

SCHOLARSHIP CONNECTIONS

MEET OUR STAFF



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Hope you all had as much fun with College GameDay in town as we did!

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SFS SOCIAL MEDIA

Student Financial Services knows that students are active on their social media accounts, so we try to be in front of them on these platforms, also. We provide frequent deadline reminders, financial literacy education, and highlighted scholarships through our Scholarship Friday series. For links to our social media, visit our website!

SPRING 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER:

- **November 27-29th**– Housing and tuition charges for Spring 2019 will begin to post to students accounts
- **December 1**–priority deadline for submission of scholarship and waiver authorizations for Spring 2019
- **January 2nd**–first financial aid release for Spring 2019
- **January 3rd**–refunds will begin to generate to students

2019-2020 DEADLINES

- **November 30, 2018**– current student 2019-20 FAFSA/WASFA priority deadline
- **Late December**–Financial aid estimates for new students will begin. See page 2 for more information!
- **January 31**–WSU General Scholarship Application Deadline

FINANCIAL AID ESTIMATES FOR 2019-2020

Financial aid packages for new freshmen and transfer students will be sent out to students in late December. These students will receive an email that refers them to our website to view their estimated financial aid package for the upcoming year. This uses estimates for tuition and fees, along with the maximum aid that the student can receive if they meet our required document deadlines, and none of their financial information changes.

What does this mean for your department? If you are offering a scholarship to a student, we would like to include that information as early as possible in their financial aid package. Scholarships often change the amount of aid the student is eligible for, and frequently reduces the amount of loans. This means that an early glimpse of these changes could make a huge difference to whether a student believes that they can afford to attend WSU. If your college or department knows who they want to offer a scholarship to, but may not be ready to submit that through SARAS, you can send the information to our office and ask us to post a placeholder on the student's aid package. This allows the students to see what a difference that scholarship will make, without your area needing to determine which budget will provide that scholarship quite yet. This can also be done in advance of any acceptance of the award that might be required from the student. If you have questions about this process, please email our or call our office!

FACULTY STAFF DEPENDENT SCHOLARSHIP

Did you know that WSU has a scholarship for children of employees? This scholarship is awarded at \$1,000 per year, for two years. Employees must be on half-time or greater permanent appointments with the university. This includes civil service, faculty, A/P, UDSA ARS and county-paid staff members on all campuses. To apply, the student simply needs to fill out the WSU General Scholarship Application and list their parent as an employee. Parent employment will then be verified

STUDENTS WITH DIFFICULT SITUATIONS

If you encounter a student that has having trouble navigating the WSU system in regards to their financial aid, or if they are being bounced between offices and not finding a resolution, you can email our office through a staff-only email box that may be able to assist with the issue. Emails that are sent to sfs.staffservice@wsu.edu will be responded to by one of our assistant directors. This email box was created specifically to allow staff help each other with student cases and allow our departments to communicate rather than the student trying to traverse the system. (We do ask that you please do not provide this email direct to a student.) Students can still contact SFS directly via phone, email or making an appointment online.



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Verification

Federal regulations require all universities to survey a certain percentage of students and verify the information that they reported on the FAFSA. Participation in this is not optional and if this requested documentation is not submitted, the student will not be awarded federal, state or institutional financial aid.

If a student is eligible for grant aid, they are required to meet the priority deadline for the FAFSA, and the deadline for verification documents to be considered for the maximum amount of grant aid. For new students, this verification deadline is March 15th, and for current students the deadline is February 15th. For some students, missing this deadline could cost them over \$10,000 in grant aid. Students are notified via email and through their to-do list on MyWSU that they have documents that need to be submitted.

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