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**WTC INSTITUTIONAL
FINANCIAL AID
FORM
2009-2010**

Section I

NOTICE: The minimum processing time for a completed file for financial aid is three months. Applications received after priority date will be processed as timely as possible.

PRIORITY DATES: To be eligible for priority processing, ALL required forms and data must be received by the Financial Aid Office prior to the established PRIORITY dates:

Fall 2010: May 1, 2009

Spring 2010: October 1, 2009

Summer 2010: March 1, 2010

Applications for financial aid will not be considered until all preliminary application requirements are complete and on file in the Financial Aid Office at Western Texas College. If we find conflicting information when verifying your file we may request additional documentation and/or make corrections to your application.

Section II GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Student's name _____
last first middle

2. Other names or maiden name used for enrollment at WTC _____

3. SSN _____ Phone # _____

4. Birthdate _____

5. Marital status: married separated unmarried (single, divorced, widowed)

6. Where will you live? dorm at home off-campus with parents

7. Permanent Address _____
street address is required apt. # city state zip code phone number

8. Local Address (if different) _____
street or P.O. Box apt. # city state zip code phone number

CHECK APPLICABLE BOXES:

9. Did you graduate from high school? yes no If yes, where? _____
If no, do you have a GED? yes no

10. Are you currently employed? yes no Present monthly gross earnings _____

11. PARENT'S INFORMATION-REQUIRED BY ALL APPLICANTS

Note: You must complete this section regardless of dependency status. If parents are deceased, please indicate.

Father/stepfather name _____
address _____
street apt. # city state zip code

Mother/stepmother name _____
address _____
street apt. # city state zip code

Section III EDUCATIONAL OBJECTIVES

MUST BE COMPLETED BY ALL APPLICANTS, DO NOT LEAVE BLANK:

1. Major: _____
(General Studies and Undecided are not acceptable responses for a major)
2. Expected graduation date: _____
month, year
3. Which degree objective do you plan to pursue at WTC? Associate degree Certificate

Section IV ACADEMIC HISTORY

1. Have you attended any other institution during the 2009/2010 academic year? yes no
If yes, please identify:
- _____ _____
school name city & state

2. Transient student (enrolling for summer sessions only) yes no

Section V APPLICANT AUTHORIZATION

DUAL ATTENDANCE AND EXPENSE CHARGE AUTHORIZATION:

I understand that, if I attend two schools in the same enrollment period, I cannot receive a Pell grant or Stafford loan from both schools. I also understand that I must inform the financial aid administrator at both schools.

I authorize Western Texas College to charge expenses for tuition/fees, room/board, textbooks, and for any other expenses I incur while attending Western Texas College to my financial aid award.

This authorization remains in effect until I notify you in writing that I wish to revoke this.

_____ _____
applicant's signature date

Grant and/or scholarship recipients: Remaining funds will be issued after the 20th class day. Notice will be posted.
Stafford Loan recipients: Proceeds for first-time borrowers at WTC will be delayed for 30 days.

Section VI APPLICATION PROCEDURE

1. Each applicant must complete this General Financial Aid Application. Return the completed form to the Financial Aid Office.
2. All students must file a 2009-2010 FAFSA. Be sure to list Western Texas Colleges code—009549. Students applying for PLUS loan ONLY are not required to file the FAFSA.
3. All loan programs require the completion of a specific loan application.
4. Signed copies of student's and/or parent's 2008 income tax form(s) may be required to complete the student's file.
5. All students with a SAR that requires electronic corrections through the Financial Aid Office are given the opportunity to review these changes for accuracy.
6. Each applicant must have a high school diploma or a GED. If you have not attended a post-secondary institution then official copies of your high school diploma or GED must be on file in the Admission's Office.
7. An official transcript from all colleges and/or universities attended must be on file in the Admission's Office.
***Receipt of your transcripts/GED by Admissions must be verified through our office.

Section VII APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES

In the event I am granted assistance under this application, I hereby certify that:

1. I am enrolled or have been accepted for admission for enrollment at Western Texas College for the period aid is requested.
2. I am and will be in need of this assistance in order to continue my college education.
3. I will use the proceeds of the loan, grant, job, and/or scholarship only for the payment of tuition and required fees, room and board or similar living expenses, instructional equipment, materials, books, and other related college costs.
4. I will keep the Student Financial Aid Office informed as to my current address.
5. I understand that a hold may be placed on my records until I have made full arrangements with the Financial Aid Office to repay all obligations incurred by me.
6. The policies and practices of Western Texas College are in compliance with guidelines relative to the "Privacy Act of 1974" (Pub. L. 93-579). I authorize the Financial Aid Office to release any information concerning my records at Western Texas College to any federal, state, institutional, or local organization or agency necessary for the administration of my award(s), processing of my application(s), and submitting required reports. I understand that this authorization will remain in effect unless revoked by me in writing to the Financial aid Office. I further understand that in endorsing or approving application(s) for certain program(s) the Financial Aid Office accepts responsibility and has legal and contracted obligations for submitting subsequent reports as required by such institutions, agencies, or organizations, and that when these commitments apply, this authorization cannot be revoked.
7. I understand that for full consideration, all information requested by this application and other application materials, including the FAFSA, must be completed and that any omissions or false information may be cause for cancellation of all financial assistance and/or repayment of any funds already received under fraudulent circumstances.

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Section VII APPLICANT'S RESPONSIBILITIES, cont.

8. I understand that payment may not be made to a student who is in default on a loan or owes a refund of federal aid received under the Pell Grant, State Student Incentive Grant, Supplemental Educational opportunity Grant, Perkins Student Loan, Stafford Student Loan, and/or College Work-Study. Should a student receive funds for the current year and subsequently it is determined the above conditions apply, it will be the student's obligation to make full restitution of the funds received.
9. I understand that I must maintain satisfactory academic progress standards toward my degree objective to retain eligibility for financial assistance.
10. I agree that I will notify the Financial Aid Office of any scholarships, grants in aid, fee exemptions, rehabilitation funds, and similar designated awards received in addition to any financial aid awarded and/or to be awarded. I understand that failure to comply may result in over awarding, the lowering or cancellation, and/or immediate repayment of financial aid received. As a result of changes in my enrollment plans, adjustments to my financial aid package may occur.

Section VIII SUMMARY OF GENERAL POLICIES

1. **SELECTION CRITERIA:** Applications are first considered for gift assistance, work opportunity, and for loan assistance, respectively.
2. **FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE:** Western Texas College will determine the amount and origin of aid. Notice of decisions generally will be mailed to the student/applicant in the form of a "Financial Aid Award Letter." A student has the right to accept or reject all or part of the award package offered. Substitute funds may not be available to assist in meeting your cost of education should you reject the initial offer.
3. **SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS:** Beginning students must be accepted for admission to Western Texas College before any financial aid can be affirmed. For continued financial assistance, students must avoid financial aid suspension. Students must maintain a 2.0 cumulative grade point average and complete the required number of hours each academic semester. All aid will be automatically canceled if you fail to make/maintain Satisfactory Academic Progress prior to the actual disbursement of the funds.
4. **NOTICE REQUIRED:** The Financial Aid Office must be notified of all prospective and/or present scholarships, grants-in-aid, fee exemptions, rehabilitation funds, and similar designated awards received in addition to any financial aid awarded or to be awarded as a result of a processed General Financial Aid Application. Failure to comply may result in over awarding the lowering or cancellation and/or immediate repayment of financial aid.
5. **REPAYMENT:** Section 668.22 of the Higher Education Amendments of 1998 requires that Western Texas College calculate a return of unearned financial aid for any student who totally withdraws within the first 60% of the semester or makes all F's in his/her classes. This calculation is based on calendar days. Even though WTC does not have a required attendance policy, attendance of classes is very important. Funds will be returned to the various federal programs according to a schedule established by the Department of Education. This may result in the student owing a balance to the college and/or the federal government. Students should contact the Financial Aid Office for additional information prior to withdrawing from classes.

Western Texas College is an equal opportunity institution and is in compliance with the American's With Disabilities Act. Applications are accepted and considered without regard to race, creed, color, sex, age national origin, religion, veteran's status or disability.