



Financial Aid

Warren County Career Center offers a variety of financial aid options to those who qualify. Although you may not qualify for all options; it is important that you be aware of what is available.

Getting Started

Students are responsible for completing a Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) so that a valid Student Aid Report (SAR) will be on file. Financial aid awards cannot be determined without an SAR. Delays in completing financial aid applications may affect the ability of the school to determine awards prior to the beginning of class.

Please read the following instructions carefully:

Step 1. Collect documents and information that will assist in completing the FAFSA. Examples include tax returns, W-2s, bank statements, information on SSI, welfare, child support, etc.

Step 2. Go to www.pin.ed.gov and request a PIN #. If you are a dependent student, your parents should also request a PIN # to electronically sign your FAFSA. The PIN # is an electronic signature. You usually receive the PIN # within a couple of hours. The PIN # is valid for ten years so keep it in a safe place.

Step 3. Once you have received your PIN #, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov and complete a FAFSA. The federal school code for Warren County Career Center is 015848.

Step 4. In 2-5 days you can return to the FAFSA website and view your SAR. If you mailed the FAFSA and didn't provide an e-mail address, then your SAR will be mailed to you by the Dept. of Education and will take several weeks.

Step 5. The financial aid office will review your SAR and determine your eligibility for a Pell Grant and/or Stafford Loan. An award letter will be mailed to you approximately two months prior to your start date.

Step 6. Review, complete, and return your award letter to the Financial Aid office. No student aid will be awarded without a signed letter of acceptance.

Student Eligibility

All of the following criteria must be met to receive aid from any of the federal student aid programs.

- Demonstrate financial need, except for some loan programs.
- Have a high school diploma or GED.
- Be enrolled as a regular student working toward a degree or certificate in an eligible program.
- Be a U.S. citizen or eligible noncitizen.
- Have a valid Social Security Number.
- Certify that federal student aid will only be used for educational purposes.
- Not be in default on a federal student loan and not owe money on a federal student grant.
- Be in compliance with the Selective Service registration requirements. Males aged 18 through 25 who haven't yet registered may do so by checking a box on the FAFSA. Registration may also be completed on line at www.sss.gov.
- Not be incarcerated in a federal or state penal institution.
- Not have been convicted under federal or state law for the sale of or possession of drugs. Effect on eligibility depends on the type and number of convictions. For questions regarding individual status, call [1-800-433-3243](tel:1-800-433-3243).
- Once enrolled, meet satisfactory academic progress standards set by the school.

SOURCES OF AID

Pell Grant – Need based federal grant that does not have to be repaid. Maximum grant for the 2008-2009 award year is \$4,731.

Subsidized Stafford Loan – Need based loan. The U.S. Department of Education pays interest while the borrower is in school. Maximum award amount is \$3,500 for both independent and dependent first year students.

Unsubsidized Stafford Loan – Not need based. Borrower is responsible for interest during the life of the loan. Maximum amount is \$6000 (1st year).

Plus Loan – Parents of dependent students may apply. Loan amount may not exceed total cost of attendance less any other aid.

Alternative Loans -Alternative loans are private educational loans, based on a credit review, and offered by banks and other private lenders. These loans can cover the costs of education not covered by federal financial aid. You should first apply for federal financial aid before considering an alternative loan.

Bureau Of Vocational Rehabilitation (BVR) - For students with physical, mental or emotional disabilities with a handicap to employment. Aid may be available to cover tuition, books, and supplies. Contact your area Bureau of Vocational Rehabilitation office.

Workforce Investment Act (WIA) - Financial Aid may be available from this grant program for students who qualify. Students must contact their county One-Stop employment resource center to see if they qualify.

Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) - Available for students who have lost jobs or had hours and wages reduced because of foreign trade. Contact your employer or your county One-Stop employment resource center.