



FREE APPLICATION FOR FEDERAL STUDENT AID



FAFSA = www.fafsa.ed.gov

****For Fall 2016, Spring 2017, Summer 2017 semesters, complete the 16/17 FAFSA based on 2015 taxes****

****For Fall 2017, Spring 2018, Summer 2018 semesters, complete the 17/18 FAFSA based on 2015 taxes****

Completing Online FAFSA/APPY - COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING

FIRST: APPLY

- ◆ Apply for your FSA ID at www.fafsa.gov by clicking on FSA ID tab.
- ◆ Generally, if you are under 24 years of age and not married, not supporting a child, or not a vet, your parent(s) must also apply for an FSA ID and complete the FAFSA.

SECOND: COMPLETE

- ◆ Weatherford College Federal School Code is **003664**.
- ◆ Complete your FAFSA at www.fafsa.ed.gov. It is recommended you select the option to use the DRT (Data Retrieval Tool) to pull in the required income tax information from the IRS.
- ◆ Review your FAFSA and correct any errors prior to submitting.
- ◆ Student and parent, if appropriate, must sign the FAFSA. The preferred method is signing with your FSA ID.
- ◆ Submit the application by selecting the "Submit my FAFSA now" button on the last page of the form.
- ◆ Print the confirmation page for your records.

THIRD: FOLLOW UP

- ◆ With your FSA ID at www.fafsa.gov you can check your FAFSA application status, check the results of your processed application, correct errors, print a copy of your SAR (Student Aid Report).
- ◆ If you provided an email on your FAFSA, you will receive your SAR via email. If not, a copy will be sent to you via US mail.
- ◆ Check your mail and WC Campus Connect for your financial aid eligibility. If you need to submit any additional paperwork, it will post on your Campus Connect and a letter will also be sent via US mail.

FINANCIAL AID

If you want to be considered for Federal Direct Student Loans at WC, complete these steps:

- ◆ Complete the FAFSA as outlined above.
- ◆ Complete online loan Entrance Counseling and Master Promissory Note (MPN) at www.studentloans.gov.
- ◆ Accept loans offered on your Campus Connect.

The Financial Aid Office is located on the upper level of Student Services.

Hours: Mon—Thurs 8am—5pm Fri—8am—4 pm

Summer Hours: Mon—Thurs 8am—5:30pm

Phone: 817-598-6295

FAX: 817-598-6206

Email: docs@wc.edu (PDF document format only)

TIIPS

- File your taxes early. This will allow you to use the DRT to pull tax information from IRS to FAFSA.
- Complete your FAFSA application as early as possible. The new online FAFSA application is available October 1st each year.
- Submit all requested documentation to the WC Financial Aid Office by these priority deadlines to have your aid in place for the following semester:
 - Fall —by June 21
 - Spring —by November 18
 - Summer —by April 17
- Beware 3rd party websites requiring payment to submit your FAFSA. Remember the first “F” in FAFSA stands for free! Always start at www.fafsa.ed.gov to file your FAFSA each year.
- Questions or problems? Contact your WC Financial Aid Office. We are here to help!

AVOID THESE COMMON MISTAKES

- Leaving blank fields: Enter a “0” or “not applicable” instead of leaving a blank.
- Using commas or decimal points in numeric fields: Always round to the nearest dollar.
- Listing an incorrect Social Security number or driver’s license number: If your parents do not have Social Security numbers, enter 000-00-0000.
- Failing to use legal name: Your name on the FAFSA must be the same as on your Social Security card.
- Entering the wrong address: Use your permanent address not a temporary campus or summer address.
- Entering incorrect information from your tax return: Using the DRT will help eliminate this common mistake.

AVOID THESE INFORMATION WEBSITES

www.wc.edu
www.collegeforalltexas.com
www.fastweb.com
www.finaid.org

