

Financial Aid Checklist

1. **Apply for Admission to William Carey University.** Have your official ACT/SAT score sent to WCU (freshmen) or official transcripts from ALL of your previously attended colleges/universities (transfers).
2. **Apply for scholarships.** There is a scholarship application in the view book that you received from the Office of Admissions. If you did not receive a view book or a scholarship application and would like one please send an email to bpittman@wmcarey.edu in order to obtain one or visit <https://www.wmcarey.edu/page/financial-aid-apply>. You will find our institutional scholarship application here as well as a list of external scholarships.
3. **You and at least one** of your parents will need to go to the FAFSA website (www.fafsa.gov) and complete the registration for Federal Student Aid Identification. Please write this information down and keep in a safe place! *You will need it again.* This can be your FSA ID for as long as you are in school. This allows you and your parent to sign your FAFSA electronically.
4. **Fill out the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA).** www.fafsa.gov According to the U.S. Department of Education, you are considered a **Dependent** student until you reach the age of 24. This may be completed beginning October 1, 2017 for the 2018-2019 academic year. This will require your (if you filed) AND your parent's **2016** federal income taxes. **Independent** students will need to provide student and spouse's (if married) income. **WCU's federal code is 002447.**
5. **Apply for state aid.** If you are a Mississippi resident, go to www.riseupms.com and apply for state aid. This may be completed beginning October 1, 2017 for the 2018-2019 academic year. Indicate that you will attend WCU all three semesters (fall, winter, and spring). All of their programs have a March 31st deadline with the exception of MS Tuition Assistance Grant (MTAG) and MS Eminent Scholar Grant (MESG) which is September 15th.