DISCOVER WHAT TO EXPECT
THE
FINANCIAL AID OFFICE
THE COST OF COLLEGE
Direct costs = billed by the school

Generally includes:

- Tuition: $9,238.00
- Fees: $2,841.00
- Room/Housing: $10,192.00
- One-Time Fees: $115.00

TOTAL = $22,386.00

Individual costs are determined by individual decisions.
**WIU Cost Estimator**

» Online calculator to help provide a best-estimate of YOUR semester bill

**WIU Cost Guarantee**

» Our students pay the same per credit hour rate for four straight years!

» Only Illinois university that "freezes" the per credit hour rate charged for *tuition and fees and room and meal plan*.
FREE online at www.fafsa.gov

Must be completed each year for the upcoming academic year

Complete as soon as possible on or after **October 1** for 2022-23 school year

» **Tax information from 2020**
Communication is

- **WIU Email**
  - Notifications
  - Documentation requests

- **Student/Alumni Records System (STARS)**
  - Application status
  - Financial aid award letter

- Notifications are sent to the student
Your award offer will list the financial aid available to you for each semester
  » Available to view on STARS
  » WIU email notification sent
  » A copy will be mailed to home address

Review directions

Compare your financial aid to anticipated costs for each semester

Notify our office of any enrollment changes, other expected aid, or special circumstances affecting your family
WIU

NET PRICE

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*minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA to qualify for Western Commitment Scholarship*
WIU SCHOLARSHIP OFFICE
President’s Scholarship Application
   » 3.75+ GPA with no test score
   » 3.4+ GPA with ACT=24 or SAT=1160
   » Deadline is December 1st.

General Scholarships
   » All ACT/SAT scores: deadline is March 1st.

Students are encouraged to contact the department of declared major

Visit www.wiu.edu/scholarships - all updates, resources and links posted here
▪ Start early and don’t stop!
▪ No scholarship is too small
▪ Avoid scholarship scams
▪ Don’t forget about private scholarships:
  » www.fastweb.com
  » www.scholarship.com
  » www.collegeboard.com
STUDENT PRIVACY
- **Family Educational Rights & Privacy Act**
  - Protects the privacy of student records
  - Student must provide a University release for each specific parent/guest who needs access

- **Parent/Guest Account on STARS**
  - Student specifies what information is shared
IMPORTANT REMINDERS
▪ Review our **Getting Started** section online
▪ Get started on your scholarship search
▪ File your **FREE** FAFSA at [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov) as soon as possible after October 1\(^{st}\).
▪ Activate and monitor your WIU accounts
▪ Provide Parent/Guest access as needed
STUDENT RESOURCES
Financial Aid Office
Sherman Hall 127
P (309) 298-2446
F (309) 298-2353

- Admissions Office
- Scholarship Office
- Billing & Receivables Office

- Veterans Resource Center
- Student Development & Success Center