



# INTERESTED IN FINANCIAL AID?

## Tasks To Do in the Financial Aid Process

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Dear Applicant,

We're pleased you're interested in attending NWC! To help you pursue financial aid resources, the Financial Aid Office offers you this reference checklist.

While this is not an exhaustive list of everything to do to explore every type of financial aid at NWC, working your way through these items will help guide you through applying for the "BIG 3": *Federal Student Aid (FAFSA)*, *NWC scholarships*, & *WY Hathaway Scholarships*. Contact us for more information on the financial aid process.

Opportunity awaits! ☺

### TO DO LIST

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#### Admissions Office

- 1. I have submitted my application for admission/readmission to the Admissions Office.
- 2. I have been accepted for admission/readmission as a degree-seeking student. I have a complete file in the Admissions Office.
- 3. I have provided the College with a copy of my final high school transcript, GED/HiSET equivalency, or verification of Home-Schooled Graduation.
- 4. I have official academic transcripts on file with the Northwest College Admissions Office for all post-secondary education schools, colleges, or universities I have previously attended.
- 5. I have enrolled in classes so that the Financial Aid Office may evaluate my course selections and calculate my enrollment status.

#### Financial Aid Office

- 6. I have applied for NWC scholarships at <https://nwc.edu/scholarships>.
- 7. I have applied for federal student aid by (A) creating a Federal Student Aid ID (<https://studentaid.gov>) and (B) using it to complete the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) at <https://studentaid.gov> (click on apply for aid).
- 8. I have completed the NWC Financial Aid Student Information Form and provided all requested documents to the Financial Aid Office.
- 9. If I am (or my parents are) a federal loan borrower, I have completed a Stafford/PLUS loan Application/Promissory Note. (The Stafford Master Promissory Note is available online at <https://nwc.edu/Stafford>.)
- 10. If I am a first-time federal student loan borrower, I have completed my *Entrance Loan Counseling* requirement at <https://studentaid.gov/h/manage-loans>.
- 11. If I graduated from a Wyoming high school after 2006, I have inquired about my WY Hathaway Scholarship eligibility by contacting the Financial Aid Office. <https://nwc.edu/scholarships/hathaway/>
- 12. I have accepted/declined (all or portions) of my Financial Aid Offer Letter by signing a printed copy of your Offer Letter and returning it to the Financial Aid Office.

### REMINDERS

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**Priority Deadlines** – The priority deadline for applying for federal financial aid is March 1<sup>st</sup> for the fall semester and October 1<sup>st</sup> for the spring semester. If you submit paperwork after the priority date you may not have your financial aid process completed by the first day of classes and other payment arrangements might need to be made. Additionally, you may miss out on certain types of first come, first awarded campus-based aid. So, apply early and contact the Financial Aid Office when you have questions.

**Responsibilities** – The Business Office reminds you that you are expected to pay for all your tuition, fees, room and board on the first day of classes. If your financial aid doesn't fully satisfy your semester's bill, the [Monthly Payment Plan](#) is an option to consider. Visit the [Business Office](#) for payment info, deadlines and other information, or call 307-754-6048 with questions.