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News and Events

End of 2nd Nine Weeks/1st Semester: January 11
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/No School: January 15

First Semester Exam Schedule

January 8: 1st and 2nd Period Exams
January 9: 3rd and 4th Period Exams
January 10: 5th, 6th, and 7th Period Exams
January 11 and 12: Make-up Exams

Local Scholarship Deadline: February 14
Greenbrier Valley Association Scholarship Deadline: March 15

TutorWV is now available for all students in WV. It provides online, on-demand, expert tutoring and homework help in over 200 subjects. The link to access this information can be found below. Services are available daily from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The program is accessible via the following website:
<https://www.tutor.com/tutorwv>

Links and Information

TeamReach Information
Please download the TeamReach app for updates and information from the guidance office.
Group Code: JMHSGUID1

FAFSA Form:
<https://studentaid.gov/>

The class of 2024 can now sign up to receive college tips and reminders via text message by texting "CFWV" to 304-912-2398 to enroll.

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"Do your little bit of good where you are; it is those little bits of good put together that overwhelm the world". -Desmond Tutu

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FAFSA News Update

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Soft Launch of the 2024-2025 FAFSA Form

The 2024–25 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) form is available periodically as part of our soft launch. During the soft launch, the FAFSA form will be available for short periods of time while we monitor site performance and form functionality. We will initiate pauses for site maintenance and to make technical updates as needed to provide you with a better experience.

You can complete the form to apply for financial aid to help pay for attendance at college between July 1, 2024, and June 30, 2025. You will have plenty of time to complete the FAFSA form. If you do submit your form during the soft launch, your information will be saved, and you won't need to resubmit your form or any related information. If your form is unavailable when you or your family members try to access it, please try again later.

The 2024-2025 FAFSA Form Changes

1. Every contributor - anyone (student, the student's spouse, biological or adoptive parent, or the parent's spouse) who's required to provide information on the form - will need an FSA ID to access and complete their section of the online form.
2. Students will be able to list up to 20 colleges on their online FAFSA form and 10 colleges on the FAFSA PDF.
3. Users can start or access the FAFSA form by visiting StudentAid.gov and logging in, where they'll see the link to the FAFSA form on their dashboard.
4. All contributors must provide consent and approval to have their federal tax information transferred directly into the student's FAFSA form via direct data exchange with the IRS. If any contributor doesn't provide consent and approval, submission of the FAFSA form will still be allowed. However, a Student Aid Index, which replaces the Expected Family Contribution, will not be calculated and the student won't be eligible for federal student aid.

Federal Student Aid. "Soft Launch of the 2024-2025 FAFSA Form". December 2023. <https://studentaid.gov/announcements-events/fafsa-support>

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ACT and SAT Registration Information

| Test Date | Test | Registration Deadline | Late Registration |
|-------------------|------|-----------------------|-------------------|
| February 10, 2024 | ACT | January 5, 2024 | January 19, 2024 |
| March 9, 2024 | SAT | February 23, 2024 | February 27, 2024 |
| April 13, 2024 | ACT | March 8, 2024 | March 22, 2024 |
| May 4, 2024 | SAT | April 19, 2024 | April 23, 2024 |
| June 1, 2024 | SAT | May 17, 2024 | May 21, 2024 |
| June 8, 2024 | ACT | May 3, 2024 | May 17, 2024 |
| July 13, 2024 | ACT | June 7, 2024 | June 21, 2024 |

SAT Registration: <https://mysat.collegeboard.org/login>

ACT Registration: <https://my.act.org/>

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FINANCIAL AID FACT SHEET

FOR ALL WEST VIRGINIA STUDENTS ATTENDING
COLLEGE IN THE 2024-2025 ACADEMIC YEAR

WEST VIRGINIA HIGHER EDUCATION GRANT

The WV Higher Education Grant Program is a need-based financial aid program for WV students. Awards are based on demonstrated financial need (as determined by the information students provide on the FAFSA).

Program requirements: Students must:

- ✓ Be a citizen of the United States;
- ✓ Be a WV resident for at least 12 months prior to applying;
- ✓ Be a high school graduate or the equivalent thereof;
- ✓ Complete the FAFSA and demonstrate a certain level of financial need;
- ✓ Demonstrate academic promise;
- ✓ Enroll as a full-time undergraduate student at a participating institution;
- ✓ Have not previously earned a bachelor's degree.

To apply: You must complete and submit the FAFSA by April 15, 2024.

Award amount: The award amount varies each year. Maximum annual awards for the 2023-24 academic year were \$3,300.

Eligible Institutions: The award can be used at participating institutions within WV and PA. To view a complete list of participating institutions, visit collegeforwv.com/wvgrant.

PROMISE SCHOLARSHIP

The WV Promise Scholarship Program is a merit-based financial aid program available to WV residents who meet certain academic standards.

Program requirements: Students must:

- ✓ Have both a core and cumulative grade point average (GPA) of 3.0 or higher*
- ✓ Meet the minimum test score requirements on either the ACT

| Minimum test score requirements for Promise | |
|---|---------------------------------|
| ACT | SAT |
| Composite: 21 | Total score: 1080 |
| English: 19 | EBRW: 510 |
| Math: 19 | Math: 510 |
| Science: 19 | |
| Reading: 19 | |
| Last test date: July 2024 (ACT) | Last test date: June 2024 (SAT) |

* Must achieve a cumulative grade point average of at least 3.0 on a 4.0 scale or whatever is considered a "B" average, based on county grading policies in both the core courses and overall coursework (weighted grades may be used). The core GPA includes all core courses, but does not include electives. For a complete list of courses, visit collegeforwv.com/promise.

Award amount: Eligible applicants will receive annual awards up to \$5,200 to cover the cost of tuition and mandatory fees at eligible institutions in WV.

To apply: Beginning October 1, 2023, file the Promise application at collegeforwv.com/promise by March 1, 2024. The 2024-2025 FAFSA will open in December 2023 must also be completed by March 1, 2024.

ENGINEERING, SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarships are awarded on the basis of academic qualifications and interest in the science, engineering, and technology fields. Priority is given to WV residents.

Program requirements: Students must:

- ✓ Be a United States citizen or resident alien;
- ✓ Visit collegeforwv.com/wvstem and complete the application by March 1, 2024;
- ✓ Agree to work full-time in a qualifying engineering, science, or technology field in WV for one year for each year the scholarship was received.*

To apply: Submit an application by March 1, 2024. The application will be available at collegeforwv.com/wvstem.

Award amount: Not to exceed \$3,000 per academic year.

* Students who fail to meet the work requirements are required to repay the scholarship received plus interest and any required collection fees.

WEST VIRGINIA INVESTS GRANT

The West Virginia Invests Grant is a "last-dollar-in" financial aid program designed to cover tuition, mandatory fees, and approved academic fees not covered by other scholarships and grants for eligible academic programs at participating public colleges.

Program requirements:

- ✓ Complete the application and FAFSA available at collegeforwv.com/wvinvests;
- ✓ Agree to live in West Virginia for 2 years after no longer being enrolled at least half-time.*

Eligibility: Must complete an approved drug screening within 60 days prior to the beginning of the first term in which they are eligible for the academic year (summer, fall, spring) and enroll at least part time. Must also complete 2 hours of community service every term an award is received. Visit collegeforwv.com/wvinvests for full list of eligibility criteria.

Award amount: Varies depending on the remaining tuition and approved fees not covered by other scholarships, grants and waivers.

To apply: Submit an application at collegeforwv.com/wvinvests and a FAFSA by the April 15 priority deadline.

* Students who fail to meet the residency requirement are required to repay the grant received plus interest and required collection fees.

MEDICAL STUDENT LOAN PROGRAM

The Medical Student Loan Program enables medical students with financial need to apply for loans to pursue a degree of Medical Doctor or Doctor of Osteopathic Medicine. Loans may be forgiven if students meet certain work requirements after graduation.

Program requirements: Students must:

- ✓ Be accepted for enrollment or be enrolled full-time at an eligible WV school of medicine. Priority is given to residents of WV;
- ✓ Loan indebtedness (principal and accumulated interest) may be forgiven at the rate of up to \$10,000 for every 12 consecutive months of full-time practice in WV in a qualifying medically underserved area and medical specialty.

To apply: Contact your institution's financial aid office.

Eligible institutions: Marshall University School of Medicine, West Virginia School of Osteopathic Medicine, and West Virginia University School of Medicine.

Award amount: Not to exceed \$10,000 per academic year.*

* The first payment is due one year following the date the borrower ceases to be a full-time student. Students are not required to make payments during periods of authorized deferments, such as required military service or approved additional medical training, including internships, residencies, and fellowships for a period not to exceed five years.