

Student Services and Financial Aid

Western Wyoming Community College provides a number of services to you here at the Valley Learning Center Outreach. You can:

- register,
- take classes,
- meet with an academic advisor,
- take placement tests,
- fill out various forms,
- apply for financial aid,
- and a number of other things.

You also have access to all services on-campus, so please feel free to contact us whenever you need something.

Remember students are responsible for adhering to all College regulations. The best place to find information on various rules is the College catalog. It's our contract with you. Please stop in and pick one up. The class schedule also provides important deadline information each semester.

Getting Financial Assistance

Students enrolled in a **minimum of six credits** at Western Wyoming Community College are encouraged to apply for financial aid. Some students enrolled in less than 6 hours may also be eligible for financial aid. There are generally two types of aid available at WWCC: aid based on assessed financial need and aid awarded based on academic excellence or area of major.

Students interested in Federal Aid or WWC Foundation grants must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). Applications can be accessed from the WWCC Financial Aid webpage. Before financial aid awards are disbursed, students must have applied and been accepted for admission, and be degree seeking at WWCC.

April 1 is the priority deadline for financial aid at WWCC. Applications received by this date will receive priority consideration for all available monies. Applications received after this date will be processed as the financial aid file is completed.

Financial Aid Awards usually consist of a combination of the following:

Federal Aid Programs:

Federal Pell Grant – Federal Grant money available to qualifying students attending approved post-secondary institutions.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG) – Federal grants available to students with the lowest family contribution.

Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) – Federal Grant available to Pell eligible students that completed an approved rigorous high school program.

Federal Stafford Loans:

Subsidized Loans – Need-based federally subsidized loans available to college students which are made by participating lending institutions. Current interest rate is fixed at 6.8%, and repayment obligations begin six months after the student completes their education or stops attending on a part time basis. Entrance and exit counseling is required in order to receive these funds.

Unsubsidized Loans – Non-need based federal loans available to college students which are made by participating lending institutions. Interest rate is fixed, at 6.8%, and repayment obligations begin six months after the student completes their education or stops attending on a part time basis. Entrance and exit counseling is required in order to receive these funds.

Federal PLUS Loans – Federal loans available to parents whose children attend post-secondary institutions. Interest rate is fixed at 8.5%. Repayment begins immediately after loan disbursement.

Scholarship Opportunities:

Western offers a variety of scholarship awards to High School Seniors based on academic excellence. They include the Superior Scholarship, Honor Scholarship, Performance Scholarship, Career Scholarship (award includes State of Wyoming funds for Hathaway eligible students) and Competition and Special Ability Grants. Divisional Scholarships are available to sophomore students. Scholarships are also available to qualifying transfer, part-time and non-traditional students.

WWC Foundation Aid:

Grants provided through donor participation, ranging in value from \$250-\$2500 per academic year.

Veteran's Benefits:

Information and applications can be obtained from the Veteran's Representative in the Financial Aid Office at 1-800-226-1181 ext. 1653 or 307-382-1653