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Follow the checklist to make sure you have all your financial aid ready to go before the start of the 2025-26 school year! Pay close attention to dates and deadlines.

☐ 1. **Submit the 2025-26 FAFSA (Opens Dec. 1, 2024)**

☐ **New to the FAFSA?**

- Go to <https://studentaid.gov> > Create Account (FSA ID) > After created FSA ID Start a New 2025-26 FAFSA form. There is a student section and a parent section. Will use 2023 taxes.
- Questions about whether you need to provide parent information or wondering which parent to use when filling out the FAFSA go to studentaid.gov > under FAFSA Form > select How to fill out the FAFSA form

☐ **After you Submit the FAFSA**

After your 2025–26 FAFSA form is submitted and processed, you'll receive an email with instructions on how to access an online copy of your FAFSA Submission Summary—an electronic or paper document that summarizes the information you reported on your FAFSA form. It includes your estimated eligibility for a Federal Pell Grant and federal student loans, your Student Aid Index (SAI), and whether you've been selected for verification.

☐ **Other Required Documentation?**

Some students may be asked for documentation. Check your Campus Connection "To Do" list for any required Verification Documents or Citizenship Documents. You will also receive an email from the Financial Aid Office.

☐ **Learn more about Federal Aid go to:** <https://willistonstate.edu/federalstudentaid>

☐ 2. **WSC/External Scholarships --*** <https://willistonstate.edu/scholarships>

☐ **Submit AwardSpring Scholarship Application**

- Use link above and select AwardSpring Scholarship Application > APPLY NOW
- The Award Spring scholarship application will automatically apply to the student to 45+ internal scholarships that they are eligible for at WSC based on a wide variety of factors such as residency, major, GPA, etc. **PRIORITY deadline: MARCH 01, 2025; will close September 30, 2025.**

☐ **Homesteader & Return2College Scholarships** (possible \$4,000/yr) | **MonDak Scholarship** (\$2,000/yr) | **GPA Scholarship** (\$1,000/yr for 2025 High School Graduates (3.0 GPA or higher))

- **MUST APPLY TO ADMISSIONS** (Homesteader priority before March 1, 2025) | **MUST DO FAFSA & AwardSpring before Sept. 30, 2025** | Review Fall 2025 Scholarships Terms and Conditions for each scholarship! (*Use link above)

☐ **WSC Foundation Housing Scholarship**

- There is no application for this scholarship! Review all terms and conditions for the housing scholarship. (*Use link above)

☐ **Other WSC Scholarship Opportunities/North Dakota State Grants/ External Scholarships**

- View the opportunities online at: (*Use link above)
- Also, check with your high school counselor for school or community scholarship opportunities.

☐ 3. **Work for WSC as a Student**

Go to www.willistonstate.edu > scroll down to bottom click 'Work at WSC' > click on 'Student Job Openings' {Check with Financial Aid to see if you are Federal Workstudy eligible}.

☐ 4. **Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA)**

FERPA Release allows your choice of academic, financial, and/or disciplinary information to be shared with who you choose. Log into Campus Connection > WSC e-forms > Academic Records > FERPA Release

☐ 4. **Viewing your Account Charges | Payment Options and Billing (i.e. Enroll in Payment Plan Option) –**

- <https://willistonstate.edu/admissions/Cost/Payment-Options-and-Billing/>

For further assistance, please contact WSC Financial Aid:

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