



Financial Aid Edition

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<http://www.uwlax.edu/finaid/Financial-Aid-newsletter/>

IMPORTANT DATES

Tuesday, March 3 – Healthy Cooking on a Budget – 6:30pm to 7:30pm, Reuter Hall

Wednesday, March 4 – Life After College: Job Benefits & Insurance – 6:30pm to 7:30pm, Centennial Hall, Room 2214

Tuesday, March 10 – Credit: The Good, the Bad & the Ugly – 6:30 - 7:30pm, Ward Room, CC

March 14-22 - Spring Recess

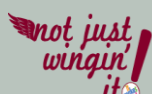
Tuesday, March 31 – Campus Police Talk on: Identity Theft – 6:30pm to 7:30pm, Centennial Hall, Room 3301

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Award Yourself for applying for scholarships

Award Yourself! for your hard work on applying for scholarships! This semester, the UW-L Financial Aid Office will be offering the chance to receive one of five \$1,000 grants to students who submit proof of application to 10 **external** scholarships. (UW-L Foundations scholarship applications are not eligible for inclusion.) Students must meet the eligibility requirements for all 10 scholarship applications submitted, and must provide proof of those 10 external scholarship applications to the UW-L Financial Aid Office. Scholarship applications must be submitted between January 1, 2015 and April 1, 2015 in order to qualify for participation in the \$1,000 grant giveaway random drawing. Deadline for all documentation of applications must be submitted to the UW-L Financial Aid Office on or before April 1.

For more information visit <http://www.uwlax.edu/finaid/Scholarships>.

Pay Your Bill So You Can Register!

Each student is assigned a date and time to register for classes for the upcoming term(s). However, if your bill for the current term is unpaid when your scheduled time arrives, you will not be allowed to register. Not registering at your scheduled time may mean that you will not be able to enroll in the classes that you need. Again, be sure that you have your current semester university bill paid prior to your scheduled registration date. If you have questions on paying the balance, you may wish to consult with a Financial Aid counselor about options available to you. Information about Alternative Education Loans and PLUS loans is available at <http://www.uwlax.edu/finaid/Loans>. If you have changed grade levels (Freshman to Sophomore or Sophomore to Junior) you may have additional Direct Loan eligibility.

Ask Earnest

"Dear Earnest, should I have to pay to have my FAFSA processed?"

Each year a variety of companies target students with offers to assist with filing the Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) or scholarship applications, for a fee. These offers often look very official and may even contain logos similar to those used by the U.S. Department of Education.

Students are reminded that it is **FREE** to file the FAFSA. In general, if any company charges a fee to secure money, it may not be a trustworthy organization. The Financial Aid Office warns students to be wary of any offer pertaining to student financial aid that: requires a fee; has a money-back guarantee; requires credit card information; guarantees you will win awards or get a low interest rate education loan (for a fee); or promises to replace loans with grants, again for a fee. Please contact the Financial Aid Office with any questions.

It Make\$ Cents!

Campus Police Talk on: Identity Theft Tuesday, March 31 6:30-7:30 Centennial Hall

Facts (F) and Tips (T) to avoid identity theft:

F: 16.1 million people experienced identity theft in 2012. 1 in 5 people will be a victim of ID theft in their lifetime.

F: 24.1 billion; total losses attributed to identity theft in 2014

F: Identity theft reported by households rose 33 percent from 2005 to 2010

T: Carry as few credit cards as possible

T: Do not give out financial information to anyone unless you know the organization or the person requesting the information

T: Shred all financial solicitations and bank statements before disposing of them

T: Review financial and credit card transactions monthly to ensure there are no unknown charges

T: Use sophisticated passwords and PINS that are not easily guessed

T: Use common sense and caution when providing personal financial information



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Spring Break Options

Students have many options on what to do or not do for spring break, ranging from heading somewhere warm with a bunch of friends, to going on a volunteer vacation, to sitting at home or working.

Many want to go on a volunteer vacation but they don't know where to start. Habitat for Humanity and United Way are two big and well-known volunteer vacation opportunity programs. Although these do have costs to them, they are typically much less expensive than spring break trips to somewhere on vacation, and usually include all meals, lodging, and transportation once you arrive at your destination. An average volunteer trip is under \$400 with all of your expenses covered.

If you do choose to go somewhere warm, be sure you save money throughout the year, and make sure your money is budgeted to last you through the extent of your trip. An average trip to Florida is roughly \$1150 which doesn't include the cost of extra activities you may participate in.

SCHOLARSHIPS DUE IN MARCH

For more scholarships, go to <https://uwlax.academicworks.com> and choose the External tab

[Riverland Energy Cooperative At-Large Scholarship](#)

Amount: \$1,000 Deadline: 3/20/2015

[HBPA Horsemen Scholarship](#)

Amount: Up to \$6,000
Deadline: 3/27/2015

[Carrier Sales Scholarship](#)

Amount: \$1,500 Deadline: 3/30/2015

[Odenza Marketing Group Scholarship](#)

Amount: \$500 Deadline: 3/30/2015

[\\$1,000 College Student Scholarship](#)

[Sweepstakes](#)

Amount: \$1,000 Deadline: 3/31/2015

["Advice to your High School Self"](#)

[Scholarship](#)

Amount: \$5,000 Deadline: 3/31/2015

[ACT Second-Year Scholarship](#)

Amount: \$1,000 (25)

Deadline: 3/31/2015

[AfterCollege Succurro Scholarship](#)

Amount: \$1,000 Deadline:
3/31/2015

[Folds of Honor](#)

Amount: Not Listed
Deadline: 3/31/2015

[Gamma Mu Foundation](#)

Amount: \$1,000-\$2,500
Deadline: 3/31/2015

[Herbert Lehman Education Fund Scholarship](#)

Amount: Not Listed
Deadline: 3/31/2015

[Online Games Scholarship Contest](#)

Amount: \$5,000
Deadline: 3/31/2015

[Click on the name of the scholarship for the application process.](#)

Need a bike but can't afford one?

UW-L Outdoor Connection recycles bikes through the Green Bike Program. Their goal is to: encourage exercise and promote healthy lifestyles; encourage less automobile use; ease traffic and parking congestion; help keep waste out of the waste removal system; and provide inexpensive transportation for students.

The registration fee is \$15 to rent a green bike. You then pay a \$25 or \$50 deposit (depending on the quality of the bike) and you can use the bike as long as you are at UW-L. When the bike is returned and in the same condition as when it was rented, you will get your deposit back (minus the registration fee).

The UW-L Outdoor Connection is located in 142 Recreation Eagle Center (REC), 1601 Badger St.