UNDERSTANDING W&M FINANCES

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Cost of Attendance

• CoA is used to determine financial need
  • CoA minus Expected Family Contribution gives total financial need

• Made up of direct-billed costs and indirect costs
  • Tuition & fees
  • Room & meals (board)
  • Books & supplies
  • Personal expenses
  • Transportation
The William and Mary Promise

• W&M Promise freezes tuition for in-state students for 4 years
  • Fees, room, and meal plans will increase yearly
  • We will do what we can to help a student meet these costs, the tuition guarantee is not the same as a financial aid guarantee.
    • Financial aid is reviewed and evaluated annually.
    • Changes in family size or number in college for instance can change the EFC.
    • Winter graduation or study abroad for instance can change the Cost of Attendance.
How we meet financial need

• Combination of loans, work, & grants
  • We work to meet 100% of demonstrated need met for qualifying Virginians
    • This need is met in a combination of Loans, Work and grants.
    • Federal Direct Student Loans are considered financial aid.
  • Out-of-State Residents - Grant capped at 25% of cost of attendance for non-residents
    • For qualifying students
Loan Programs & Options

• Federal Perkins Loan*
• Federal Direct Subsidized Student Loan*
• Federal Direct Unsubsidized Student Loan*
• Federal Direct PLUS (Parent) Loan*
• Private Student Loan (your choice of lender)
• Private Parent Loan (new to the market, check with your lender of choice)

• * Requires FAFSA for eligibility
Outside Scholarships

• **Required** by federal law to be included in the aid package as a resource

• How does William and Mary treat this resource?
  • We use a replacement order as follows:
    • Unmet need,
    • Need-based loans
      • Direct Subsidized Loan,
      • Perkins Loan (Please note the Perkins Loan program is being phased out by the US Government)
    • Federal Work-Study
    • Reduces grant last!

• May result in uneven fall and spring semester disbursements of aid depending on when the scholarship is reported to us. Please report them as promptly as possible.
Applying for future financial aid

• Students are required to **reapply** for aid each year
  • [www.fafsa.gov](http://www.fafsa.gov)
  • With the Prior Prior year, you will be able to use the 2016 tax information to apply for aid in 2018/2019
  • A priority filing date has not yet been set, but will likely be in the early to mid spring semester. We will update our website and send reminders to students email.

• Students may be chosen for verification
  • Return requested documents ASAP
  • Late filers/responders might not receive grant funds as grant funds are limited.

• Aid award notifications are emailed to students, with our goal to have them no later than middle of July
Student Accounts & The eBill

- Email notification of bill will be sent to student’s WM email account
  - **NO** paper bills
- Student may set parent up as a third party to receive the billing notification only
  - Third parties can see the balance due but not specific charges or credits
- Fall eBill is sent in July and is due in August
- Spring eBill is sent in December and is due in January
- Monthly eBill is sent to the student for accounts with outstanding balances or new charges to the account
Viewing the eBill

• For the student to view the eBill:
  • Log into myWM at: https://mywm.edu
  • Select the Student tab and choose the following items in order:
    • Student Account
    • eServices
    • Continue button
    • eBills in top menu bar
    • View button in “Actions”
      • The eBill will pop up in a new window
The Tuition Payment Plan

• Offered by Student Accounts
• $50 enrollment fee per semester
• 4 installment payments per semester
• Can be combined with W&M financial aid
  • Can mix and match parent/private loans with the payment plan to make the best financial option for you
• See
  http://www.wm.edu/offices/financialoperations/sa/eservices/paymentplan/index.php for more details
Applying financial aid to the eBill

• Goes against any direct-billed charges on the student account
  • Tuition & fees
  • Room & meal plan (if living on-campus)
• Outside scholarships are also applied against charges
• Books, supplies, etc. are not directly billed
Refunds

• Generated when financial aid and other payments exceed direct-billed charges
• Automatically issued to student or parent (PLUS Loan only)
  • Via paper check or direct deposit – direct deposit is preferred by The Bursar’s Office
    • Must sign up for direct deposit via eServices
• Processed by Student Accounts
Questions?
Work Study?
Study Abroad?
W&M Study in D.C.?
Housing Sign Up?
Health Insurance?
Where’s the nearest restroom?

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