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IMPORTANT DATES

Wednesday, October 19

First Fall Bill is Due. Any balance still owing will receive a 1% Financial Charge.

Wednesday, October 19,

6 p.m., Ward Room, Cartwright **Rent Smart**

Wednesday, October 26,

4:55-6:05 p.m., 1401 Centennial How to Make a Donor Dig You. (Free Pizza Included)

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Changes to the FAFSA

You 'Hafta FAFSA earlier'. For the 2017-18 academic year, you can file your Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) right now. The date the FAFSA is available on the <u>www.fafsa.ed.gov</u> website has been changed from January 1 to October 1.

In addition, you will be using the <u>2015</u> Federal Income Tax Return to complete the FAFSA. Since the 2015 Tax Returns have already been filed, students and parents are encouraged to use the IRS Data Retrieval Tool when completing the FAFSA.

Most families will find that these changes will expedite the FAFSA process for them. This change does not affect the timing of awards for continuing students but could provide new students with their award earlier than in previous years.

Find out who your Federal Loan Servicer is

If you borrow Federal Direct student loans, you will be assigned one of four servicers who represent the U.S. Department of Education. After your loans disburse, you should receive information from your servicer (probably at your home address). To find out who your servicer is, go to <u>www.nslds.ed.gov</u>. Choose the 'Financial Aid Review' option. You will need your FSA User ID and password. By clicking on the number in front of your loan, you will be able to access the name and contact information for your servicer.

It is important you keep your servicer updated with your current contact information and if you encounter problems making your payments in a timely manner.

Ask Earnest

"Dear Earnest, Is it too late to apply for financial aid for this year?"

It is not too late to complete the FAFSA to determine your eligibility for federal and state financial aid for the current 2016-17 academic year. While, it was recommended you complete your FAFSA prior to March 15 for the current year, the Financial Aid Office will accept FAFSAs throughout the year. However, it is possible that some types of aid may no longer be available.

After receiving your FAFSA information and any additional requested documentation, the Financial Aid Office will determine your eligibility and award you accordingly.

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Upcoming Events



Rent Smart

Wednesday, Oct. 19, 6 p.m., Ward Room, Cartwright Center

Keeping contracts and policies in mind when making a rental agreement. Know your rights as a tenant and how to handle money matters with roommates. FREE PIZZA!

FAFSA Workshops

Monday, Oct. 31, 1-3 p.m. Monday, Nov. 7, 2-4 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 15, 12-2 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 1, 12-2 p.m. OMSS Lounge, Centennial Hall Uhafta FAFSA! Need some

assistance in filling out your FREE APPLICATION for FEDERAL STUDENT AID? We can help you!! Stop into one of our four workshops.

UWL Family Feud/ Game Night

Thursday, Nov. 10, 6 p.m. Cellar, Cartwright Center It is an all campus Family Feud! Need we say more? Join IMC!, Wellness Center and CAB for fun, laughs, surprising questions/answers, and of course, great prizes!





SCHOLARSHIP RESOURCE CENTER (SRC)



Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP)

To be eligible to receive federal and state financial aid, students must stay in good standing with the Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress (SAP) policy: <u>http://uwlax.edu/finaid/acadeprogr.html</u>. SAP is monitored at the end of each semester. If a student fails to meet any component of the SAP policy, they will be notified that they are on *Financial Aid Warning* for one semester. If they are still not meeting all components of the SAP policy after their next semester at UWL, they are placed on Financial Aid Suspension. Students can appeal their *Financial Aid Suspension* by completing the SAP appeal process. If a SAP appeal is approved, that student is then put on *Financial Aid Probation* and is eligible to receive financial aid as long as they continue to meet the conditions and academic standards of the Academic PLAN that is submitted with the appeal and/or until they are in good standing with the Satisfactory Academic Progress policy.