

2000 - 2001 Expenses

beginning fall 2000

TUITION & FEES FLAT RATE

Tuition, 11.5 or more credit hours *	<u>Semester</u>	<u>Annual</u>
Wyoming Resident	\$ 564	\$ 1,128
Western Undergraduate Exchange **	846	1,692
Nonresident ***	1,692	3,384
Fixed Fees	99	198
Academic Computing Fee	100	200
Accident Insurance – mandatory	21	42
Instructional Fee	\$ 1.75 per credit hour	
Course Fees, see narrative this page	vary	vary
Books/Supplies estimate	\$ 325	\$ 650

TUITION & FEES PER CREDIT HOUR RATE

Tuition, 1-11 credit hours	<u>Per Credit Hour</u>	<u>For example 3 cr. hours =</u>
Wyoming Resident	\$ 47.00	\$ 141.00
Western Undergraduate Exchange **	70.50	
Nonresident ***	141.00	
Fixed Fees		
On-campus	8.25	\$ 24.75
Off-campus	7.75	
Academic Computing Fee		
On-campus	8.00	\$ 24.00
Off-campus	2.50	
Instructional Fee	1.75/credit hr	\$ 5.25
Course Fees – see narrative this page	vary	
Off Campus Facility/Equipment Fee	varies by location	
Books/Supplies estimate	varies	TOTAL COST \$ 195.00

* Students enrolled in 20.5 or more credit hours pay the flat rate plus additional tuition and the instruction fee for each credit above 20.

** See WUE on page 7.

*** Nonresident students whose parent(s) graduated from Northwest or any other Wyoming community college may qualify for resident tuition rates (see page 7 for residency classifications).

ON-CAMPUS HOUSING RATES

RESIDENCE HALLS	<u>Semester</u>	<u>Annual</u>
Standard Double Room	\$ 766	\$ 1,532
Standard Double Room w/Internet access (Ashley Hall only)	806	1,612
Small Single Room	866	1,732
Super Single Room	1,051	2,102
Super Single Room w/Internet access (Ashley Hall only)	1,091	2,182

A \$100 room reservation / damage deposit due upon reservation.

Residence hall costs include telephone, hall activities, parking and all utilities.

APARTMENTS

Rates range from \$255 – \$908 per month.

A \$150 – \$200 apartment reservation / damage deposit due upon reservation.

MEAL PLANS

	<u>Semester</u>	<u>Annual</u>
Traditional 19 Meal Plan	\$ 763	\$ 1,526
Flex 15 Meal Plan	\$ 763	\$ 1,526
Traditional 10 Meal Plan	\$ 644	\$ 1,288
Flex 6 Meal Plan	\$ 644	\$ 1,288
Flex Bucks Meal Plan (some restrictions apply)	\$ 300	\$ 600

ALL COSTS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITHOUT NOTICE.

Costs

Student costs at all Wyoming public institutions continue to be some of the lowest in the nation. The basic cost of attending Northwest consists of tuition, fees, books, and room and board. Additional costs that students may incur are special fees, travel, entertainment, and personal expenses.

TUITION

Tuition is paid on a per credit hour basis up to 11 credit hours. Students enrolled in 11.5 to 20 credit hours pay a flat rate. Students enrolled in 20.5 or more credit hours pay the flat rate plus additional tuition and the instruction fee for each credit above 20.

NOTE: Some out-of-state students may utilize the WUE program. See page 7.

FIXED FEES

On-campus Classes: Fixed Fees are \$8.25 per credit hour up to a maximum of 12 credits and include charges for student activities, athletics, building usage, publications, bonds, health services, fitness center, and other general student services.

Off-campus Classes: Students enrolled in off-campus classes pay \$7.75 per credit hour and are eligible for on-campus library services. These fees also provide student access to off-campus registration, advisors, counselors, course materials, toll-free telephone, and learning resources.

ACADEMIC COMPUTING FEE

The Academic Computing Fee supports instructional computer technology at Northwest College. Students pay a rate of \$8.00 per credit hour (\$2.50 per credit hour if the course is taken off campus) up to a maximum of 11 credits. Students enrolled in 11.5 or more credit hours pay a flat fee of \$100 per semester.

INSTRUCTIONAL FEE

All students pay an Instructional Fee of \$1.75 per credit hour. Northwest College uses revenue collected from this fee to help support instructional supply budgets.

COURSE FEES

Some courses have fees that range from \$10 – \$200. In general, programs of study with a substantial number of laboratory courses, such as equine studies, photography, nursing, welding, and art, have higher overall course costs. Laboratory science classes, private music lessons, and some physical education courses also have

course fees. A complete list of individual course fees is published in the *Semester Class Schedule* each semester.

ALTERNATIVE CREDIT CHARGES

Transcripted Tech Prep Program credits...\$5/credit
 Transcripted CLEP credits.....\$5/credit
 Self-Acquired Competency.....\$35/credit

Credit by Examination

Advanced Placement Exams.....
\$5/credit + any direct testing costs
 CLEP Exams.....
 ..\$10 administrative charge + any direct testing costs
 Challenge Exams\$25/credit

Individualized Instruction

Cooperative Education.....tuition & fees/credit
 Internshiptuition & fees/credit
 Independent Studytuition & fees/credit

OTHER CHARGES

Application fees: Out-of-State.....\$10
 International.....\$25
 New Student Orientation.....\$35
 COMPASS Test.....\$10
 COMPASS Test, Re-take.....\$3/test
 Dual Admissions.....\$40
 Equine Stabling Charge\$700 per horse/semester
 FACTS Payment Plan Enrollment.....\$25/sem
 Late Registration.....\$25
 New Student Orientation.....\$30
 Transcript, Official Copy\$1/copy
 Transcript, Official Copy, by FAX\$7/copy

ACCIDENT INSURANCE AND HEALTH PLANS

Students enrolled in 12 or more credit hours are required to pay \$21 per semester for a mandatory group accident insurance policy approved by the Associated Students of Northwest. The policy is a secondary policy and covers up to \$2,000 per injury, with no deductible charge. This policy pays in addition to any other coverage the student may have and includes a \$1,000 accidental death benefit.

International students are required to purchase a Medical Sickness Plan that, depending upon age, costs \$24 to \$71 monthly. An optional Family Health Plan is available to interested single students and students with families. Ask for details.

Payment Policy

METHODS OF PAYMENT

Northwest College accepts cash, checks, money orders; VISA, MasterCard, and Discover credit cards; or students may enroll (\$25 fee per semester) in the FACTS no-interest payment plan where expenses can be paid by installments.

REGISTRATION DEPOSIT

Students who choose to register during any early registration session (except summer) are required to pay a deposit of \$75 or the total billable amount, whichever is less, at that time.

PAYMENT OF SEMESTER COSTS

Student accounts — tuition, fees, room, board, rent — must be paid in full or students must enroll in the payment plan described above prior to the day classes start each semester.

Refund Policy

Refunds are made by check twice each month. Students should confirm that the Registrar has their correct address.

REGISTRATION DEPOSIT

Registered students who cannot attend classes may receive a 100 percent refund of their deposit if the request is made in writing and received by the Registrar by 5 p.m. the business day before Registration Day.

TUITION, FEES, ROOM, BOARD, RENT*, AND WITHDRAWAL** FROM COLLEGE

Students may withdraw from college without penalty on the first official day of class (the first business day after Registration Day) and receive a 100 percent refund. Thereafter, students who **officially withdraw**** may receive a refund of the total billable amount based upon the following schedule.

First 10% of semester	90% refund
First 11-25% of semester	50% refund
First 26-50% of semester	25% refund
Second 50% of semester	No refund

All Federal Financial Aid monies are subject to the Federal Return of Funds Policy. See page 10.

Dropping Courses.** Students with 11.5 or fewer credit hours who decrease their credit hours by dropping a course will receive a refund of tuition and course fees based upon the above schedules.

**Rent refunds are prorated based upon check-out dates.*

***Notify the Registrar in writing of your intention to drop a course or withdraw. The drop or withdrawal date is the date written notice is received by the Registrar.*

Students who decrease their credit hours **but retain 12 or more** will receive a refund of course fees based upon the above schedules.

Refunds for classes meeting less than a full semester will have a prorated refund period.

CREDIT BALANCES

Credit balances may be used by Northwest College to satisfy any outstanding amount due.

Golden Age

Park County residents who are 60 years of age or older qualify to have tuition waived for up to six credit hours per semester. The waiver applies to tuition only. Fees are not waived and are payable at the time of registration. Individuals wishing to use the waiver must be enrolled in credit classes. Audited and noncredit classes do not qualify for the waiver. To obtain a Golden Age tuition waiver, contact Enrollment Services.

Financial Aid

Northwest believes students with scholastic ability should not be denied a college education. Through institutional, state, and federal programs, Northwest attempts to assist students in meeting their financial obligations. Complete information is available from Enrollment Services.

Federal Aid

Federal financial aid available at Northwest College can be divided into three categories: grants, employment, and loans. Grants are a form of gift aid to financially needy students. Employment is provided through federally supported job opportunities on campus. Low interest loans are also available.

TYPES OF FEDERAL GRANTS/WORK

Federal Pell Grant

To be eligible for a Federal Pell Grant, a student must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA). The amount awarded may range from \$400 to \$3,300 and is determined by a formula developed by Congress.

Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG)

To receive FSEOG, students must show exceptional need. The amount awarded may range from \$400 to \$800.

Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program (LEAPP)

To receive LEAPP, a student must be a resident of Wyoming and show financial need. Students may receive grants up to \$800.

Federal Work Study

Students who show financial need, are accepted as degree seeking, and enroll in a minimum of six credit hours per semester may earn a portion of their educational expenses through part-time employment on campus. Students earn minimum wage and are paid on a monthly basis.

FEDERAL FAMILY EDUCATION LOAN PROGRAM

Federal Stafford Student Loan

The amount eligible students may borrow to meet educational expenses varies based upon circumstances. The interest rate is variable, with a maximum rate of 8.25%. Repayment of principal begins six months after the student is no longer enrolled.

Federal Parent Loan Program (PLUS)

The PLUS loan is available to parents of dependent students. Parents may borrow up to the full cost of attendance minus other financial aid to meet educational costs. The interest rate is variable, with a maximum rate of 9%. Repayment begins 60 days after disbursement.

APPLICATION PROCEDURE

To apply for federal financial aid, all students must complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA), available from a high school counselor's office or Northwest's Enrollment Services Office. There is no absolute deadline for applying for financial aid. However, awards are made on a first-come, first-served basis. Students should submit the Free Application for Federal Student Aid as soon as possible after January 1, but the priority deadline is May 1.

STANDARDS OF PROGRESS FOR ALL FEDERAL FINANCIAL AID RECIPIENTS

In accordance with federal regulations, Northwest College has established a

policy to define and administer standards of academic progress for students receiving Federal Pell Grant, Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant, Leveraging Educational Assistance Partnership Program, Federal College Work Study, and awards from the Federal Family Education Loan Program. Students receiving federal assistance must maintain satisfactory academic progress in a program of study leading to a degree or certificate.

Students have many opportunities to receive a copy of the Standards of Satisfactory Academic Progress Policy, including:

- copies sent to all applicants,
- two copies attached to all award letters; recipients must sign and return one copy, and
- copies available at NWC Enrollment Services.

Contact Enrollment Services with questions about the policy.

FEDERAL RETURN OF FUNDS POLICY

This policy applies to students who have been awarded assistance through the Federal Pell Grant, FSEOG, LEAP, or Federal Family Education Loan Program (Stafford and PLUS loans). For these students, this policy overrides the Northwest College Refund Policy, which is published in the Semester Class Schedule and Northwest College Catalog.

If a student: a. Does not register for courses, b. Registers but does not begin attendance, or c. Withdraws, drops out, or otherwise cancels his or her registration on or before the first day of classes, all federal aid offered to that student for that semester will be cancelled. Students who have signed a campus housing contract will be subject to the terms of that contract and will not receive financial aid for any debt thereby incurred. Students who withdraw, drop out, are expelled, or are administratively withdrawn after the first day of classes will be subject to the Federal Return of Funds Policy. Students may be required to repay a portion or all of the assistance they received for living expenses.

The Federal Return of Funds Policy requires that a refund calculation be performed for any student who withdraws before the 60% point of any semester. (After the 60% point, the calculation assumes that 100% of the aid awarded was earned). The number of

days up to and including the withdrawal day is divided by the number of days in the semester to determine the percentage of enrollment completed. The institutional charges (tuition & fees) are then multiplied by the above-calculated percentage to determine the amount of Title IV Aid earned. The amount earned is then subtracted from the total institutional charges to determine the unearned funds.

These unearned funds are then returned to the financial aid programs in the following order as required by federal regulations: Federal Unsubsidized Stafford Loan, Federal Subsidized Stafford Loan, Federal Parent PLUS Loan, Federal Pell Grant, Federal SEOG, LEAPP, other federal, state or private financial assistance, then Northwest College financial assistance.

If a student has received unearned funds that must be repaid to these programs, Northwest College will notify the student in writing of the amounts and which programs they owe within 30 days of withdrawal from classes. Any refund remaining after all sources of assistance have been repaid will be returned to the student.

A student must complete an official drop/withdrawal form (which can be obtained at the Student Success Office), and file it with the Registrar. Examples of refund calculations and the full policy are available upon request at Enrollment Services.

Other Financial Aid

STUDENT EMPLOYMENT

Northwest College has a large on-campus employment program. Need is not a factor. The only criterion is the student's willingness to work. Students accepted as degree seeking and enrolled in at least six credit hours may be employed and are paid the minimum wage. Northwest offers off-campus employment opportunities through the Cooperative Education Office. Many businesses in the community employ students on a part-time basis.

VETERANS' BENEFITS

For veteran enrollment information, contact the Registrar. Veterans who wish to use their G.I. Bill benefits must complete an application for veterans' benefits and submit it to Northwest 60 days prior to enrollment to ensure payment prior

to registration. Veterans must pursue a degree with a specified major area of emphasis to qualify for veterans' benefits.

Scholarships

Scholarships are awarded by Northwest, private citizens, service clubs, and business organizations. Over \$300,000 are awarded annually to full- and part-time students. Detailed descriptions of scholarships are available at Enrollment Services. Scholarship recipients must complete specific requirements noted in the award letter.

NORTHWEST COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS

Academic & Activity Scholarships: Northwest awards approximately 400 scholarships to eligible students in two broad categories – Academics and Activities. Recipients are selected by faculty members. Grades, recommendations, and interviews or auditions are factors used in selection. Scholarship Day, held each February on campus, is an opportunity to compete for these monies.

Academic Scholarships are available in most NWC degree and certificate programs: Students must major in the field in which the award is granted, except for French, Spanish, English, or General Studies. *Music majors should apply for Activity Award below.*

Activity Awards: Recipients of an activity award must participate in the activity beyond regular classroom instruction. Awards vary in value up to the full cost of attendance.

Cheerleading *	Newspaper
Dance Electric *	Music Instrumental *
Forensics	Music Vocal *
Livestock Judging	Women's Basketball
Men's Basketball	Women's Volleyball
Men's Rodeo	Women's Rodeo
Men's Wrestling	

* must audition

Clyde F. Griffin Superior Student Scholarships: Up to three \$2,000 scholarships are available to new freshmen. Applicants must have a minimum high school GPA of 3.5 and an ACT composite score of 28 or higher. Recipients are expected to reside on campus.

Northwest Marigold Saunders Scholarships: Ten \$1,000 scholarships are available to new freshmen who are graduating from a Wyoming high school and reside

outside a 10-mile radius of Powell. Applicants must have a minimum high school GPA of 3.2, an ACT composite score of 24, and a SAT of 970.

Fell-Oskins Scholarships: Three \$2,000 Scholarships (\$1,000/yr.) are available to new freshmen majoring in art. Applicants must have a minimum high school GPA of 3.0. Priority consideration is given to Wyoming residents of Big Horn, Hot Springs, Park, and Washakie Counties.

Northwest Divisional Merit Awards: Seven \$600 awards are available to returning sophomores with at least 30 hours completed and a minimum 3.0 GPA. Selection is made by the faculty of each division based on the applicant's contributions to the department, division, and the college in general.

Marigold Saunders Sophomore Scholarships: Award values vary up to \$500 and are available to returning sophomores who have completed at least 30 hours at NWC with a minimum GPA of 3.00. These scholarships are funded by the late Grant Taggart, who was executor of the Marigold Saunders estate.

PRIVATE, SERVICE ORGANIZATION, AND BUSINESS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR NORTHWEST STUDENTS
There are a large number of private scholarships offered to new and returning students. Application information is available in the Northwest College Scholarship brochure. Another excellent reference is the "Student Financial Aid and Scholarships at Wyoming Colleges" catalog which is available at high school counselor offices, public libraries and NWC Enrollment Services. Most scholarships have an application deadline of February 1.

Clarence B. Swallow Memorial Scholarships: Approximately \$50,000 a year is available to fund scholarships of varying amounts to Northwest College students from Carbon County, Mont., and Park County, Wyo. Nontraditional and GED students, as well as recent high school graduates, are encouraged to apply for the scholarships which are funded through an endowment to the Northwest College Foundation. Applicants must have a minimum GPA of 2.00 and a demonstrated need for funding.

AFTER NORTHWEST

Several scholarships are available to NWC graduates transferring to other institutions. Contact Enrollment Services for more information.

Transfer students may also benefit from the WICHE program. See page 22.