



Financial Aid – Western Texas College

## Applying for Financial Aid

### WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

To be eligible for financial aid, students must:

- be a U.S. citizen or legal permanent resident able to present proper documentation.
- have a high school diploma or GED to qualify for federal assistance.
- maintain satisfactory academic progress, usually half-time enrollment is required.
- not be in default on a loan or grant.
- register for selective service, if male.
- sign an anti-drug statement.
- show financial need. Income standards vary among aid programs and a student may be eligible for some and ineligible for others. Parent income will be considered unless the student meets one of the following criteria:
  - will be 24 before January 1.
  - is a veteran.
  - is a graduate or professional student.
  - is married by the application date.
  - was a ward of the court or both parents are deceased and the student has no legal guardian.
  - has legal dependents who receive more than half their support from the student.
  - has documented exceptional circumstances.

### HOW TO APPLY?

**(Application is free, but minimum processing time is three months and additional paperwork may be required.)**

- New students or students who have not attended WTC in over a year should complete an admissions application for the Admission's Office and provide official copies of the appropriate academic transcripts.
- Everyone must complete a Western Texas College Financial Aid Application. 2012-2013 forms are available from high school counselors, Student Financial Aid Office or online. Application is free but, **additional paperwork may be required.**
- A Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or the renewal FAFSA is also needed for federal and state aid. Forms are available from high school counselors, Student Financial Aid Office or from [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).