



# FINANCIAL CHECKLIST 2025-2026

## April-May 2025

- ☐ Apply for 2025-26 WCU Scholarships using application links at <https://wcupa.edu/scholarships>
- ☐ PA Resident 2025-26 [FAFSA](#) Filing Deadline is **May 1<sup>st</sup>** to be considered for a state grant
- ☐ Review financial aid awards via [RamPortal](#) under "Financial Aid" for **2026 aid year**
- ☐ Accept loans via [RamPortal](#) under "Financial Aid"
- ☐ First time borrowers must complete **Master Promissory Note & Entrance Counseling** at <https://studentaid.gov> to have federal loans post as a credit on the bill
- ☐ Send [outside scholarship notices](#) to Financial Aid Office
- ☐ Check status of State Grant record and make sure WCU is listed (PA Residents only): [PHEAA](#)
- ☐ Review "out-of-pocket" [Cost Calculator](#) for estimate of costs
- ☐ Apply for additional financing before the bill by using the cost calculator to estimate balance. When loans are accepted, it can take 7-15 business days for processing due to volume.
  - [Parent PLUS loan](#)
  - [Private loan](#)

## June 2025

- ☐ If there has been a **change in household information** after filing the FAFSA, request a special circumstance appeal by emailing [finaid@wcupa.edu](mailto:finaid@wcupa.edu)
- ☐ Apply for [Work Study jobs](#)
- ☐ Add [Authorized User\(s\)](#) through [RamPortal](#) Authorized Users can view account activity, make payments, and enroll in payment plans
- ☐ [Enroll in Direct Deposit](#) through [RamPortal](#) under Student Financials (Bursar)

## July 2025 ([tuition rates](#) are set mid to late July)

- ☐ Make sure all Financial Aid Requirements are complete on [RamPortal](#) ahead of fall charges.
- ☐ Check WCU email for new charges notification and review the [e-bill](#) via the link on [RamPortal](#)
- ☐ Review [payment plan](#) options
- ☐ 529 authorization—E-mail a copy of your 529 authorization plan to your [529plans@wcupa.edu](mailto:529plans@wcupa.edu)
- ☐ Authorize funds for USH Housing if eligible via [RamPortal](#) after the fall bill is generated

## August 2025

- ☐ Fall 2025 charges due **August 11, 2025**
  - Pay balance due in full or enroll in a [payment plan](#) by August 11, 2025
- ☐ Change Meal Plan via [RamPortal](#) Students can make one change prior to the start of the semester and another (if needed) during the first 2 weeks of class

**Financial Aid begins Fall disbursements the week of August 18, 2025**

**Fall refunds are processed beginning the week of August 18, 2025**



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## October 2025

- ☐ FAFSA opens for 2026-27 on October 1<sup>st</sup> at <https://studentaid.gov>. Apply early to avoid any delays in processing aid.

## November 2025

- ☐ Winter 2025 charges posted
- ☐ Winter is not an eligible term for financial aid but contact [finaid@wcupa.edu](mailto:finaid@wcupa.edu) to learn about how it may impact your spring financial aid if enrolled part-time

## December 2025

- ☐ Winter 2025 charges due early December
- ☐ Spring 2026 charges posted
- ☐ Authorize funds for USH Housing if eligible via [RamPortal](#) after the spring bill is generated

## January 2026

- ☐ Spring Bills due **January 6, 2026**

## February-March 2026

- ☐ Review 2026-27 Financial Aid Tasks via new [RamPortal](#) starting in March.
- ☐ Apply for 2026-27 [Work Study](#)
- ☐ PA Residents confirm all tasks to secure [PA State Grant](#) are completed for 2026-27 prior to April 1<sup>st</sup> deadline: including income validation
- ☐ Apply for 2026-27 [WCU Scholarships](#) including the General Scholarship Application, College and Department Applications, and PASSHE Scholarship Application (Available in March)

## April-May 2026

- ☐ PA Resident 2026-27 [FAFSA](#) Filing Deadline is May 1<sup>st</sup> to be considered for a state grant
- ☐ Apply for Summer 2026 financial aid after registering; learn more at: [Summer Financial Aid](#)
- ☐ Summer Charges posted late April
- ☐ Summer bills due mid-May

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