

## APPLICATION PROCESS (OCTOBER - DECEMBER)

1. Create a Federal Student Aid ID (FSA ID) at <https://fsaid.ed.gov> for you and your parent. The FSA ID is used to confirm your identity when accessing financial aid information and electronically signing federal student aid documents. Keep passwords and answers to challenge questions secure.

FSA ID (Student): \_\_\_\_\_ FSA ID (Parent): \_\_\_\_\_

2. Complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <https://fafsa.ed.gov>, as early as October 1, to be considered for federal and state aid. UIW School Code: 003578.

3. Apply for admission to UIW. Find admissions requirements online: <https://www.uiw.edu/admissions/index.html>

4. Search and apply for private scholarships. Find scholarship information from your high school, local community, and UIW's Scholarship Resources webpage: <https://www.uiw.edu/finaid/scholarships.html>.

## AWARD PROCESS (JANUARY – APRIL)

5. After you are admitted, UIW will mail your financial aid award package which can include scholarships, grants, work-study, and loan options. This will allow you to compare the total costs versus your financial aid.

6. View your awards and requirements using your BannerWeb details page.

7. Turn in any requested documents (e.g., tax returns, transcripts, meningitis record, etc.)

## FINAL STEPS (MAY – AUGUST)

8. After you have registered for courses, review your invoice to determine if your aid has covered 100% of your tuition, fees, room & board (if applicable). If not, consider options such as working part-time, enrolling in a payment plan, borrowing loans, veteran education benefits, military discounts, tuition savings plans, etc.

9. Submit