SUMMER FINANCIAL AID

Conditions for summer financial aid

To be considered for financial assistance during the Summer Session(s), you must meet the following conditions:

- You must have filed a FAFSA for this current academic year (www.fafsa.gov).
  - The academic year starts in Fall and runs through the following Summer. For example, to apply for financial aid for summer 2019, you need to complete a FAFSA for 2018-2019.
- You have turned in all required documentation to the Financial Aid Office
- Undergraduates must register for a minimum of **6 hours** during the summer session
- You MUST be meeting **satisfactory** academic progress after spring semester

You will be automatically awarded summer financial aid upon registration of summer courses and satisfying the above conditions, provided you are eligible.

Aid eligibility

The WCU Financial Aid office will determine your eligibility for financial aid. This is determined on an individual, case-by-case basis.

Generally, aid is in the form of a Student Loan or Parent Loan. The summer PELL program is available if you qualify. There are some situations where you may have eligibility for additional aid during the regular school year.

Deposits due prior to financial aid distribution

Any good faith deposits, airfare, and/or Tour Company fees, as well as passport expenses that are required to be paid will be your responsibility as it would be prior to receiving any summer financial aid. We cannot disburse funds until 10 days before your first day of class. With direct deposit that money is usually available to students about 5-6 days before the first day of class.

Failure to maintain satisfactory academic progress

If you are NOT meeting satisfactory academic progress after spring grades are reviewed, your summer financial aid will be cancelled. If you have already started classes, you will be responsible for all charges you incur. Withdrawal from hours after aid has been credited to your account will result in a reduction of aid and charges on your account.

Contacting the financial aid office

The WCU Financial Aid contact for travel courses is **Mrs. Kelsey Woodford** (kwoodford@wcu.edu). Or, you can contact the Financial Aid office via the methods below:

In person: WCU Financial Aid office in OneStop
Email: finaid@wcu.edu. Emails must be sent from your catamount email, and please include student identification number (920…) to help with determining your aid eligibility.
Phone: 828.227.7290