

Section Three: Financial Aid, Third-Party Funding, and Student Accounts

CHECK POLICY

WDT will not accept personal checks from any student who has made a previous non-sufficient funds payment. This includes all departments on campus that accept personal checks as a form of payment.

COLLECTIONS

Balances on past due accounts may be turned over to an outside agency for collection. The student will be responsible for all additional collection fees.

Students or alumni having delinquent accounts with WDT will not be allowed to register for courses, have student records released, or take advantage of any of the services offered by WDT until such accounts are paid in full.

DEFERMENTS

A financial aid deferment may be granted during the first three weeks of the semester for qualifying students. A fee will be charged for the deferment of payment. Other deferments may be granted in extreme emergencies with the approval of the Student Accounts Coordinator. A fee will be charged for the deferment of payment. A payment plan must be signed by the student designating the amount being deferred and the date it will be paid.

FINANCIAL AID

The WDT Financial Aid Office is dedicated to administering the U.S. Department of Education's Title IV Financial Assistance Program in a fair, consistent, and efficient manner, and assisting students in seeking funding opportunities in order to fulfill their post-secondary educational goals by providing personalized assistance, accurate and meaningful interpretation of federal eligibility regulations, and guidance regarding long-term financial considerations and default management.

The Financial Aid Office at Western Dakota Tech provides financial assistance to students who, without such aid, would be unable to attend school. Financial Aid policies and procedures are found on the WDT website. If you have questions or would like a bulletin, please see the Financial Aid Office.

The following information is available regarding the rights and responsibilities of students who are applying for or receiving any financial assistance from Federal Pell Grant, FSEOG, FWS, and Direct Student Loan Programs. The Financial Aid Office may be contacted for the student consumer information listed below.

- Continued eligibility for financial aid
- Satisfactory academic progress
- Methods and means of financial aid payment
- Responsibility of student repayment of loans and grants
- Terms and conditions of work-study employment
- Costs of attending WDT
- Tuition and fees refund policy

There are many financial aid sites available on the Internet providing student financial aid assistance and information for students and their families. The websites are maintained by a variety of institutions, professional organizations, and governmental agencies. Visit Western Dakota Tech's [Financial Aid website](#) for important links.

REFUND POLICY

See the Financial Aid Office for detailed refund and repayment information. Dual enrollment and audit courses are non-refundable after the add/drop period.

SCHOLARSHIPS

WDT's scholarships program and the generosity of donors make scholarships available for new and current students. WDT uses the [AwardSpring Scholarship Online Program](#) to make it easier for students to view and apply for scholarships. At the [AwardSpring Page](#) students can view all scholarships without creating an account.

To apply for a scholarship, students must create an account and complete the requested information. AwardSpring will automatically apply students for scholarships they qualify for based on the answers provided on the application. Students can access AwardSpring at <https://wdt.awardspring.com/>.

WDT also posts scholarships offered by other organizations. Students can see those opportunities at <http://www.wdt.edu/financial-aid/scholarships>.

TUITION AND FEES

Tuition and fees are payable on a semester basis prior to the tenth day of class. A late fee will be assessed if the student has an outstanding balance after the designated tuition and fees payment date and has not made payment arrangements.