Basic Information

Welcome to UWL!

The UWL Financial Aid Office is located in room 215 Graff Main Hall. We encourage you to stop in to meet with one of our staff if you have questions or concerns about financing your education.

Consider saving as much of your earnings from your summer job and using that money to pay on your university bill or for living expenses during the school year.

Whether it is an on-campus or off-campus job, working part time can give you the money you need for living expenses so that you don’t need to borrow as much in student loans.

To apply for all UWL Foundation scholarships, you must complete the scholarship application process. Scholarship applications are available beginning in October.

If you know you will not need the loans offered to you as part of your financial aid award, we encourage you to opt out. Your financial aid award will be adjusted to reflect what you are required to borrow.

Both loan types have an interest rate that is fixed for the lifetime of the loan. The Subsidized loan has additional benefits: interest begins accruing six months after graduation, and while the student is enrolled at least half-time the interest is paid by the government. If you have borrowed more than you need, you can always contact our office and return any excess funds and thereby reduce the amount you will owe back.

The UWL Financial Aid Office encourages students to only borrow what they need. By understanding the importance of limiting what they borrow, students can better appreciate the opportunity to graduate debt-free.

Financial Aid Feature of the Week

Joining Organizations

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Choosing among the various organizations and events can be a tough choice because some are unique to specific interests, like the ultimate frisbee team. This is important to remember, however, because picking the activities that will best help you grow and develop as an individual is reliant on understanding your goals.

Getting Involved On Campus

As an incoming freshman, you may think that this is hard to do. After all, you’ve arrived in an unfamiliar city with new people and new feelings. You may feel like you’ve arrived in a college that is too large or that you don’t know anyone. You may feel like you’re in over your head. You may feel like you’re drowning.

One of my biggest pieces of advice is to get involved on campus and don’t be afraid to participate in what is offered. Involvement is a great opportunity to meet new people, build new relationships, and develop new skills.

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