

Overview of the Financial Aid Process

The Office of Financial Assistance will assist you on your journey to becoming a UIW Graduate! Our office is committed to helping you understand the services we provide, the financial options available to pay for school, and the academic requirements that must be met to remain eligible for financial aid. Our goal is to assist students so that their education at UIW is affordable, and to provide options that help you manage any financial barriers that you may encounter. A successful partnership will ensure that your aid is delivered timely, and that you are given every opportunity to receive the maximum amount of funding from scholarship, grant, work study and loan programs.

Below you will find information on the financial aid process and resources to help guide you along.

_____ for you and your parent (if dependent). The FSA ID is used to confirm your identity when accessing aid information and electronically signing federal student aid documents. Be sure to keep passwords and answers to challenge questions secure.

[Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#), as early as October 1, to be considered

[admissions](#).

ps. Find scholarship information from your high school, local community, and UIW's [Scholarship Resources](#) webpage.

AWARD PROCESS (JANUARY – APRIL)

work-study, and loan options. This will allow you to compare anticipated costs versus your financial aid.

[BannerWeb](#) account.

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-study (determined by FAFSA) can be hired by a department through student employment.

HELPFUL FAFSA TIPS & ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

- **Submit your FAFSA early!**
The earlier you submit your FAFSA, the sooner you can expect to receive your financial aid award letter. This will allow more time to understand your awards and complete any missing requirements.
- **Pay close attention to whether you are being asked for student or parent information.**
You want to avoid inputting information in the wrong areas on the FAFSA. Be sure to include parent and student information where requested and not to input parent information into the student sections.
- **Use your 2020 tax information.**
 - FAFSA will request you to enter tax information from **2020**.
- **Use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool, if you can.**

If you have filed a tax return, we strongly encourage you to use this tool, as it may prevent you from having to submit further documentation.
- **Be sure to electronically sign your FAFSA.**
To complete your FAFSA, both you and your parent (if dependent) must sign it using your FSA ID.