

# TOP 10

## Things to Know About Your Financial Aid

### #1 Complete a new FAFSA each academic year.

Starting October 1st, you can submit a new FAFSA at [fafsa.gov](http://fafsa.gov). You must complete a FAFSA for each academic year that you wish to receive financial aid.



### #2 Verification is not optional.

If you have been selected for Verification, you cannot be awarded your financial aid until you have been verified. Visit [KHEAAVerify.com](http://KHEAAVerify.com) in order to submit your documents and to complete the Verification process.



### #3 Check your TopperMail on a regular basis.

You should periodically check your TopperMail account for important notifications from the Department of Student Financial Assistance regarding your financial aid.



### #4 There are 3 steps for taking out your student loans.

If you are a first-time loan borrower, then in addition to accepting your student loans on TopNet, you must also complete Entrance Counseling and e-sign your Master Promissory Note at [Studentloans.gov](http://Studentloans.gov).



### #5 Work-Study does not pay against your WKU bill.

Federal Work-Study (FWS) funds cannot be applied to your student account. You will be paid every other Friday for Work-Study earnings through your BankMobile account. To receive FWS funds, you must obtain a FWS job and be enrolled at least half-time.



### #6 Apply for a TOPDollar Scholarship by Feb. 1st.

In order to be considered for scholarships for the upcoming academic year, you must complete a TOPDollar Scholarship Application by February 1st. The scholarship application can be found at [wku.edu/topdollar](http://wku.edu/topdollar).



### #7 Your grades matter.

Federal rules require that WKU monitor each student's Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP). This means that in order to keep your financial aid, as an undergraduate student, you must earn at least a 2.0 GPA (WKU/Overall) AND earn at least 67% of your Attempted Hours.



### #8 Changing your class schedule may affect your financial aid eligibility.

Once the semester starts, you may want to check with a Financial Aid Counselor before dropping or adding any classes. Depending on a particular academic and financial situation, changing your class schedule could affect your future financial aid eligibility.



### #9 We care about your privacy.

Due to federal regulations, the Department of Student Financial Assistance is no longer able to provide financial aid information to third parties. This means that you (as the student) must be present in order for our office to be able to share any of your financial aid information with your parents.



### #10 There are additional financial aid resources.

If you need additional financial aid assistance, you may be able to apply for a private loan which is a nonfederal loan offered by a lender. Or, your parent might be able to apply for a Parent PLUS Loan at [Studentloans.gov](http://Studentloans.gov). For more information, visit [wku.edu/financialaid](http://wku.edu/financialaid).

