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Packaging Financial Aid Recipients

Financial need is the basic criterion used in packaging federal financial assistance recipients. Federal regulations state specifically that financial aid must be provided to the students showing the greatest financial need.

At DWU, the FAFSA is the instrument used to determine a student's financial need. Upon completing the FAFSA at www.fafsa.gov, an expected family contribution is determined. The expected family contribution is then subtracted from the cost of attendance, which includes tuition, fees, room and board. The result is financial need.

Current and new students who have financial need, meet the DWU financial aid preference deadline of April 1 and other DWU criteria, may qualify for the Federal Supplemental Education Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), Federal Work Study Program (FWS) and/or a Federal Perkins Loan. However, these funds are limited, so it is not guaranteed that a student who has met the university's preference deadline and criteria will be awarded these funds.

Students who have completed and turned in all the necessary documents to be accepted into the university, and have completed and turned in all the necessary documents to the financial aid office by the April 1 preference deadline, will be processed in a first-come, first-served basis. Those applying after the priority date will receive funding based upon availability of funds, need and application date.

Notification of Awards

A financial aid award offer will notify students of financial assistance and is either sent through the U.S. Postal Service or emailed to the student's DWU email account. This document will state the amount and categories in which a student can expect to receive assistance. All awards will be accepted on behalf of the student. Any student wishing to decline a certain award, must contact the financial aid office in writing.

Amount of Aid Received

The amount of federal aid that a student receives will depend upon his/her financial need. In the majority of cases, a student can expect to receive federal and/or institutional assistance. Aid packages will vary according to an individual's needs.

Summer Financial Aid

Students taking classes during the summer sessions may apply for federal financial aid. Students must be enrolled in at least six credits during the summer to qualify for these funds. Students must also complete the Financial Aid Summer Application and the FAFSA. Receiving financial aid during the summer term may affect the amount of aid received for the following academic year. Contact the director of financial aid to discuss your options.