



FINANCIAL AID AT WESTCONN: WHEN, HOW, WHAT?

| | Tri-State Rate (CT, NY, NJ Residents) | National & International Rate (All other US states & territories) |
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| Tuition & Fees | \$ 13,401 | \$ 16,901 |
| Housing & Food* | \$ 15,988 | \$ 15,988 |
| Annual Total | \$ 29,389 | \$ 32,889 |

- This is an estimate and may not include program specific fees or other applicable fees.

* These amounts are based on 2025-2026. (CSCU approved as of December 2024)

* Housing & Food costs are based on double occupancy and full meal plan.
Costs may vary based on final selections

WHEN TO APPLY

The Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the Aid Application for Connecticut Undocumented Students (AACTUS) is available now! The University and Foundation Scholarship application (IAAMWCSU) will be available by the end of **December** 2025.

For priority consideration of federal, state, and institutional aid, you must be accepted to the university and we recommend that you to submit your FAFSA/ AACTUS and IAAMWCSU on or before **March 1**.

Be advised it takes up to 5 business days for your FAFSA/AACTUS to be processed.

Applications receive after **March 1** will be considered individually as funding allows.

HOW TO APPLY

FAFSA

Student and parent: Create an FSA ID at studentaid.gov. The FSA ID is a username and password that is used to log in to U.S. Department of Education systems and serves as your electronic signature.

Once confirmed, you can log in to studentaid.gov using your FSA ID to complete the FAFSA.

WCSU's Federal School Code is 001380

Consent must be provided to retrieve federal tax information directly from the IRS for each applicant, parent, or spouse. This data exchange will ensure more accurate and timely processing of your financial aid offer, especially in the event you are selected for verification.

“Verification” is the process by which additional information may be requested of you to process your financial aid offer. To expedite the federal verification process, we have partnered with Inceptia and will use a Verification Gateway online portal. If your FAFSA application is selected for verification by the U.S. Department of Education, you will receive an introductory email to the email address you provided on the FAFSA.

AACTUS

Undocumented students may apply for consideration of institutional aid. Download and complete the application at wcsu.edu/finaid/undocumented-students.

Please submit all documents for processing using the WCSU Financial Aid Document Upload page, a secure website, found at wcsu.edu/finaid/important-forms.

We encourage you to apply for University and Foundation Scholarship opportunities on IAAMWCSU (wcsu.edu/scholarships), as well as additional sources.

WHAT AM I CONSIDERED FOR?

A valid FAFSA is required to be considered for federal, state, and all institutional aid. A financial aid offer may include a combination of grants, scholarships, and loans.

Grants are gift aid offered to eligible students based on need and do not need to be repaid. Scholarships are offered based on eligibility, not necessarily financial need, and do not need to be repaid. Loans need to be repaid, with interest, after a student graduates or leaves college.

WCSU offers multiple resources in federal, state, and institutional grants and loans.

SCHOLARSHIPS

Incoming freshmen who have been accepted by February 1 are automatically considered for merit scholarships upon admission to WCSU. A valid FAFSA/AACTUS is required to receive merit scholarships.

Presidential Merit

Up to the annual base in-state tuition and fees (does not include program specific or other miscellaneous fees).

Wolves Merit Scholarship

Up to \$24,000 (\$6,000 annually).

Connecticut State University Trustee Scholarship

Up to \$16,000 (\$4,000 annually).

Wolves Excellence Scholarship

Up to \$16,000 (\$4,000 annually).

Honors Scholarship

Up to \$8,000 (\$2,000 annually).

Wolves Academic Scholarship

Up to \$8,000 (\$2,000 annually).

Wolves Achievement Scholarship

Up to \$4,000 (\$1,000) annually.

Wolves Distinction Scholarship

Up to \$2,000 (\$500 annually).

* Full criteria can be found at wcsu.edu/finaid/grants

Note: Grants, scholarships, and educational assistance may not exceed direct university billed cost(s) of Tuition & Fees and Housing & Food (if you are living on-campus).

TYPES OF LOANS

Federal Direct Subsidized Loan

Eligibility for subsidized loans is need-based. The federal government pays the interest that accrues while the student remains enrolled at least half-time and during the grace period. Repayment begins six months after the student is no longer enrolled.

Federal Direct Unsubsidized Loan

Unsubsidized Loans are not offered based on financial need. Interest accrual begins immediately and the student can choose

University and Foundation Scholarships

A general application will allow you to automatically be considered for any scholarship you are eligible for at wcsu.edu/scholarships.

GRANTS

Federal Pell Grant

Offered to high need, undergraduate students who are pursuing their first undergraduate degree. Eligibility is based on demonstrated financial need as determined by the FAFSA.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant

Offered to undergraduate students who demonstrate the greatest financial need as determined by the FAFSA.

Roberta B. Willis Scholarship

Offered to eligible CT residents who attend full-time and demonstrate financial need.

Connecticut State University Grant

Offered to undergraduate students who attend full-time and demonstrate financial need.

Federal Work Study

Provides the opportunity for part-time employment to students with financial need.

to pay the interest while enrolled or upon entering repayment.

Federal Direct Parent PLUS Loan

Available to parents of dependent undergraduate students. A minimal credit check is required; advantages include low interest rates, high balance loans, and repayment term of up to 10 years. See studentaid.gov.

Private Educational Loans

Offered by private lenders and are not backed by the federal government. See elmselect.com.

Financial Aid Eligibility

Financial aid eligibility is determined by a review of the financial aid application, total income, investments and assets, grade level and state of residence. Here are the financial aid stats of the entire freshman class for the 2025-2026 academic year:

93%

of first time, full-time freshmen received some type of aid

48%

of first time, full-time freshmen received as much as \$14,999

45%

of first time, full-time freshmen received more than \$15,000

44
MILLION+

total dollars were awarded for the 2025-2026 academic year.

