



WALLACE STATE

HANCEVILLE

Applying for Financial Aid
Complete 2010- 2011 Financial Aid Packet

1. Apply for Admission to the College

- Submit **all** official transcripts from high school/previous colleges or GED
- High School transcripts should state type of diploma and contain exit exam scores
- Provide one primary form of I.D. or two secondary forms of I.D.
- International Students must provide VISA
- Must declare a major/program to be eligible for grants/loans; undecided is not a major eligible to receive funds.
- Current mailing address and email address should be maintained to assure current information is received by all students
- Students are not eligible for financial aid until academic requirements for quantitative and qualitative GPA requirements are met

2. Take Placement Test- Compass/ACT/Other

- Must qualify for Ability to Benefit based on entrance test scores (ACT or Compass Placement).
 - Prior to enrollment or receipt of financial aid
- Make sure scores are provided to the Admissions Office
 - ACT scores usually on back of High School Transcript
- State Board Policy states that all students must take a placement test unless qualified for exemption
- Compass Placement Test is given Monday through Thursday from 8 until 2 and on Friday from 8-11:30 AM (WSCC closed on Fridays during the months of June and July)
 - **Action Center** – 8th Floor of the Bailey Center- 256-352-8040
- No charge for first test; \$8.00 for retest and may only retest once within a 3 year period
- Test is multiple choice and is not timed
- **IMPORTANT:** Various health programs require pre-health students to take the Compass Placement Test **regardless** of their ACT score.

3. Apply for Pell Grant

- Apply online at www.fafsa.gov or www.fafsa.ed.gov
- Make sure to include an e-mail address on FAFSA form
- Must use household income such as: VA Disability Compensation benefits, disability, and child support.
 - Federal School Code is: **007871 – Wallace State Community College – Hanceville**
- Must obtain a PIN number for student and a parent where applicable. www.pin.ed.gov
 - Dependent students' parents must obtain a PIN
- After filing a FAFSA, Wallace State will mail a letter to your home or email you upon receipt of the FAFSA information, usually 7-10 business days, with instructions to complete your aid
- After FAFSA process has been completed, complete the following:
 - Verification Form (FRONT & BACK), Disbursement Form
 - **If no taxes were filed** for either student or parent, a **Non-Filer Form** must be filled out
 - Students that did not file Income Taxes will be required to fill out the **Financial Resources Less than \$9350** form (included)
 - Bring Driver's license, income taxes, and documents required to verify income
- Sign and return issued award letter from Financial Aid

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CHECKLIST FOR FINANCIAL AID

- Apply for Admissions
 - Have College/High School transcripts sent to and verified by the Admissions Office
- Take Placement Test
- Apply for a PIN number (www.pin.ed.gov)
 - Student and Parent
 - Does not change from year to year. If you already have one, you may skip this step.
- Submit FAFSA Application (www.fafsa.gov)
- 7-10 days later submit Forms/Information to Financial Aid office
 - Verification Form; Disbursement Form; Non-Filer; Less than \$8950 Form
 - Submit Taxes, Social Security, Legal Documents, etc.
- Submit Loan Profile if interested in Direct Loan

Priority Deadline

Fall 2010.....May 1st

Spring 2010.....October 1st

Summer 2010.....March 1st

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