



**Western Illinois
University**

FINANCIAL AID

**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*



College **AVE**[®]
STUDENT LOANS

<https://www.collegeavestudentloans.com/blog/early-fafsa-application-benefits/>

- 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*

PROCESS



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

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NET PRICE CALCULATOR

WIU Net Price Calculator Family of Four with One in College

<i>Adjusted Gross Income</i>	<i>15,500</i>	<i>45,000</i>	<i>65,000</i>	<i>85,000</i>
Federal Loan	5,500	5,500	5,500	5,500
Federal Work Study	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
Federal Grants	6,495	5,945	2,745	0
State Grants	5,496	5,496	5,496	0
Other Grants/Scholarships*	3,000	3,000	3,000	3,000
TOTAL AID	23,491	22,941	19,741	11,500

*minimum 3.3 cumulative GPA to qualify for Western Commitment Scholarship

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**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

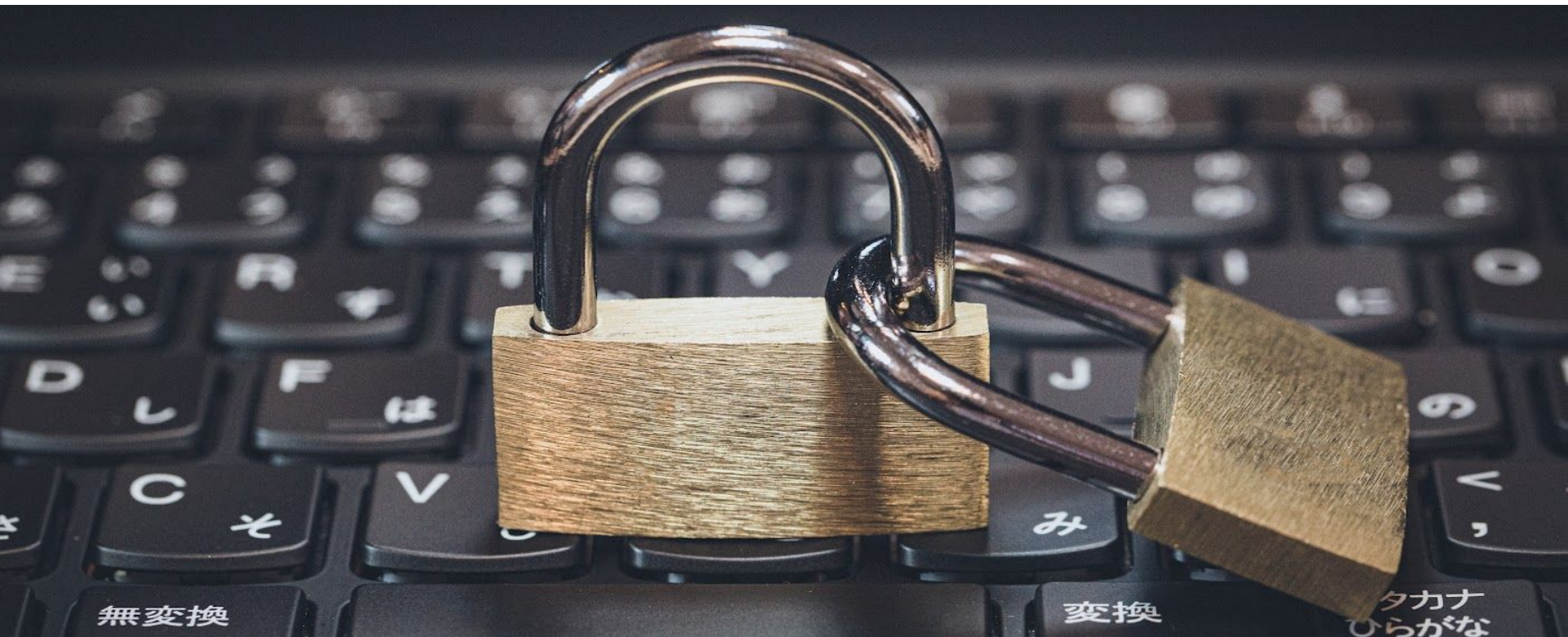
- Don't forget about private scholarships:

- » 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

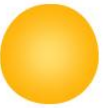
▪ Parent/Guest Account on STARS

- » 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 as soon as possible after October 1st .
- 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](#)