

# Financial Aid

## Application Information Sheet

**Western** Technical College

### Step 1

#### **Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at [www.studentaid.gov](http://www.studentaid.gov).**

The FAFSA application is available after October 1 for the school year beginning the following September. A new FAFSA must be filed every school year. It is recommended that you submit the FAFSA by Western's preference dates to be considered for all eligible aid, although the FAFSA can be completed throughout the academic year.

**Western's preference dates are as follows,  
if you are beginning classes in:**

- **Fall: January 15**
- **Spring: October 15**
- **Summer: February 15**

**Western's School Code: 003840**

### Step 2

#### **Submit Additional Information**

Once Western has received your FAFSA application, you will be sent a confirmation email. Please follow the directions to log on to your Self-service - Financial Aid Account to view any additional documents that may be needed to complete and submit.

Your financial aid award will not be processed until all documents are received and reviewed.

### Step 3

#### **Award Notification**

Once your award has been posted to your Financial Aid Account you will be sent an award notification via email, explaining how to view and accept your awards.

If you are accepting Federal Direct Loans, you may need to complete the Loan Agreement for Subsidized/Unsubsidized loans and Entrance Counseling at <https://studentaid.gov>. Hover over Grants and Loans and select Master Promissory Note (MPN) and Loan Entrance Counseling.

Student loans cannot be disbursed until these two items are complete.

### Step 4

#### **Textbooks**

Students are allowed to charge required books and materials through E-Campus. A student must have registered for classes and signed the Financial Agreement to charge. It is recommended that all textbooks and required materials for the first and second sessions are purchased at the same time as soon as possible. A student can charge up to \$200 in supplies at Western's Bookstore each trimester.

To view more details about charging books, go to [www.westernnc.edu/charging-books](http://www.westernnc.edu/charging-books)

**Who will be allowed to charge?**

**Any student who:**

1. **All students accepted to credit programs**  
**or**
2. **Signed the Financial Agreement.**

### Step 5

#### **Disbursement**

Any excess money left over once your account balance has been paid will be either:

1. **mailed to you in a check** **or**
2. **directly deposited into your bank account**  
**To sign up for direct deposit, log into your Self-Service, click on Make a Payment > Continue to Payment Center, then click on Refunds.**