

Dear WesternU Students,

As per federal regulations the Financial Aid Office is required to send out to its students annually certain consumer disclosure information. Attached is Your Rights and Responsibilities as a Financial Aid Recipient disclosure. There is no action required by you, this is strictly informational.

Thank you,
The Financial Aid Office

Rights and Responsibilities of Financial Aid Recipients

As a student financial aid recipient at Western University of Health Sciences (WesternU) you have the right and responsibility to know and comply with certain rules governing the financial aid you receive while attending WesternU.

Your Rights as a Financial Aid Recipient

Know the cost of attendance for your program (including fees, books and supplies, room/board, personal expenses, transportation and any other program specific costs).

Seek financial aid counseling

Know that the information regarding your financial aid application (FAFSA) and awards are kept confidential as per the Family Education Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)

Know what financial aid programs are available at WesternU (including federal, state and institutional aid)

Know the application procedures and deadlines for each aid program

Know how your financial aid was determined based on a graduate/professional student at WesternU

Know the portion of the financial aid you receive that must be paid, the interest rate, the amount of each payment, the length of time to repay, and when repayment will begin

Know that your application will go through the same system of need analysis applied to all students

Know how your financial aid will be disbursed

Know that you may accept or decline any portion of your financial aid awards

How WesternU/your program determines whether you are making satisfactory academic progress (SAP), and what happens if you are not meeting the SAP standards

Know the University withdraw and refund policy

Know that you may receive upon request a paper copy of your Financial Aid Notice (award letter) or any other financial aid documents

Your Responsibilities as a Financial Aid Recipient

Complete all applications and forms accurate and in a timely manner

Comply with financial aid application deadlines

Reapply for financial aid each year you are enrolled at WesternU and wish to continue to receive financial aid

Notify appropriate offices of any name or address changes

Notify appropriate offices of change in enrollment

Notify the Financial Aid Office of any financial aid awards you receive from outside resources (including scholarships, Veterans Benefits, or other educational/tuition assistance) not already reported on the FAFSA

Provide correct information. Misrepresenting information on financial aid applications and or forms is a violation of federal law and may be considered a criminal offense

Maintain satisfactory academic progress

Read and understand all documents you are asked to sign and keep copies for your records

Request assistance if you have questions or don't understand the information provided to you

Assume the responsibility to repay all of the loans you borrow

Complete mandatory exit loan counseling if you drop below half time or leave school

Complete the mandatory entrance loan counseling prior to receiving your first loan

If you have any questions regarding this document please email us at finaid@westernu.edu

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