

Q: My daughter received a presidential award. What are some of other scholarships or awards that are offered?

A: Great question! We have many foundation and departmental scholarships available. To be considered for these students will need to complete the 2018-2019 UMW Scholarship Application. That can be found at this link: <http://umw.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/>. Students who have paid their deposit and received their UMW log in credentials are able to complete the application. It is open until May 1.

Q: I was invited to the chat through email, but I haven't actually received my final financial award letter. I was told that the verification award letters should be expected by the week of March 12, so I'm still waiting.

A: We'd be happy to look into your account specifically. If you'd like to email us at finaid@umw.edu or you can call 540-654-2468 during business hours 8-5 Monday-Friday and we can let you know if yours has been mailed out.

Q: I received an offer of federal direct loans both subsidized and unsubsidized. What are the key differences in terms of repayments and interest rates?

A: Repayment on these loans is not required until you graduate or drop below half time (6 credits) enrollment for 6 months. The interest rates are the same for both of these loans. The subsidized loan is not accruing interest while you are in school, however the unsubsidized is accruing interest while you're in school.

Q: Can you decline one type of aid (i.e. loan) and still be eligible for other types (i.e. scholarship)?

A: Absolutely! Many students, depending on their financial situation, choose to decline their loans and only use their scholarships.

Q: If we are paying our loans while in college will this shorten the 6 month period when we graduate for payment?

A: No, this does not shorten your 6 month grace period before repayment is required.

Q: Where/how do you accept your award?

A: It depends on your award. Loans are accepted or declined on the MyUMW portal. Merit awards are accepted by completing the First Year Scholarship Acceptance certificate on the UMW website.

Q: On average, how much does an on campus job make a year?

A: Most jobs begin at minimum wage with a maximum of 10 hours per week, however there are some jobs that pay a higher wage because of the skills needed for the job. The IT Helpdesk is typically one of those departments that pays a higher wage than minimum wage.

Q: I have not received anything pertaining to financial aid, when should I expect to receive my package?

A: We'd be happy to look into your account specifically if you'd like to email us at finaid@umw.edu or you can call 540-654-2468 during normal business hours and we can confirm if this has been mailed or we can re-mail it.

Q: Am I required to live on campus all four years to keep my merit scholarship (Eagle award)?

A: Yes, this is one of the requirements to keep the merit scholarships.

Q: Also, if I checked for Work Study through the FAFSA, but was not offered it through UMW's award letter, would there be any other way to arrange getting it even though it was not included?

A: It is possible you may be eligible for Federal Work Study. Once students are hired by departments it is at that point that, if eligible, the Federal Work Study award is updated on their account.

Q: Is there a process to decline the FAFSA loan offer or does one just not sign onto it?

A: Yes, students are able to accept or decline their loan offers on the MyUMW portal.

Q: How is determined if you are eligible for federal work study?

A: Anyone that has remaining need based on their FAFSA can be considered for Federal Work Study.

Q: What are all the possible departments you can get hired for under work study?

A: Good question! Any department on campus is able to hire a Federal Work Study student. We also have many Institutional Work Study positions on campus.

Q: As a freshman do you have to declare a major to apply for the foundation scholarships?

A: No, you do not have to declare a major to apply for foundation scholarships. Freshmen are still able to complete the 2018-2019 UMW Scholarship Application and be eligible for foundation scholarships.

Q: Are there scholarships for children of disabled parents that you know of in Virginia?

A: At this point I'm unsure of any specific scholarships that reflect that, however it is very possible there are some external scholarships.

Q: Would someone just simply need to ask if there are any positions open for Work Study/Institutional Work Study and apply for it or is there a specific process?

A: All of the student employment jobs are advertised at this link: <https://careers.umw.edu/> under the Student Employment section. Students apply for any open positions and departments will contact the student individually if they are selected for an interview.

Q: When will we be notified about awarded scholarships if we have already submitted the application? And do specific scholarships required more information or essays?

A: Once the application closes in May the awarding process will begin. The goal is to have all of the scholarships awarded before July when the fall 2018 bill goes out. All you need to do is complete the scholarship application.

Q: What kinds of payment plans are available?

A: Great question! Our Student Accounts handles all of the payment plans. This is a link to their site:<http://adminfinance.umw.edu/studentaccounts/payment-plan-credit-card-ach-payments-2/>. I do know that payment plans will be available beginning in May. If you have additional questions for them they can be reached at 540-654-1250 or by email at umwbills@umw.edu.

Q: If I am an out of state student in need of assistance to pay for the tuition in college are there any programs or scholarships available besides the ones awarded to help me cover the tuition?

A: Yes, the best place to start as far as UMW scholarships is by completing the 2018-2019 Scholarship Application at this link: <http://umw.scholarships.ngwebsolutions.com/>. The application is open until May 1. Students are only able to access this if they have paid their Admissions deposit and received their UMW log in credentials.

Q: How much does the Dorsey Scholarship give? Are there any other requirements for Dorsey Scholars besides the commitment to community service at UMW?

A: I believe GPA is also a requirement. We can certainly check with our Scholarship Coordinator to confirm the amount that students receive in this award. If you'd like to send an e-mail to finaid@umw.edu with your contact information we'll be happy to follow up with you.

Q: I had to mail a request to the IRS to request proof of non-filing. I have no idea how long it will take to receive something back from them.

A: Typically, it can take up to 10 days based on our experience.

Q: Am I able to access the financial aid site? When I log in it takes me to a generic financial page.

A: If you are trying to access the MyUMW portal you would need the UMW net id and password to log on.

Q: Why do people get chosen for verification?

A: This is a random selection by the Department of Education.

Q: When I receive my proof of non-filing do I send you a copy by mail or fax? Is there a preferred way to send it in?

A: The easiest way would likely be to fax it to our office. Our fax number is 540-654-1858. Please make sure to include the student's 9-digit Banner ID number on the document.

Q: Yes how do I obtain a MyUMW username?

A: Once you have paid your Admissions deposit you should be sent this.

Q: Would there be any other foundation and departmental scholarships open after May 1st?

A: It is possible that the application would be re-opened during the fall semester if students do not end up coming and awards become available.

Q: I just learned recently that the money we get from FAFSA is a loan. I don't think anyone explained that to us in any of the college nights I went to. They all made it seem like free money based on income. I'll be bringing this up to our schools access advisor. But I wanted to ask if that's what it is called.

A: It depends on the type of aid you're referring to. There are certain types of aid based on FAFSA information that are not loans: Pell Grant, Federal SEOG, and Federal Work Study. Students are offered the Direct Student Loan based on FAFSA information as well, but yes these are loans.

Q: What kind of aid is offered for study abroad?

A: There are various foundation/departmental scholarships that students are able to receive for Study Abroad trips. Also, students are able to use their federal aid towards study abroad.

Q: I don't believe that I have received an award letter or if I did I may have misplaced it. Is the information available on Eaglebound page?

A: We'd be happy to look into your account specifically. You can email our office at finaid@umw.edu or call 540-654-2468 during normal business hours and we will look into the Financial Aid award letter.

Q: My daughter is going for the education program and has a 4 year renewable scholarship for her GPA. Will there be any extensions on scholarships like that going into her last 2 years?

A: It depends on the scholarship, but typically if it is a merit scholarship (Eagle, Blue & Gray, Presidential, Talon) it is only for four years.

Q: Do you have any general advice for applying for private scholarships?

A: There are some reputable sites out there for private and external scholarships. If you are nervous about any that seem odd you are welcome to contact our office and we'll be happy to look into it from our end to see if it is a reputable source.

Q: What forms does my mom have to sign so she can talk to your office once I'm enrolled?

A: Excellent question! Here is the link that discusses how you can set up Delegated Access for her to speak with us about your account once you're enrolled: <http://www.umw.edu/financialaid/ferpa/delegated-access/>.

Q: When deciding on awards, do you take it into consideration if there are two kids in the family in college at the same time?

A: On the FAFSA there is a place to indicate how many people in the family are in college. This does go into the Expected Family Contribution (EFC) number from the FAFSA which determines eligibility for need-based aid.

Q: What hours can I call your office?

A: We're open Monday-Friday 8am-5pm.