



Scholarship Checklist for New Transfer Students

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- ☐ Accepted at WIU? Then you were automatically considered for the [Western Transfer Commitment Scholarship](#)!
 - ☐ **But don't forget – all other WIU scholarships require additional application.** Beginning at the end of October you can apply for our new transfer scholarship opportunities using the [WIU Scholarship Portal](#).
 - One application for most new transfer scholarships.
 - Login using your [WIU ECOM username](#) and password.
 - New transfer applications due by **MAY 1**.
 - Department scholarship applications due by **March 1**.
 - ☐ **File your FAFSA (Free Application for Federal Student Aid).** Scholarships and financial aid go hand in hand – students should complete their FAFSA as soon as possible after October 1 at www.fafsa.gov. Have questions? Contact the WIU Financial Aid Office for assistance or to schedule an appointment!
 - ☐ **Seek out local scholarship opportunities** through community organizations, employers, etc.
 - ☐ **Seek out private scholarship opportunities** – get started by using our [Private Scholarships](#) postings.
 - Use reputable online scholarship searches like [FastWeb](#) and [Collegellinois!](#).
 - Pay attention to deadlines and requirements!
 - ☐ If you are awarded a scholarship, you will be expected to complete a scholarship recipient profile. Additional details about this profile and process will be sent to you in an email during the fall semester.

Now That You're Enrolled...

- ☐ **After registering for classes, calculate your expected charges** using the [WIU Cost Estimator](#).
 - The first bills of the semester are sent during the first week of August and January.
 - Most scholarships will display on your first billing statement. Monitor your day-to-day university account activity on [STARS](#) by selecting *Financials > Account Detail* and clicking "Account Details".
- ☐ Complete the [Direct Deposit Authorization](#) on STARS if you anticipate a financial aid refund.
- ☐ **Need to submit a scholarship check?** Checks should be sent to or dropped off at the WIU Scholarship Office, Sherman Hall 303, 1 University Circle, Macomb, IL 61455 (M-F, 8:00 am – 4:30 pm).

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