our FAFSA Frenzy events! A Financial Aid staff will be available to assist you. Visit Western's website to view the dates, times and to sign up for an event by visiting this link: www.westerntc.edu/financial-aid

Emergency Funding

If you are experiencing unforeseen financial expenses, emergency funding may be available. An unexpected expense is considered one that, if not resolved quickly, could lead to a temporary or permanent departure from the college. Emergency funding can assist with expenses such as dependent care, fuel, background checks, medical expenses, utilities, vehicle repairs, housing, etc. Expenses such as tuition, fees, books, legal fees, tobacco, alcohol and entertainment expenses are **not** covered. If you are in need of assistance, complete the online application at www.westerntc.edu/student-resource-request

Student Loan Repayment Pause Extended

Due to the continuation of the COVID-19 emergency, the Department of Education has extended the repayment pause on student loans through **June 30th, 2023**. There is also a 0% interest rate on federal student loans during this time.

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Scholarships for Fall 2023

Western's Foundation scholarship for high school students and students new to their program for Fall 2023 is open as of March 1, 2023 with a June 1 deadline. For eligible students, one application opens the opportunity for over 500 scholarships ranging from \$150 to \$2,500. You can read more about third party scholarships, Foundation Scholarships and complete applications by visiting Western's [scholarships page](#).

Direct Deposit Information

For students who are wanting to receive their refunds via direct deposit instead of a check in the mail, completing an electronic direct deposit form is encouraged. Students can access the direct deposit form by logging into their [MyWestern](#) and clicking Self Service. From there, the direct deposit form can be accessed and completed. Direct deposit information does carry over between terms and years, if any information has changed students will want to complete a new form to update information with the Cashiers Office. If you have any questions regarding your direct deposit information please contact Cashiers at CashiersOffice@westernnc.edu.

Student Voting Guide

The Higher Education Act requires colleges and universities to help students register to vote. Students have a choice about where to register to vote.

School residence: Students attending college at Western may register to vote at their school address. They must plan to return after temporary absences, like summer break, but do not have to reside at that address permanently.

Home residence: Some students may choose to register or remain registered at their permanent address in Wisconsin or outside the state if they intend to return there after college. In this case, a student may need to vote by absentee ballot.

For other registration information, visit: <http://campusvoteproject.org/studentguides/>

To start your voter registration, visit: <https://www.usa.gov/register-to-vote#item-212645> and select your state or territory. Students may fill out their voter registration form and mail it to their state of residence.

Thank you for your attention to this important information.

We are happy to have you as a part of "The Essential Experience" here at Western Technical College.

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