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Northwest Campus (NWC) Financial Aid

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1. What is financial aid?

Financial aid can help pay for college. Financial aid covers tuition, books, fees, supplies, and living expenses. Financial aid provides choice, access, and persistence. Choice means you can choose to pursue a college education without having to first look at the cost of attending. Access means that you will be able to pay for the cost of getting into college. Persistence means you will be able to stay in college long enough to complete your educational goal. There are several different types of financial aid. Grants and scholarships are considered gift aid, or free money, meaning they do not have to be paid back. Loans have to be paid back, and you are usually charged interest.

2. What types of financial aid are available at NWC?

NWC awards higher education scholarships to new and continuing NWC students. The NWC Financial Aid Committee reviews scholarships. There are two sources of financial assistance available, which include:
1. UA Foundation Needs Based Scholarship
2. UA Foundation NWC Scholarship
The number and amount of scholarships vary. The NWC Financial Aid Committee reviews applications before the beginning of each semester for the two different UA Foundation Scholarships.

For further information please go to the NWC Scholarship Policy for Students.

3. **Who can receive NWC financial aid?**

You can receive NWC financial aid. Generally to receive financial aid you need to be a student who is enrolled in a degree program and attending college full or part-time. The majority of students attending Northwest Campus are less than part-time, so the requirements for our financial aid differ.

To be eligible to receive NWC financial aid you must be enrolled for a NWC course or plan to enroll, have financial need, and have a minimum 2.0 GPA, and satisfactorily completed previously funded courses. Due to limited funds, not all applicants are awarded scholarships.

4. **Who can apply?**

You can apply for financial aid if you're a U.S. citizen or eligible non-citizen and are enrolled or plan to enroll in a course at NWC, have financial need, have a minimum GPA of 2.0, and satisfactorily completed previously funded courses.

5. **How do I apply?**

Complete: Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) and the NWC Financial Aid Application. Please see the financial aid officer on campus for additional information on other grants and loans.
6. **How is eligibility determined?**

Once a completed financial aid form is submitted it is signed and dated by the NWC Financial Aid Officer, who will take it to the next NWC Financial Aid Committee meeting. The Financial Aid Committee reviews applications for financial need, minimum GPA requirement, and satisfactorily completion of previously funded courses.

7. **How do I remain eligible for NWC financial aid?**

To receive financial aid, you must be 'in good standing' (GPA of 2.0 or higher). Aid will be suspended if you fail to complete your funded course(s) with the minimum GPA, have no pending incompletes within the last three years, or must have at least two semesters of successful completion after a series of withdrawals, or incompletes, and satisfactorily completed previously funded courses.

8. **What does it cost to attend NWC?**

The cost of attending NWC varies. The majority of our students are less than part-time, taking 1-5 credits per semester. NWC does not have a dorm facility. The general cost to students attending NWC will include tuition, fees, books, and supplies. A standard full-time/part-time student budget would take into consideration the above costs, plus transportation, room and board, and miscellaneous personal expenses.

An estimate of costs to take 1 credit to 6 credits would range from $179 to $2,490 depending on the number of classes and associated costs.

Tuition and Fees for the Spring 2015 Semester are as follows:

- Lower Level: $174 per credit for tuition; $5 per credit for network fee
- Upper Level: $210 per credit for tuition; $6 per credit for network fee
Graduate Level: $403 per credit for tuition; $12 per credit for network fee

9. **How do I receive payment?**

   All scholarships awarded by NWC shall receive an NWC Scholarship Award Letter. The student will need to accept or decline the scholarship, sign the form, and return it to Northwest Campus, Financial Aid Office. Once the award is accepted, the scholarship will be processed through the respective fund, with the award being applied directly to the student's account.

10. **Where is the NWC Financial Aid Office located?**

   The NWC Financial Aid Office is located in the Nagozruk Building. Office hours are from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. The telephone number is (907) 443-8403 or 1-800-478-2202 ext. 8403 and the fax number is (907) 443-5602.

11. **Is there a guideline I can follow?**

   Yes. You can find it by clicking on the link below
   NWC Scholarship Guidelines (PDF 56K)