

## Financial Aid

### Application Process:

- Apply for a PIN number from the Department of Education at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov) (One parent of a dependent student must also have a PIN.)
- Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov) and use your Department of Education PIN to electronically sign it. (You are strongly urged to complete your application online. If you do not have access to the Internet, you may request or pick up a copy of the paper application at the Student Services office of your campus.)

### Student Eligibility

To qualify for financial aid from the student aid program at WITC, you must:

- Have financial need, except for some loan programs.
- Have a high school diploma, GED or HSED certificate, or complete a high school education in a home school setting that is treated as a home school under state law or satisfactory score on Ability to Benefit Assessment.
- Be enrolled or accepted for enrollment as a regular student working toward an associate degree or a technical diploma in a financial aid-eligible program.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
- Have a valid social security number.
- Make satisfactory academic progress.
- Sign a statement of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) certifying that you will use federal student aid only for educational purposes.
- Sign a statement on the FAFSA certifying that you are not in default on a federal student loan and that you do not owe a repayment on a federal grant.
- Register with the Selective Service if required.

### Student Financial Aid Assistance Programs:

- Federal Pell Grant
  - Academic Competitiveness Grant
  - Federal Supplemental Opportunity Grant
  - Federal Stafford Loan
  - Federal PLUS (Parent) Loan
  - Federal College Work Study
  - Federal Indian Student Assistance Program
  - Wisconsin Higher Education Grant
  - Wisconsin Minority Grant
  - Wisconsin Handicapped Grant
  - Wisconsin Indian Student Assistance Program
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- Grants are financial aid that does not have to be repaid except under the provisions of the Title IV Return of Funds Policy.
  - College work-study is employment at the college currently paid at the rate of \$8.50 an hour. Community service jobs are available. A work-study position listing is mailed to eligible students. Loans are borrowed money that must be repaid with interest beginning six months after the student is no longer enrolled at least half time.

### Scholarships

Scholarships are an excellent way for new or continuing students to secure additional financial assistance for tuition, books, and other education expenses.

#### → Application Deadlines

- April 1 (Scholarships awarded in the succeeding academic year)
  - November 1 (Scholarships awarded in the succeeding term)
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- Application materials are available on campus at the Student Success office, Foundation office, or information desk and are online at [www.witc.edu/scholarships](http://www.witc.edu/scholarships).