

Financial Aid Programs

Financial aid is awarded on the basis of scholastic achievement, financial need or a combination of both. Offers of assistance are designed to supplement the resources of the family and may vary per academic year.

For federal, University, state and most private aid, family resources are measured by the needs analysis formula of the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). A family's Expected Family Contribution (EFC) is based upon the information submitted on the FAFSA, which includes income, assets, number of people in the family and other family factors. All students are required to file the FAFSA if they wish to apply for federal, state and University aid and scholarships.

The FAFSA may be filed by paper application or electronically at www.fafsa.ed.gov, an official U.S. Department of Education website. Filing through the internet is currently a two-step process: submitting data electronically AND sending official signatures to the federal processor. You may submit your signatures via U.S. mail or electronically using a PIN. You can apply for your PIN at www.pin.ed.gov.

Students may also estimate their EFC on the internet. Wheeling Jesuit recommends the "Financial Aid Estimation Form." It can be found at www.finaid.org, a comprehensive financial aid site. An estimated EFC is for personal planning use only. Official EFCs may vary from an estimated one and only official, federally calculated EFCs resulting from the FAFSA can be used to determine financial aid eligibility at Wheeling Jesuit.

The difference between the Expected Family Contribution and the Cost of Attendance (COA) for an academic year represents a student's "financial need."

Financial assistance may be in the form of federal, state, University or private aid. There are three types of aid: grants ("gift aid," including scholarships), loans (low interest loans requiring repayment) and work opportunities.

All financial aid is disbursed directly to students' accounts for charges relating to tuition, fees, room and board. Aid exceeding student account charges may be issued as a refund to the student for other educational expenses (books, supplies, etc.).

How to Apply

1. The student must be accepted for admission to the University in order to receive an official offer of financial aid. If applying after January 1 of the high school senior year, an applicant should apply for financial aid and for admission concurrently.
2. An applicant for aid must submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid and list Wheeling Jesuit University Federal school code: 003831. Most states use the FAFSA for their grant programs; check with your state grant agency for details. FAFSA's are available from WJU and from high school guidance counselors. Once the FAFSA has been filed and processed, the Department of Education (DOE) will send the student a Student Aid Report (SAR) and the University an electronic SAR, provided the student listed the correct Federal school code. The student and Wheeling Jesuit can make corrections on the SAR and send electronically or by mail to DOE for reprocessing.
3. WJU may require verification of information and may request a copy of an applicant's Federal income tax return, the applicant parents'/spouse's Federal income tax return, W-2 statements and other documents.



ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS

The Wheeling Jesuit University Scholarship Program provides financial assistance to students who demonstrate potential for scholarship and leadership. These awards are based on demonstrated merit and may be unrelated to financial need. (However, the awards may affect other need-based aid in the aid packages.)

Presidential and Magis Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded at the time of acceptance, based on academic information submitted in the application for admission. This scholarship is renewable for four years based on academic performance. You must maintain a 2.7 cum. GPA freshman year and a 3.0 cum. GPA thereafter.

Jesuit Distinction, Ignation and Dean's Awards

This scholarship is awarded at the time of acceptance, based on academic information submitted in the application for admission. This scholarship is renewable for four years based on academic performance. You must maintain a 2.3 cum. GPA freshman year and a 2.5 cum. GPA thereafter.

COMPETITIVE SCHOLARSHIPS

Admitted incoming students may compete during their senior year in high school for academic and merit based awards. Renewal of these scholarships require academic progress, required GPA and required major.

Stephen J. Laut, S.J. Memorial Scholarships

Four-year full tuition scholarships are awarded each year to two winners of a competition among entering freshman who plan to enter the Laut Honors Program at Wheeling Jesuit University. Competition is open to high school seniors with these qualifications: 3.4 cumulative high school average and a combined score of 1100 on the SAT or a composite score of 24 on the ACT. To retain this scholarship for the following year, a student must attain a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the end of the freshman year, 3.1 cumulative GPA at the end of the sophomore year and 3.2 cumulative GPA at the end of the junior year.

The Arrupe Award

is an award over a four year period provided that they maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average. This competition is open to entering freshmen who have a distinguished record of community service as a Christian leader. Recipients must continue to be actively involved as a leader in a campus-based community service organization.

The Choral Award

is an award over a four year period and based on competitive auditions and interviews that take place early in the spring. Auditions are open to entering freshmen with choral experience. Recipients must be participants in the University's choral groups each year to receive the entire award.

The Music Ministry Award

is an award over a four year period and based on competitive auditions and interviews that take place early in the spring. Auditions are open to freshmen with liturgical music experience. Recipients must actively participate in the chapel music programs (including four concerts per year).

ENDOWED SCHOLARSHIPS

Unless specifically noted, no special application is necessary. Admitted students with FAFSA results on file will be considered for these scholarships as funding becomes available.

Adamiak, John and Helen Regiec Memorial Scholarship

Established by Col. Carol Adamiak Yarnall '63 and Mr. William C. Yarnall in loving memory of Carol's parents Mr. John Adamiak and Mrs. Helen Regiec Adamiak. This scholarship will benefit a student who fits one of the following criteria: a graduate of Bishop Donahue High School, a member of the St. Francis Parish or a resident of Marshall County, W.Va.

Benedum Memorial Scholarship

Established in loving memory of Claude Worthington Benedum. This scholarship will benefit a student based on merit.

Berthold/Neal Family Scholarship

Established by the Berthold/Neal Family. This scholarship will provide financial assistance to a deserving student(s) from Ohio, WV and PA, based on the recommendation of the Admissions Office.

Biery, Guy and Marie Paul Memorial Scholarship Fund

Established in loving memory of Guy and Marie Paul Biery. This scholarship will assist needy students who are residents of Ohio County, West Virginia, and graduates of Wheeling Central Catholic High School.

Board of Directors Scholarship

This scholarship is awarded at the President's discretion.

Bodkin, Sally Memorial Music Ministry Scholarship

This award is based on a competitive audition for students with liturgical music experience and was established in honor of a WJU alumnus from the class of 1969.

Buckius/Burke Scholarship

Established in honor of Walter A. Buckius, S.J. and Joseph A. Burke, S.J., on the occasion of their 60th anniversary as members of the Society of Jesus. This scholarship will benefit a third-year student who demonstrates need and is majoring in either science or theology.

Buckius/Loyola Scholarship

Awarded to men and women who demonstrate the capacity for Christian leadership and distinguished citizenship.

Cardinal Athletic Scholarship

Established by the Cardinal Athletic Club. This scholarship will be awarded to a student with outstanding athletic ability, meets all academic eligibility requirements, committed to performing community service and who graduated from an OVAC member school. An emphasis is placed on those who will represent WJU athletics in a first-class manner.

Carrigan, Thomas F. Alumni Scholarship

An award established by the WJU Alumni Association in memory of alumnus, Tom Carrigan. Alumni children or grandchildren with a 2.5 GPA and who display compassion, commitment and a work ethic which involves genuine friendship and loyalty are eligible for consideration. Application and interview required.

Chambers, James B. Memorial Scholarship

Awards available to residents of Ohio County, West Virginia, who demonstrate need and academic promise.

Chicarella Psychology Scholarship

Established by Mrs. Rosemary Chicarella to benefit a competent student who demonstrates need and who is majoring in psychology.

Class of 1965 Septimi Scholarship

Established by the members of the class of 1965, this award is available to needy students in good academic standing who are relatives of Wheeling Jesuit University alumni. Priority is given to relatives of Class of '65 graduates. Number and amounts vary.

Class of 1972 Scholarship

Established by the members of the class of 1972, on the occasion of their 25th reunion. This scholarship will be awarded to help an average student from a middle class family who is not eligible for larger academic scholarships. An alumni committee will select the recipient with first preference given to children, grandchildren and relatives of the class of 1972.

Cogan, Virginia Frantz and Maurice W. Memorial Scholarship

Funded by the Cogan family, this scholarship is awarded to incoming or returning students that demonstrate financial need. Preference will be given to athletes from Cleveland St. Ignatius area.

CONSOL Fund

To benefit a student from Greene County, PA.

DiPiero, Vicky '65 Scholarship

Awarded to a minority student from West Virginia. Student must maintain a 2.5 cum. GPA.

DiTrapano, Lidano Scholarship

Through the generosity of a friend of the family, this scholarship is awarded each year to a needy student from Charleston (WV) Catholic High School or from the Charleston area in memory of Lidano DiTrapano.

Eick, Theodora Scholarship

Established in loving memory of Theodora Eick. This scholarship will benefit a student from either Belmont County, OH or Ohio County, WV.

Gannon, Rev. Edward J., S.J. Scholarship

Donated by a grateful alumnus in honor of a favorite professor, the Gannon scholarship is available to needy juniors and seniors.

Greene, M. Virginia Scholarship

Established in loving memory of M. Virginia Greene to benefit a student who demonstrates need.

Hacala Memorial Scholarship, Mary Niebauer

Criteria to be determined.

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Criteria to be determined.

Hanzely Scholarship

To benefit a student majoring in Science.

Hawk, Henry and Beverly Scholarship

Funded by these generous friends of the University, the Hawk award is for needy students with high academics who are graduates of Lima Central High School.

Hearst, William Randolph Appalachian Scholarship

Established by the William Randolph Hearst Foundation to assist needy students from West Virginia and the surrounding Appalachian area who demonstrate academic promise and intend to reside in the U.S. at the completion of their education. Number and amounts vary.

Hess, Margaret Blackford Scholarship

For worthy students from West Virginia with priority given to Wheeling and Ohio County students.

Hodges, Bishop Joseph H. Scholarships

Funded by a generous grant from the Sarah and Pauline Maier Foundation and the Diocese of Wheeling-Charleston, these scholarships are available to financially needy West Virginians who demonstrate academic potential, high moral standards and leadership qualities.

Jesuit Community Scholarship

Criteria to be determined.

The Jesuit Fathers Scholarship

Developed an endowment from their contributed salaries to aid financially needy students. A minimum of 50 awards are given yearly.

Jones, Dr. Lee Scholarship

Awarded to a student with intellectual curiosity and wants to continue their education (particularly with an theological bent) and that demonstrates compassion by their service to the less fortunate. A commitment to sports/fitness is a plus factor.

Kirby Memorial Scholarship, Philip C. & Evelyn

Established in memory of Philip C. & Evelyn F. Kirby. Financial assistance will be provided to students coming to WJU from the 3rd Congressional District of West Virginia, or from Talbot County, Maryland.

Kirk, Frank H. Memorial Scholarship

Established by a generous but anonymous donor through the WJU Alumni Association, this award is available to needy students, with preference given to those from Pittsburgh, Pa. or the surrounding metropolitan area. Amount and number of awards vary.

Knights of Columbus Scholarship

An award made to West Virginia students whose fathers are members in good standing. The scholarship award is based on academic promise and financial need. Applicants must complete a Knights of Columbus Wheeling Jesuit University application with corresponding information by July 15th. Applications and instructions are available from the Financial Aid Office or from your father's Knights of Columbus Council.

Lantz, The Lewis and Malissa Scholarship

Funded by Phyllis Batson in 1993 in memory of her parents, this award is available to students from Wetzel County, W.Va.

McConnell, Herbert W. Family Scholarship

Awarded on the basis of need and academic promise to students from the city of Wheeling, W.Va., these scholarships are available through the generosity of Mary Rose McConnell.

McCune/Greene County Scholarship

To benefit students who demonstrate need from Greene County and Washington County, PA.

McDonough, Bernard P. and Alma G. Scholarship

A competitive scholarship based on high academic achievement for students from Wood County, West Virginia.

McShain, The John and Mary Minority**Scholarship Endowment**

Established and supported by John McShain Charities, Inc., of Philadelphia, in support of minority students who demonstrate need and academic promise.

Merlo, William and Kathryn K.**Appalachian Endowment**

Established by generous friends of the University in 1993, this award is available to students who have a parent working in the coal mine industry. Please notify the Financial Aid Office if you qualify.

Nesbitt, Florence Irene Scholarship

Established to benefit an undergraduate student.

The Pride Scholarship

Donated by an honorary degree recipient, Charley Pride and his wife, Rozene Pride, this scholarship is awarded annually to a minority student on the basis of academic achievement and outstanding leadership.

O'Brien, S.J., Ph.D., James A. Scholarship

Awarded to upper-class students from West Virginia. Must be committed to community service, preferably, but not limited to, a student serving the Mother Jones House.

Rakosky Memorial Scholarship

Financial assistance to needy students with preference to residents or former residents of Washington County, PA.

The St. Patrick Weston Scholarship

is funded through the generosity of a friend from the Weston area and assists needy students from St. Patrick Parish in Weston, WV who maintain a GPA of at least 2.75.

Schafer Scholarship

Established by Mary E. Schafer in loving memory of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Edward C. Schafer. This scholarship will benefit students who aspire to a religious or secular education. First preference will be given to heirs-in-law.

Schenk, Albert and Kathleen Endowed Scholarship

Established by Mrs. Schenk in memory of her husband, Albert Schenk III. It is to benefit needy, local students within a 50 mile radius of the University.

Stifel, George E. Nursing Scholarship

For graduates of the Ohio County Public School system. If no one qualifies, residents of Ohio County and surrounding counties who are missing majors will also be considered. Number and amounts vary.

Summit 2000

Awarded to incoming or returning students who demonstrate need and have a minimum 2.5 GPA.

Szitar, Mary Magdalen Memorial Scholarship

For needy and deserving students, Catholic or non-Catholic, from Belmont County, Ohio. Number and amounts vary.

Troy, William F., S.J. Memorial Scholarship

These awards to students of academic ability and demonstrated need from the Greater-Wheeling area are funded by the faculty, staff and administrators of the University, who maintain and administer this fund.

Werner-Ritz Pre-Med Scholarship

Established through the generosity of a special friend of Dr. Tom Ritz, this award is available to a needy pre-med student. This student must have a junior or senior academic level.

Wertz Memorial Psychology Scholarship

Established in loving memory of Frederick and Elizabeth Wertz. This scholarship will benefit a competent student who demonstrates need and is majoring in psychology.

Winkler Memorial Scholarship

Established by Mr. and Mrs. Richard J. Winkler, in loving memory of their daughter Rosemarie Winkler Undegrave '81. This scholarship will be awarded annually to students who demonstrate need and are majoring in business administration.

Ziegler, Edouard S. & Simone J. Scholarship

Established to benefit a student who demonstrates high academic promise. Students must be a recipient of the Wheeling Jesuit University Presidential Scholarship.

EXTERNALLY-SUPPORTED SCHOLARSHIPS**Diocesan Scholarship**

Funded by donations of parishioners in the Wheeling-Charleston Diocese, these scholarships are based upon financial need and academic promise. Students apply to the Diocese.

Circle of Vision Scholarship Program

Was developed by the West Virginia Independent Colleges and Universities, which raises funds that provide support to students at member schools. Major contributors to this annual campaign will have named scholarships of \$1,000 awarded to WJU students who are residents of WV with demonstrated need and academic excellence. Contributors have included: Sarah and Pauline Maier Foundation, Inc., Bernard McDonough Foundation, Inc., Mylan Pharmaceuticals Inc., BBT Foundation, UPS Foundation, Bernard & Blanche Jacobson Foundation, Dominion Foundation, Steptoe & Johnson, Chase, Phil Cline, Lewis N. McManus Memorial Scholarship, Appalachian Power Co. and Fifth Third Bank.

Project Best Scholarship

Funded by Project Best (Building Efficiency by Striving Together) for an employee (or spouse or child) working for a sponsoring company/labor union in the construction industry. Applications available from and submittable directly to Project Best in Wheeling, WV or the Follansbee, W.Va./Steubenville, Ohio area. One or two scholarships of \$1,000 each awarded annually by the University. They are renewable if no new recipients are found in any year.

Dr. William J. Steger Education Fund

Provided by the Ohio County Tuberculosis Association, interest-free loans are given to needy respiratory therapy majors from Ohio, Marshall, Brooke, Hancock, Wetzel and Tyler counties in West Virginia, or Belmont County in Ohio. Loans are progressively forgiven over a three-year period to recipients who obtain employment within a fifty-mile radius of Wheeling. Those seeking employment outside the area must repay the loan. Final selection is made by the Ohio County Tuberculosis Association. Students and their families are encouraged to use the free scholarship searches available on the internet to explore scholarship eligibility from various organizations that offer financial assistance to those meeting specific but extremely diverse criteria. Several scholarship searches are currently available on the internet.

These searches and other financial aid information can all be accessed through www.finaid.org, www.fastweb.com or www.students.gov.

OTHER WHEELING JESUIT UNIVERSITY AID PROGRAMS - Admission and FAFSA results required

Athletic/Campion Grant

Awards are made by the University to athletes in basketball, cross country, track, swimming, soccer, golf, lacrosse, volleyball, baseball and softball. Team coaches recommend students for these awards; limited funding.

Teen of the Week Scholarship

Awarded on the basis of a weekly nomination by area high school principals and guidance counselors to the Sunday News-Register. Recipients demonstrate outstanding academic, community service and extra-curricular achievements. Awards are \$250 per year and are awarded for four years.

Wheeling Jesuit University Grant

Grants are made by the University on the basis of financial need; limited funding.

Wheeling Jesuit University Employment

Part-time employment is used to supplement other forms of financial assistance or to provide assistance for students who do not qualify for need-based aid; limited funding.

Federal and State Aid Programs

Federal Pell Grant

This program is based upon financial need and determined by the family's expected family contribution (EFC) as reported on the SAR.

West Virginia Grant

Awarded by the State of West Virginia, this grant is based upon financial need and a satisfactory academic record. Deadline March 1.

Federal AC Grant

To qualify for the Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG) a student needs to be Pell Grant eligible, full-time U.S. citizen, enrolled as an undergraduate first or second year student and has successfully completed a rigorous high school program, as determined by the state or local education agency and recognized by the Secretary of Education. For more information regarding this grant, please visit www.studentaid.ed.gov.

Federal National SMART Grant

To qualify for the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent Grant (National SMART Grant) a student needs to be Pell Grant eligible, full-time U.S. citizen, enrolled as an undergraduate third or fourth year student and enrolled in an eligible major. For more information regarding this grant, please visit www.studentaid.ed.gov.

West Virginia Promise Scholarship

Awarded by the State of West Virginia, this is based on academic achievement in high school. Students must file the FAFSA form and meet the March 1 deadline. Recipients must complete 30 credit hours per academic year and maintain a 2.75 cum. GPA freshman year and a 3.0 cum. GPA thereafter.

Other State Grants

Students may use Pennsylvania Grants (deadline May 1) at Wheeling Jesuit University. Other states may permit the use of their state grants at Wheeling Jesuit University. Check with the Financial Aid Office or your state grant agency.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (SEOG)

This grant is awarded by the University on the basis of exceptional need and first given to students who have Pell Grant eligibility; limited funding.

Federal Perkins Loan

This low-interest loan is available to students with demonstrated financial need; limited funding.

Federal Nursing Loan

This low-interest federal loan is available to nursing students with demonstrated financial need; limited funding.

Federal Work Study

This program based on need is awarded to students to supplement other forms of financial assistance. Students earn minimum wage while working on-campus jobs or in community service jobs. Federal Work Study is awarded, but is not guaranteed. It is not credited to the student's tuition account until the student acquires a job, works sufficient hours and signs a form with the payroll clerk to have the earnings credited to his/her tuition account. It is the student's responsibility to find a job; limited funding.

Federal Stafford Loans

A low interest federal loan to students is available through the University on a need or a non-need basis. For details on this educational loan program contact the Financial Aid Office.

Federal Stafford PLUS Loans

The Federal Parent Loan for Undergraduate Students (PLUS) is a low interest loan through the university to credit-worthy parents who may borrow cost of education minus any other aid received by the student. For details on this educational loan program contact the Financial Aid Office.

Alternative Educational Loans

Loans offered through private lenders to supplement costs not covered by other financial aid programs. A student may borrow cost of education minus any other aid resource. The application process and terms of these loans depend upon the borrower. For details on these loan programs, contact the Financial Aid Office.

Deferred Payment Plan

Wheeling Jesuit University accepts deferred payments made through a monthly payment plan endorsed by the University.

For additional information about the deferred payment plan, a student should contact the University's Business Office.



Withdrawals, Refunds & Financial Aid

Withdrawal from a class or from all classes may impact aid eligibility, both in the semester in which the withdrawal occurs and subsequent semesters. Refunds are made based on University policy as specified in the “Refunds” section of this catalog. Refunds to financial aid programs are made in compliance with the U.S. Department of Education regulations, state program policies and University regulations. Federal Title IV Refund Policy.

Renewal of Financial Aid

Students must reapply for financial aid each academic year. A renewal FAFSA will be sent to the student to their home address or email address in December each year for completion after January 1 but before mid-February. Be sure to authorize release of the information to Wheeling Jesuit University. To process your FAFSA online, go to www.fafsa.ed.gov.

To remain eligible for aid, students must also maintain satisfactory academic progress. To renew most types of aid, a student must maintain a 2.0 minimum cumulative GPA and earn a minimum of 24 credits per academic year if enrolled as a full-time student. Part-time students must earn all credits for which they register.

Most academic scholarships require a 3.0 minimum cumulative GPA. The Laut scholarship requires a 3.0 cumulative GPA at the end of the freshman year, 3.1 cumulative GPA at the end of the sophomore year and 3.2 cumulative GPA at the end of the junior year. If a student's GPA falls below the minimum requirements,

scholarship assistance will be withdrawn. If financial need is shown, lost assistance may be replaced with loan or work opportunity based upon financial need and availability of such funds.

The Financial Aid Office reviews aid eligibility each semester for each student aid applicant. Because awards are often made for the subsequent year prior to the close of the academic year in progress, those awards are subject to continued eligibility after the close of that academic year in progress. Changes in cumulative GPA, hours earned, financial need, external aid received or other related factors may require the adjustment of aid offered.

Veterans

Wheeling Jesuit University is approved for veterans' benefits. For information concerning veteran eligibility, contact the Registrar's Office or your local Veterans' Administration office. Veterans' benefits must be reported on the FAFSA form.

Policy Concerning Students Affected by Military Mobilization

Students called to active duty military service will have one of two options:

1. If enough class instruction has occurred and the faculty member can justify giving a grade of incomplete, the student will have the option of taking an "I." When the student returns, they will be allowed to finish the course work and have the grade changed to the appropriate letter grade. In this case, no tuition will be refunded.
2. If the first option is not available or if the student chooses not to take advantage of it, the student will be refunded full tuition and fees for the semester in which they are currently enrolled. If the student is a boarding student, the University will pro-rate their room and board charges for the amount used. Their financial aid package will be adjusted to reflect the lower charges.

Other Employment Information

The University's Career Development Center provides information regarding employment trends and placement and average starting salary information. Federal regulations require that average employment salary information of graduates in programs of study designed to prepare them for specific career fields must be available. At Wheeling Jesuit University programs of this nature are accounting, nursing and the clinical sciences. For more information about job placement and salary averages, contact the Center or the Specific Academic Department. We have local and national information only. No information is maintained regarding graduates.



Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress for Financial Aid

The following minimum requirements apply to all aid programs administered by Wheeling Jesuit University and appropriate agencies. Scholarships may require higher academic standards than those provided under the academic progress guidelines. Credit completion requirements will be monitored at the end of each academic year and grade point requirements monitored at the end of each semester.

1. Credit Completion Requirement

To determine enrollment status of a student, the University will use the number of credit hours the student is enrolled for on the first day of classes of each semester.

- A. Credit completion requirement for a full-time student (12+ credits/semester): the student is required to complete a minimum of 24 credits per academic year.
- B. Credit completion requirement for a three-quarter-time student (9-11 credits/semester): the student is required to complete a minimum of 18 credits per academic year.
- C. Credit completion requirement for a half-time student (6-8 credits/semester): the student is required to complete a minimum of 12 credits per academic year.

Note: A student who enrolls at different enrollment levels during the academic year will have the credit completion requirement pro-rated. Ex. Full-time enrollment - Fall semester and half-time enrollment -Spring semester, student must complete a total 18 credits during the academic year.

2. Grade Point Average Requirement

A student must maintain at least a 2.000 cumulative grade point average (GPA). If the student's GPA falls below the cumulative 2.000 requirement for two consecutive semesters, the student will automatically lose financial aid eligibility. Consequently, students must have a higher cumulative GPA in order to retain eligibility for scholarships and some state grants.

3. Length of Eligibility for Aid Funding

A. PA, WV and other state grant programs	8 semesters
B. WJU aid and scholarships	8 semesters
C. Title IV Federal Aid	
Full-time student	8 semesters
Three-quarter time student	12 semesters
Half-time student	16 semesters

4. Re-establishing Financial Aid Eligibility

If a student does not comply with either the grade point average or the credit completion academic progress requirements, the student is not eligible for financial aid funding until the deficiencies are resolved or appealed.

A. Summer School

A student who has not complied with the credit completion requirement may use the following summer to meet the academic progress requirements; however, no financial aid is provided to help defray summer school expenses. A student may attend summer school at Wheeling Jesuit University or another college to resolve credit hour deficiencies. However, the student should

consult Wheeling Jesuit's Registrar's Office to ensure that the University will accept the transfer credits.

A student who has not complied with the grade point average requirement may use the following summer to meet the academic progress requirements; however, no financial aid is provided to help defray summer school expenses. A student must attend Wheeling Jesuit's summer school in order to resolve a GPA deficiency. Transfer credits do not change your WJU cumulative GPA.

B. Appeal Process

A student may submit a written appeal to the Financial Aid Committee requesting an exception to the academic progress requirements. The appeal letter must indicate the extenuating circumstances that the student feels merit an exception to the requirements and how these circumstances have been resolved and will not hinder the student's future progress. The student will receive a letter from the Financial Aid Committee indicating the results of the appeal.

Note: Once the student achieves the academic progress requirements, he or she must contact the Financial Aid Office. Financial aid may be reinstated based upon the availability of funds at the time and the student's financial need.

Note: If a student is suspended or dismissed for academic or disciplinary reasons, the student is not eligible for financial aid. Upon readmission, the student would receive aid only if satisfactory progress had been maintained upon dismissal or suspension.

Wheeling Jesuit Aid Programs & Federal Aid Programs

Wheeling Jesuit University aid and federal aid will only be awarded for a total of four years. Students who take longer than four years to complete a bachelor's degree may appeal to use financial aid for an additional semester. The Financial Aid Committee will review and decide the outcome of the appeal request. Most aid requires full-time enrollment. A minimum 2.0 cumulative GPA is required to maintain aid. Academic and merit scholarships may require a higher cumulative GPA. These requirements are discussed elsewhere in the Wheeling Jesuit University catalog. No student who has Wheeling Jesuit University aid as a part of a financial aid package will receive grant assistance in excess of his or her direct costs with the University.

Rights & Responsibilities of Aid Recipients

As a consumer of a commodity (financial aid for a higher education), you have certain rights to which you are entitled, and certain obligations for which you are responsible.

You have the right to know:

- What financial assistance is available, including information on federal, state and institutional financial aid programs.

- The deadlines for submitting applications for the financial aid programs available.
- The cost of attending the University and its refund policy.
- The criteria used by the University to select financial aid recipients.
- How the University determines your financial need.
- What resources (such as parental contribution, other financial aid, your assets, etc.) are considered in the calculation of your need.
- How much of your financial need, as determined by the University, has been met.
- What portion of the financial aid you received is loan aid and what portion is grant aid. If the aid is a loan, you have the right to know what the interest rate is, the total amount that must be repaid, the repayment procedures, the length of time you have to repay the loan and when the repayment is to begin.
- How the University determines whether you are making satisfactory progress and what happens if you are not.

Consumer Responsibilities of Aid Recipients

It is your responsibility to:

- Review and consider all information about the University before you enroll.
- Complete all application forms accurately and submit them on time to the right place.
- Pay special attention to and accurately complete your application for financial aid. Errors can result in long delays in receiving financial aid. Intentional misreporting on application forms for federal financial aid is a violation of the law and is considered a criminal offense, subject to penalties under the U.S. Criminal Code.
- Submit all additional documentation, verification, corrections and/or new information requested by the Financial Aid Office.
- Read all forms that you are asked to sign and keep copies of them.
- Accept responsibility for all agreements that you sign.
- Notify the Financial Aid Office of changes in your name, address, housing or enrollment status. (This also applies to loan recipients after they leave the University.)
- Perform the work agreed upon in accepting a work study award.
- Know and comply with the University's deadlines for application or reapplication for aid.
- Know and comply with the University refund procedures.
- Notify the Financial Aid Office in advance when your course load at the University may be less than full-time. Failure to do so will cause delay in the receipt of your funds.
- Notify the Financial Aid Office of any changes in financial status. Failure to do so can result in termination of financial assistance.
- Maintain satisfactory academic progress. Withdrawal from the University or never attending classes will result in partial or full repayment of aid disbursed for the semester involved.