



# Financing Your Education 2007-08

## ***Required Financial Aid Entrance Counseling for NEW Students***

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***Welcome to Western Dakota Tech! We are pleased you have chosen WDT to pursue your educational goals.***

***Part of your experience at WDT may or may not include utilizing federal financial assistance and/or scholarships to help fund your education. However, the Financial Aid Staff can be a very valuable source of information to you due to the many policies and procedures that an institution must implement due to Department of Education regulations. Therefore, please know that we are here to help, and you can contact a member of the Financial Aid Staff at any time for assistance.***

***We have determined the best way to assist you in meeting the required Financial Aid Session that was presented during the Welcome Day Session that you were unable to attend is the development of this packet and the worksheet that accompanies it. Please review the contents of this handout, and the materials that accompany this handout. Then complete the worksheet and return it to the Financial Aid Office so that your records can reflect your successful completion of the Required Financial Aid Entrance Counseling for NEW Students, as required by the U.S. Department of Education.***

***The deadline for submitting your completed worksheet is one week from the day you receive the materials. Completion of this worksheet is required for you to receive full credit for your Orientation Course, as well as enable WDT to disburse Federal Financial Assistance to you.***

***Thank you,***

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Manager of Financial Aid***

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## **INTRODUCTION**

### Financial Aid Terminology

- **FAFSA** – *FREE Application for Federal Student Aid*. Completion of the FAFSA is required in order for a student to demonstrate eligibility for the federal financial aid programs.
- **EFC** – *Expected Family Contribution*. The EFC is the product of the FAFSA. Theoretically, it is the monetary amount that the student (and their family) should contribute toward their education. The Financial Aid Administrator utilizes the EFC to determine the amount of types of aid for which a student is eligible.
- **Grants** – Gift Aid or money that is not required to be repaid. Most popular grant programs include the Federal Pell Grant and the Federal Supplemental Educational Opportunity Grant (FSEOG), and the Academic Competitiveness Grant (ACG).
- **Loans** – Money that is required to be repaid. The Federal Stafford Loan and the Federal Parent PLUS loans are programs available to WDT students. There are two types of Stafford Loans:
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  - **PLUS Loan** – Low interest loan (interest is fixed at 8.5%) that parents can apply for to assist their student in paying for educational costs. These loan funds are repaid by the parent.
- **FWS** – *Federal Work Study* – A campus-based program that enables students who qualify to work on- or off-campus earning a hourly wage (at least \$7.00). Students must qualify for the FWS program through the FAFSA.
- **COA (Budget)** – *Cost of Attendance*. The direct (tuition, fees, books, supplies) and indirect costs (room and board, transportation, miscellaneous items) associated with a student’s cost of attendance at an institution. The elements are based on such factors as the student’s program of choice, enrollment status, and off-campus residence.
- **2007-08 FINANCIAL AID APPLICATION PROCESS (for the award year July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008)**

#### **Step 1: Complete the FREE Application for Federal Student Aid**

Your FAFSA establishes your eligibility for financial aid

Complete your FAFSA on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov)

Don't forget to request your 4-digit PIN number at [www.pin.ed.gov](http://www.pin.ed.gov).  
to go totally paperless and e-sign your FAFSA!

**Step 2: Complete your Student Loan Application at [www.wdt.edu](http://www.wdt.edu), under the Financial Aid page.**

While your FAFSA establishes your eligibility for aid, a Student Loan Application is required to actually receive educational loan funds for your education. Use your 4-digit PIN to electronically sign your student loan application.

**Step 3: Complete WDT Aid Forms and/or submit other required documentation**

<u>2007-08</u> <u>Financial Aid</u> <u>Information</u> <u>Sheet</u>	<u>2007-08</u> <u>DEPENDENT</u> <u>Financial Aid</u> <u>Verification</u> <u>Sheet</u>	<u>2007-08</u> <u>Independent</u> <u>Financial Aid</u> <u>Verification</u> <u>Sheet</u>	<u>2006-07</u> <u>Household</u> <u>Size Inquiry</u> <u>Form</u>	<u>2007-08</u> <u>Professional</u> <u>Judgment</u> <u>Request Form</u>	<u>2007-08</u> <u>Independent</u> <u>Student Policy</u> <u>Form</u>
All students are required to complete this form	This form is for students who were <u>required to list their parents' information</u> on their FAFSA (you will be notified if you are required to complete this form don't forget to submit a copy of your 2006 and your parents' federal income taxes)	This form is for students who <u>were not required</u> to list their parents' information on their FAFSA (you will be notified if you are required to complete this form don't forget to submit a copy of your 2006 federal income taxes)	you will be notified if you are required to complete this form	Students requesting consideration of special circumstances may complete this form. Please note, you will also be required to complete the Verification Sheet.	Students requesting consideration as an independent student may complete this form. Please note, you will also be required to submit your 2006 taxes and complete the Dep or Indep Verification Sheet.

**Step 4: Financial aid is Awarded...check your E-mail**

You will receive an e-mail notifying you of your aid award. Print, sign, date and return your award letter to complete the acceptance process. NEW students accepting the Unsubsidized Student Loan MUST attend a budgeting class, presented usually during Welcome Day, BEFORE loan proceeds can be disbursed.

**Step 5: Financial Aid is disbursed at the beginning of the Term**

Financial aid is not applied to your account balance, rather you will be required to contact the Student Account Office to settle your tuition/fee account (with your aid). NEW students must complete Entrance Counseling, presented during Welcome Day, before aid can be disbursed.

Distance learning students can complete these Entrance Counseling forms to meet their requirement.

**SCHOOL COSTS**

<u>Direct Costs</u>	<u>Indirect Costs</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Tuition - \$74.00/cr. hour</li> <li>● Fees* <i>denotes one-time fees</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-Application* - \$20</li> <li>-Confirmation/Registration* - \$35</li> <li>-Institutional Fees - \$39.50/cr hour</li> <li>-Books/Supplies</li> <li>-Resource Fee</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p><i>Please note that some programs require a laptop computer, which you may lease from WDT if you choose.</i></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Room &amp; Board</li> <li>● Transportation</li> <li>● Miscellaneous Items</li> </ul>

**DETERMINING THE AMOUNT OF FINANCIAL AID**

Formula: COA - EFC = **UNMET NEED**

**Financial Aid is Awarded to Meet Unmet Need through an Award Package**

**TYPES OF AID THAT MAY BE AVAILABLE**

Aid Type	Maximum Annual (Academic Year) Amount	Disbursement Schedule
Federal Pell Grant	\$4,310.00	First Day of Classes, or During Tuition and Fee Payment Day.
Academic Competitiveness Grant	\$750 for First Year Students \$1350 for Second Year Students	Upon the determination of the student's eligibility and upon the institution's receipt of federal funds.
FSEOG	\$750.00	First Day of Classes, or During Tuition and Fee Payment Day.
Federal Stafford Subsidized Loan	\$3,500.00 for First Year Students \$4,500.00 for Second Year Students	First Day of Classes, or During Tuition and Fee Payment Day.
Federal Unsubsidized Student Loan Students are required to attend a budgeting session (presented by CCC usually during Welcome Day) BEFORE unsub loan funds are disbursed.	\$4,000.00 for First Year Students \$4,000.00 for Second Year Students.	First Day of Classes, or During Tuition and Fee Payment Day.
Parent PLUS Loan	Parents can borrow up to the amount of COA minus other aid received by the student	First Day of Classes, or During Tuition and Fee Payment Day.
Scholarships	Determined by the awarding organization	As they become available.
Third Party Funding	Determined by the awarding organization	As they become available – usually credited to the student's Student Account.
Federal Work Study	Usually \$700/semester	Student work to earn funds.

The average Student Loan Debt for Students attending a 2-year program at WDT is \$10,000.00

**Monthly Repayment Table**

*Estimate your payment for federal loans.*

TOTAL AMOUNT BORROWED	3.00%	4.00%	5.00%	6.00%	7.00%	8.00%	8.25%	9.00%
\$1,000.00*	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00	\$50.00
1,500.00*	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
2,000.00*	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
2,625.00*	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
3,000.00*	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
3,500.00*	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
4,000.00*	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00
4,500.00*	50.00	50.00	50.00	50.00	52.25	54.60	55.19	57.00
5,000.00*	50.00	50.62	53.03	55.51	58.05	60.66	61.33	63.34
5,500.00	53.11	55.68	58.34	61.06	63.86	66.73	67.46	69.67
6,000.00	57.94	60.75	63.64	66.61	69.67	72.80	73.59	76.01
7,000.00	67.59	70.87	74.25	77.71	81.28	84.93	85.86	88.67
8,000.00	77.25	81.00	84.85	88.82	92.89	97.06	98.12	101.34
8,500.00	82.08	86.06	90.16	94.37	98.69	103.13	104.25	107.67
9,000.00	86.90	91.12	95.46	99.92	104.50	109.19	110.39	114.01
10,000.00	96.56	101.25	106.07	111.02	116.11	121.33	122.65	126.68
11,000.00	106.22	111.37	116.67	122.12	127.72	133.46	134.92	139.34
12,000.00	115.87	121.49	127.28	133.22	139.33	145.59	147.18	152.01
13,000.00	125.53	131.62	137.89	144.33	150.94	157.73	159.45	164.68
14,000.00	135.19	141.74	148.49	155.43	162.55	169.86	171.71	177.35
15,000.00	144.84	151.87	159.10	166.53	174.16	181.99	183.98	190.01
18,500.00	178.64	187.30	196.22	205.39	214.80	224.46	226.91	234.35
20,000.00	193.12	202.49	212.13	222.04	232.22	242.66	245.31	253.35
25,000.00	241.40	253.11	265.16	277.55	290.27	303.32	306.63	316.69
30,000.00	289.68	303.74	318.20	333.06	348.33	363.98	367.96	380.03
35,000.00	337.96	354.36	371.23	388.57	406.38	424.65	429.28	443.37
40,000.00	386.24	404.98	424.26	444.08	464.43	483.31	490.61	506.70
45,000.00	434.52	455.60	477.29	499.59	522.49	545.97	551.94	570.04
50,000.00	482.80	506.23	530.33	555.10	580.54	606.64	613.26	633.38

\*Based on a 10 year repayment period. Minimum monthly payment is \$50.00.

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## **REFUND POLICIES**

**Changes** made within drop period of the semester = 100% refund issued (Please refer to the Financial Aid Bulletin located on the Financial Aid Page of WDT's website: [www.wdt.edu](http://www.wdt.edu) for specific dates).

**Withdraws** from WDT before 60% of term completed = % of refund based upon amount of term completed by the student (Please refer to the Financial Aid Bulletin located on the Financial Aid Page of WDT's website: [www.wdt.edu](http://www.wdt.edu) for specific dates).

## **SATISFACTORY ACADEMIC PROGRESS (SAP)**

There are several components to a student maintaining their eligible for Federal Financial Assistance, including:

- Students must maintain a cumulative "C" Average (gpa of 2.0 or better)
- Students must earn a "D" or above for the courses that are required in their chosen program.
- There is a maximum time frame that a student can earn their degree and remain eligible for financial aid: 1-1/2 times the published time to complete their degree.
  - Example: Students enrolled in a 4-semester program have 6 semesters to complete the program and remain eligible for aid.
  - Students who fall below the enrollment status for which financial aid was disbursed may jeopardize their maximum time frame.
- Result
  - First time = Probation. Student is still eligible for aid during this time.
  - Second time = Suspension. Student is NOT eligible for aid during this time.
  - Probation = Students can regain eligibility by paying for 6 credit hours without utilizing Federal Financial Assistance during the semester in which their aid was suspended and earning a 2.0 GPA OR they can initiate an appeal hearing with the Financial Aid Committee who will determine if the suspension was warranted and should be upheld or not.

## **ENTRANCE COUNSELING REQUIREMENTS**

Upon the review of the foregoing information, students must complete the following:

- ✓ Complete and submit the Worksheet
- ✓ Complete On-line Entrance Counseling (Stafford Entrance) at <http://mapping-your-future.org>
- ✓ Complete and submit the Financial Aid Worksheets (the Budget and Goal Statement by clicking on the respective Excel Worksheets) under Step 4 on the Financial Aid Website at [www.wdt.edu](http://www.wdt.edu).

***Please turn in all completed forms and worksheets to the Financial Aid Office. WDT is unable to disburse financial aid to the student until these forms are fully completed and returned. Thank you.***



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## Financial Aid Entrance Counseling Worksheet for NEW Students

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Today's Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please Print Clearly

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last 4-digits of SS#:XXX-XX-\_\_\_\_\_

Program of Study: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1.) Please name two types of Gift Aid: \_\_\_\_\_
- 2.) Please list three DIRECT costs and one INDIRECT cost: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 3.) Please describe Step 3 of the Financial Aid Application Process: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_
- 4.) When are students disbursed their financial aid? \_\_\_\_\_  
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- 5.) What type of Student Loan requires borrowers to attend a budgeting class, presented during Welcome Day? \_\_\_\_\_
- 6.) Refer to the Payment Chart in your package and list the monthly payment amount for a student who borrowed \$10,000.00 at an interest of 7%: \_\_\_\_\_
- 7.) What is the per credit tuition rate for WDT? \_\_\_\_\_
- 8.) What cumulative GPA must be earned in order to maintain Financial Aid eligibility? \_\_\_\_\_
- 9.) What is the average student loan debt for students in a 2-year program at WDT? \_\_\_\_\_
- 10.) What is the difference between the FAFSA and the Student Loan Application? \_\_\_\_\_  
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### CHECKLIST FOR MEETING THE ENTRANCE COUNSELING REQUIREMENTS:

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